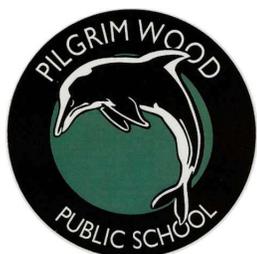


Pilgrim Wood School Council Newsletter

Principals' Message

Mr. Lall, Principal & Mrs. Shepherd, Vice Principal



It is hard to believe that another year is already coming to an end. Together, we have achieved our goal of consistently working hard, learned a lot, and celebrated our successes every day! We have learned how to be nice to others and we certainly have made a difference in many lives!

We continue to add more resources to support students in all three tracks at our school. Just this year, we have added 84 more Chromebooks for our students. Staff have consistently used high yield, research-based strategies and resources, including LLI, Dreambox, Inquiry based teaching, outdoor education, Maker Space, and real-life learning opportunities for our students. We are proud of our students' achievements on EQAO. Our grade 3 and 6 students have performed at high levels in literacy and numeracy this year! In five out of six areas of EQAO, 87% or more students from PW have achieved level 3 or 4! Our students have outperformed our board and the provincial scores. Our report card data is also consistent with EQAO scores. Our students have had the opportunity to be part of over 50 teams and clubs this year. Our students took part in many big events this year, including Junior boys and girls basketball tournaments, Musical, Band at the Marlies game, Multicultural Night, Eco Fest, Carnaval, The Big Pull, to name a few. We look forward to building on these experiences next year.

We started a point system last year to recognize and honour our senior students' participation in teams and clubs and the leadership they provide at PW. We have awarded 28 grade 8 students with a gold or silver medal for their leadership and co-curricular activities! The students have received more gold medals this year as compared to last year. This clearly indicates that our students are taking part in leadership opportunities a lot more! This year we also recognized over 90% of our students for Working Hard, Being Nice, and Making a Difference. We are very proud of our students!

Our students and staff continue to do our part in making a difference. We have made contributions to Me to We, Right to Play, Terry Fox Foundation, Toy drive for needy families, Food Bank and many more! We also continue to do our part to protect and save the environment. We have been awarded as a 'Platinum Eco school', one of only 11 schools in the Board! We will continue to build on these successes!



Thank you to our students, staff, and parents for contributing to the success of a productive school year. We appreciate your support. We are very proud of the opportunities that our staff have provided for students to show, share, and enhance their skills. We have had an excellent year and we will be building on this for the coming years. We would like to congratulate our grade 8 students as they finish their elementary school education and move to high school. Special congratulations to our first ever French Immersion (FI) graduates!

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We would like to thank our School Council and all the parent volunteers for their wonderful work and support this year with many big and small projects including the kindergarten outdoor classroom, computers and technology, resources for classrooms and the library, Fun Fair, Carnaval, field trips, staff appreciation luncheon, and so many more! Thank you; you have made a difference in many lives! We look forward to seeing many more parents involved in school activities to support our staff and students. Please contact us in September for more information.

A big thank you to our wonderful teachers and support staff for their time, commitment and energy! We are proud to say that our staff has offered more than 50 clubs, teams and other extra-curricular activities this year based on our students' interests. Our staff has once again demonstrated our commitment to teaching the child as a whole!

Pilgrim Wood Public School is growing! Our projected enrolment for next year is 760 students. We will be adding two Grade 2 FI classes and a grade 7 gifted class! Class organization will be determined during the last week of summer break.

We have some staff leaving PW and we would like to thank them for supporting the learning in our school. Thank you to staff who are moving to other schools: Mr. Welch, Mme. Perrin, Mr. Horne, Mme. Segreto, Ms. Nezc, and Mrs. Marshall. We would also like to thank staff who will be finishing their LTOs at the end of this school year: Mrs. Cormier, Mr. Cumming, Ms. Dowdall, Mr. Becken, and Ms. Milutinovic. We are still in the process of hiring staff for the 2018-2019 school year.

The office will be closed for the summer with the re-opening date being August 20th, 2018. You may call us after that day for any new information or questions you may have. We are looking forward to seeing all our students on September 4th!

Information for the first day plans will be posted on our school website during the last week of summer break. Please make sure to check before the first day. Class lists will be posted on our website on Friday, August 31st after 4PM. Bussing information will be available online during the third week of August at www.haltonbus.ca. To access class and bussing information you will need your child's OEN # and it can be found on their report card. All JK students will get a letter home during the last week of August with their child's teacher's name and class number.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your support, and we wish you a safe and relaxing summer with your families! See you on September 4th!



School Council Co-Chairs' Message

Nicole Medcalf & Amanda Sealey



To the new families who are wrapping up their first PW school year, we hope that you've had a great experience. For those of us who have been here for a while, it just keeps getting better! And for those parents with kids heading off to high school, thanks for your support over the years and enjoy the next chapter with your families!

The 2017/2018 School Council has had another productive year supporting the ongoing activities, projects and needs of our school community. There have been so many wonderful initiatives and community events. From Multicultural Night to the Little Mermaid Production, launching Breakfast for Learning to Eco Fest and Dance-a-thon to Carnaval. As a community we have raised almost \$20,000 to support various aspects of our children's education experience. **Thank you!**

Thank you to the volunteers that have given up their time and talent to support the various projects and initiatives. A special thank you to this year's school council. We have had great support from the group and it's wonderful to know that we have representation from all tracks (French, English, Gifted) as well as all age groups (Primary, Junior, Intermediate). Your commitment, positive attitude and support is appreciated by the entire Pilgrim Wood school community!

Lastly, as you head into the summer please consider joining the 2018/2019 School Council. There are numerous roles available that offer varying levels of commitment. It's a great way to get to know the PW community, to have a voice and to contribute to your child's learning experience.

Have a safe and happy summer and we'll see you in September!

Lost and Found

Students will be cleaning out lockers and taking home personal items in the coming days. Please drop by the school and check the Lost & Found box located in the front hallway for any missing items.

Staff Appreciation Lunch



The staff at Pilgrim Wood make a huge difference in the lives of our kids each and every day, teaching them both academic and life skills and creating a school climate that is positive and engaging for all.

As a small token of appreciation for these efforts, the PW School Council and PW parent community came together to host a staff appreciation lunch on Wednesday, June 20th. There was a great turnout at the event and many mouthwatering dishes were enjoyed!



To the parents who provided your time, delicious dishes or who made a financial contribution to support the event – **thank you!**

And to the Pilgrim Wood Staff: **We truly appreciate all that you do!**

Enjoy your summer!

Pilgrim Wood Communications

Stacey Gilpin, Communications

From a communications perspective, the combined goal of the staff at Pilgrim Wood and the Parent Council is to keep PW families informed, to celebrate the many achievements and successes of our students and to share as many of the good things that come with being a part of the PW community as we possibly can. We do this through a variety of channels:

- School website (pwe.hdsb.ca)
- Regular Twitter feed (@pilgrimwoodps)
- Weekly eBlasts
- Teacher websites
- Bi-monthly newsletters

As the school year draws to a close, we hope we’ve done our part to help keep you all up to date. Wishing you all a wonderful summer!



Important Dates

June 29	Last Day of School - 1:50pm dismissal
September 4	Back to School!