



Percy Centennial PS

News from the Den

*"We Challenge and Support our Students
through Learning"*



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A note from the Principal's Desk...

As we move through the school year, it is important to reteach our children ways they can keep themselves and others healthy during this time. At school, we regularly review the protocols, as, like us, children become complacent about the rules. Below is a reminder of how to help your child to continue to feel safe.

How to help your child feel in control when possible during this time of COVID

- Kids feel empowered when they know what to do to keep themselves safe. Take any opportunity to let your child feel in control by making choices or taking steps to keep healthy.
- Teach kids that staying healthy and having good hygiene habits can help them stay strong and well. Explain that regular hand washing also helps stop viruses from spreading to others, but that now you are going to be extra careful and do it a little more often.
- Although you want to help your child feel in control, it's also necessary to set limits. For example, you may encourage structured and unstructured time, as well as supervised and unsupervised time as appropriate. (www.thechildren.com)

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me.

Julie Gray, Principal



Mask Hygiene and Safety

Please provide your child with 2 – 3 masks to use throughout the day. Many get wet from recess.

We are learning to remove our masks only by the ear loops. We need to fold the mask inward and put it in our pocket during outside time or desk during lunch. We are reminded to keep it over our noses. Please check how your child's mask fits – they are a lot like shoes – one size does not fit all.

School Council



This group consists of parents of children at Percy Centennial. We meet to find out what's happening at school and where best we can support. The next School Council will be meeting by Zoom on Tuesday March 9th at 6:30 pm. If you'd like to attend, you are very welcome to do so. Please email our chair, Mrs Tiffany Klein for the link - tiffanyklein393@gmail.com

Spring Break Postponed

Due to the variant viruses of COVID 19, the province has postponed March Break to a Spring Break from April 12 – 16.

Coordinator for the Percy Breakfast Program Needed

This year, our breakfast program has changed to a snack program. During the second break, Mrs Eddy goes from class to class with a cart full of pre-packaged snacks for children who have eaten everything in their lunch, but are still needing a little something else. We are grateful that Mrs Eddy has taken this on this year.

The snack program and usual breakfast program (during non-COVID times) is coordinated by Mrs Liz Law. Liz takes care of stocking the school with the required food, keeps track of how much the students are consuming and keeps a financial tabulation, with the help of Mrs Eddy.

We are SO GRATEFUL to Liz for taking this on for so many years. She has done a remarkable job. Our volunteers for breakfast club, too, have been faithful in coming in before school, cooking up eggs, preparing toast, slicing fruit and laying it out on the table for when the students arrive. We are looking forward to having them back when it is safe to run the breakfast club again. We are also grateful to Laver Farms for their donation of eggs to the Percy Breakfast Program each week when it is running.

The coordinator role is supported by the Central East Student Nutrition Program. Findlay Foods delivers food to the school and the coordinator shops for what's missing.

It is time for Liz to step down. So we are looking for someone who would like to be our Snack Program/Breakfast Club coordinator. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me and I will put you in touch with Liz.

Thanks so much. We are so grateful that Percy kids have this option to fill their tummies which helps them in so many ways to be successful as students.

St Patrick's Day at Percy

We usually are not at school to celebrate Irish heritage. Due to the change in the March Break, we will be celebrating all things Irish on Wednesday March 17th. If you or your child are of Irish heritage, they can come to school to share with their class. And don't forget, we will also celebrate wearing orange, green and white (the colours of Ireland's flag)!





MARCH 14, 2021 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget that on **Sunday, March 14th** Daylight Savings Time begins and clocks “spring forward” one hour. The time should be changed one hour ahead before going to bed on Saturday evening.

Kindergarten Registration for 2021/22

Will your child be 4 or 5 on or before December 31st? You can register them on line at https://www.kprschoools.ca/en/our_schools/resources/elementaryprograms/kindergarten.html or by calling the school at 705-924-2202.

Thank you - Parking Lot Entry/Exit & End of Day Dismissal

Thank you for cooperating with our new signage to keep the parking lot clear between 8:30 – 8:45 and 2:45 – 3:15 so that our buses can enter the driveway with no obstructions. Our bus drivers are very appreciative.

Reminder: Indoor Shoes

Please ensure your child has a pair of indoor shoes at school. Some are without and this makes practice fire drills risky for those who may have to exit the building in their sock feet. Also, not so nice to use the washroom in your sock feet!

Important dates

March 9	School Council 6:30 pm Zoom
March 12	School Holiday
March 14	Daylight Savings Time begins
March 17	St Patrick's Day
April 2 & 5	Good Friday/Easter Monday (no school)
April 12 – 16	Spring Break

