



# Percy Centennial PS

## News from the Den

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



### May 2021

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## A note from the Principal's Desk...

What I am grateful for...

- Percy's children who work hard to meet the expectations of their learning, contribute to enriching the Percy experience, watch out for each other, welcome the new child, and interact with respect and caring towards the adults who prepare each day for them to have success both in their studies and in their relationships.
- Staff who care deeply about Percy's children – their academic success and well-being. They truly take seriously their Duties from the Education Act, and how they are to stand "in loco parentis" – in place of the parent, as they spend six hours a day with your children.
- Percy parents – the honest communication and problem-solving we have worked through during the past four years. Their involvement in supporting the many activities at school, including volunteering, coming out to Open House, concerts and musicals, supporting fundraising efforts and making improvements to the school grounds. Thank you to those parents who helped to start the work of the transformation of the courtyard, pulling out ancient bushes in the front gardens, beautifying the front of the school, and more. Also, our Breakfast Club, coordinator Liz Law and her army of volunteers.
- Percy's School Council – the parents who have attended meetings over the past four years, to meet together to determine where they can contribute – both through volunteering and fundraising – to enrich the experience of Percy's children. This is an important group of individuals who benefit from receiving information from the ground up, as the principal and teacher representative share the celebrations and needs of individual students, classes of students and needed teaching resources of teachers and staff.

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Saying Goodbye...

It's hard to say goodbye. At Percy is where I finish my career. I can't help but think back to my first year of teaching, at a small rural school called Romney Area Central Public School, on Lake Erie, near Wheatley, Ontario. At the end of the year I was to be transferred to a new assignment at a new school. The tears and sadness I felt in saying goodbye to my very first students was significant.

Walking out of the front doors of Percy Centennial for the very last time will be difficult. I have grown in many ways since September 2017. I have learned from your children, from teachers, support staff, secretaries and custodians, and from parents. I am leaving better than when I arrived.

Thank you Percy Centennial. Know that your community, Warkworth, has made a strong impression on me. I will return as a visitor and a witness to the incredible people that you are.

God bless.



Sincerely,  
*Julie Gray*  
Principal

### **Temporary Principal – May 19-June 30, 2021**

I am proud to announce that Percy's children and staff will be left in the very capable of hands of Ms Janice Mackenzie. Ms Mackenzie covered for Ms Gray during an absence earlier this year. She is thrilled to have this opportunity to return. She can be reached at [janice\\_mackenzie@kprdsb.ca](mailto:janice_mackenzie@kprdsb.ca)

### **Announcement Pending of Percy's Permanent Principal for September 2021**

The permanent principal has not yet been determined. Know that Ms Gray will spend time with that individual to inform them of the wonderful place Percy Centennial PS is, and the people who dwell here.

### **Online Learning**

We are now entering our third week of virtual learning. Thank you to all the teachers and support staff who have been working with our families to get organized and help families make this change once again. I have had many conversations with parents and guardians and I am impressed with their understanding of the difficulties of virtual teaching and their support as we work to assist all students. In addition, thank you to the parents for their patience while we get the technology rolled out to them. As always if you have a question or concern please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher, myself or Ms Mackenzie, effective May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Technology Needs**

During this period of virtual learning all technology is coming from the Board Office. If you are in need of a Chromebook, please complete the Google Form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/YXMd9kQ3eLEFE8cRA> .The OEN (Ontario Education Number) required for the technology request form can be found at the top of any of the student's report cards. If you have any issues with the Google Form, please email [KPR\\_Technology@kprdsb.ca](mailto:KPR_Technology@kprdsb.ca). Families without access to technology can call 1-877-741-4577, ext. 3003; they will be asked to leave the parent's/caregiver's name, phone number, student name, home school, Ontario Education Number and technology need. If you have a borrowed Chromebook and are experiencing difficulties, contact the Board Office at; 1-877-741-4577 ext. 3002.

## **Girls in Grade 6-8**

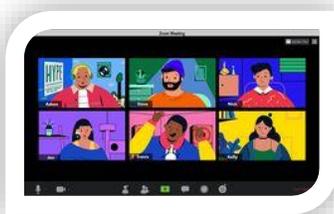
Join a national movement of female students across Canada learning how to code! You are invited to join [Hackergal's 10th National Hackathon](#) - it's totally free and totally digital! Together, girls in KPR will meet weekly to learn the basics of code to build interactive programs from the ground up. Through five weekly sessions (Wednesdays 1:30 - 2:30 pm) you will code a project with interactive features like buttons and animation. You will then participate in the Hackathon June 4 - 11th as a group. You'll have access to Hackergal Hub, a free online learning portal, to view amazing coding videos. Register using the following form link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWN8sYKpoaJSSym-RHi7wK7I0LHt0QQQcrrtni9UyO1UDF6w/viewform> by Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Kindergarten Registration for 2021/22**

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

## **School Council**



Next meeting: Tuesday May 11

If you would like to attend, we would love to have you!

Please email our chair, Mrs Tiffany Klein for the Zoom link -

[tiffanyklein393@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanyklein393@gmail.com)

## **Important dates**

May 9	Mother's Day
May 18	Ms Gray's Last Day
May 24	Victoria Day holiday
June 11	PA Day
June 29	Last Day of School

