

# Chemong Public School Newslink

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Be The Best You Can Be

## Message from the Principal.....

### Welcome to the 2016 - 2017 School Year

We hope that you have enjoyed your summer time together with family and friends. It certainly was hot enough! The school received a face lift this summer and most of the original classrooms received new cupboards, paint, floors and ceiling tiles. All classes have new furniture. It was a huge job to get the school ready for September and our custodians went above and beyond the call of duty to get everything clean for the first day! Our teachers worked hard in June to box everything up and then spent the past four days unloading everything as the construction company did not turn the school over to us until September 1<sup>st</sup>. We got everything done but it may take us some time to find where we put everything ☺

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome students, parents, guardians and staff back to Chemong Public School. We would like to wish an especially warm welcome to our new families. We know you will find the Chemong community a wonderful place.

We have had some staff changes over the summer. We welcome Mrs. Michelle Rahian who will be replacing Mrs. Palmer this fall. Mrs. Rutland continues to be off on maternity leave until November and Mr. Matthew MacLeod will be replacing her. We also welcome Mr. Daniel Guest will be doing overlay in our Primary classes.

# WELCOME

On behalf of the staff at Chemong Public School, we wish each of our families all of the best for a very positive beginning to the 2016 - 2017 school year. Our first event for the students in grades 3 to 5 will be Mathletes. During the day students will work in teams to complete fun, hands on math activities. This year we are pleased to be able to offer a family edition that evening. A huge thank you to our School Council for applying for a Parent Reaching Out Grant to help support this initiative.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at 705-292-9594.

Lori Woodbeck & Rachelle Duffus  
Principal Vice-Principal

## Chemong 2016-2017 Staff

FDK Mr Matt MacLeod in for Rachel Rutland(mat leave)/Ms Sharon Pomeroy  
FDK Mrs Michelle Rahian/Ms Lisa Dagarno  
FDK Mrs Jennifer Newson-Towns/Ms Cyndi Kulla  
1/2 Mrs Tawsha Thompson  
1 Ms Renee Shearer  
2 Ms Margaret Adkins  
2 Miss Jennifer Edwards  
3 Mrs Diane Young  
3 Ms Seana Carr  
4 Mrs Pamela Stinson  
4 Mrs Kim Sperry  
5 Mrs Sandy Gavard  
5 Mr Matthew Imeson  
6 Mrs Krista Delahunt  
6 Miss Joan Price  
7 Mr Anton Selmeczi  
7 Mr Ben Imeson  
8 Mrs Tasha Deline  
8 Miss Lorie Windrem  
FRENCH Ms Valerie Wright  
Ms Frankie Perrin  
SERT Mrs Kim Forrest  
Ms Rachelle Duffus  
Library Ms Jennifer Sanderson  
Prep Mr Daniel Guest  
EA Mrs Ann Marie Telford  
Mrs Denise Beckett  
Ms Simone Northey  
CYW Ms Hannah Fuderer  
Mrs Jamie Martindale

## 2016-2017 School Day

7:45 a.m. Office opens  
8:30 a.m. Yard Duty starts  
8:45 a.m. Classes begin  
*10:25 - 11:05 Recreation/Nutrition Break*  
11:05 a.m. Classes resume  
*12:45 - 1:25 Nutrition Break/Recreation*  
1:25 p.m. Classes resume  
3:05 p.m. Dismissal  
3:10 p.m. Buses leave  
3:45 p.m. Office closes



## School Council

Our School Council meets monthly to discuss ways to improve the educational experience of our students, to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. Our first meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the school library. We hope you can join us and help make this a wonderful year.

## Hot Lunches

Information about hot lunches will be coming out once we have a co-ordinator. If you are interested in helping out please let the office know ASAP.

## Twoonie Tuesday Pizza

We will continue to have "Twoonie Tuesday Pizza Days" starting on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have cheese and pepperoni pizza slices available for purchasing for \$2.00/slice at second nutrition break. You don't need to order in advance, just bring in your twoonie that morning.

## Edsby

KPR is utilizing technology in new ways beginning this September. Edsby and School Cash Online will improve our ability to connect and work together to support your child.



KPR is using Edsby to connect students, parents and teachers. Edsby lets families see what's happening with their kids at school and helps them play a more active part in their children's' education. Please go online and explore the ways we will be able to support our students together. <http://edsby.com/how-edsby-helps/parent/>

Features include:

- School and classroom calendar
- Instant messaging between parents, teachers and students, with email notification
- Class announcements
- Assignment uploading

## School Cash Online

Have you signed up for School Cash Online yet? We have over half of our school community using it.

KPR and Chemong Public School have made it easy to pay for field trips, extracurricular events, and other fees outside the classroom with School Cash Online. Follow these 3 easy steps to get started!



1. Go to the address <http://kprdsb.schoolcashonline.com>
2. Take a few minutes to register and add your child to Chemong's account.
3. Review and pay anything for Chemong Public School using direct online payment.

## Children Safety

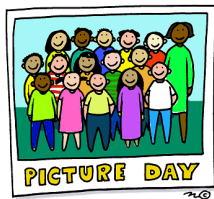
Safe Arrival - If your child is going to be absent or late call Safe Arrival - 705-292-9594 ext 40 and leave a message including the name of child, teacher's name and absence information. For extended absences, call and leave details about the length of the absence. This is an answering machine and is available 24 hours a day.



- Messages are checked against absences after the morning attendance. If no messages are recorded, office staff will call to confirm.
  - Safe Arrival will begin on Tuesday, September 8th.
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- ✓ Arriving Late: Parents/guardians who bring students to school late after the start of the school day or pick up students early prior to dismissal are asked to come to the office to sign the child in/out.
  
  - ✓ Alternate Plans: If your child is travelling home in a manner other than their normal pattern (i.e. walking to a friend's house, being picked up by a relative or parent of a friend), a note is required please. If we do not receive a note the child will be made to go home using their normal mode of transportation. Students are not allowed to go on a bus they are not assigned to.
  
  - ✓ Medication at School - If your child requires medication on a daily basis at school, in accordance with KPR's policy, a form must be filled out and the medication remains in the school office for administration. Please see office staff if this would apply to your child.
  
  - ✓ Emergency Medical Plans - if your child has a medical condition that the school needs to be aware of, please contact Rachelle Duffus (Vice-Principal). In these circumstances, an emergency response plan is created with the family and regularly reviewed with all school staff to ensure we understand how to appropriately respond in a medical emergency.
  
  - ✓ Student Verification Forms - are printed from the Trillium database used by the school. Please carefully review the information included.
    - Disregard/cross off any inaccurate previous school names
    - Health Card numbers are not recorded in the student database
    - The Immunization Record Information is not used (any issues with student immunization are handled directly by the local Health Unit)
    - Correct the information/change it as necessary (doing this in colour, or using a highlighter to identify changes is really helpful)
    - It is critical that the school have the most current information for emergency contacts, medical issues and custody status
    - ***Please update/complete all pages of the Verification Form and return by Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>***
  
  - ✓ Volunteering at the school - we continue to require a Criminal Background Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening. The documentation for this must be completed annually at the school. This is necessary for all volunteers who have direct and regular contact with students (including those accompanying us on school trips). PRC's requested by the detachment take up to two weeks to complete and sometimes longer during peak times such as the fall and spring. These checks would be current for one year following the time of completion.



## School Photo Days



Again this year we are going with Edge Imaging, with Bryan Johnson as our photographer.

Photo Days are scheduled on **Wednesday, September 21** for JK - 8. Absentee/retake photos will be Wednesday, October 26.

**Safe Welcome Program** - In accordance to the Ministry of Education's Safe Welcome program, all school doors are locked during instructional time. Our front door has a video security system. The security system includes a camera and intercom, connected with the school offices. Parents and visitors will be "buzzed in" by office staff, who will release the door lock from inside. We would ask you to stand on the painted feet and follow the posted instructions.

We understand that this approach may cause some inconvenience; however, the safety of our students is our highest priority. The locked security systems will help to ensure the school office is aware of all visitors.

Walks in our School Community - As part of the Daily Physical Activity Program we often take students on walks in our school community. We ask for your permission for this in the Student

## Home to School Envelopes

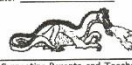
We have ordered more of the Home to School envelopes. If you need another box please send in a note or call the office and we will send home another box.

Chemong Public School  
Your Home-to-School Envelope

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Money Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Milk  Hot Lunch  
 Trip  Book Order  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Connecting Parents and Teachers

## Student Drop Off and Pick Up Location

Parents are reminded that the school parking lot is not accessible for drop off/ pick up between the entry and dismissal time periods of 8:25 - 8:55 a.m. and 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. due to the extensive number of buses.



When driving your child to school, parents are reminded to use the parking lot at the west side of the school or the library parking lot for student drop off and pick up.

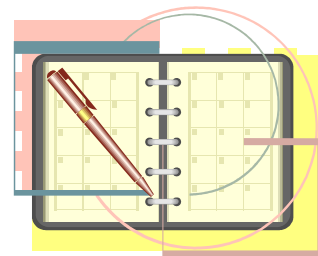
Please do not stop in the crosswalk area or on either side of the street directly in front of the school to address student safety and alleviate traffic congestion concerns.

## Student Agendas

Agendas are used in grades 2 through 8. The agenda is a good organizational tool for students and is also a good communication device between home and school.

We thank our School Council for helping to subsidize the cost of these planners. Each child is asked to pay \$6.00 or \$10.00 per family.

The agenda also contains a summary of the school rules as outlined in the School Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct was developed by staff, students and parents. A complete copy of the Code of Conduct is available in the office.



## Personal Electronic Devices at Chemong PS



The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board does have a policy regarding the use of personal electronic devices and cell phones. We have spent some time clarifying this at the school level in terms of how students will be able to use their own personal electronic devices as part of our school focus on technology and as a vehicle to access the Ontario Curriculum.

\*students need to have permission from a parent/guardian in order to bring electronic devices such as iPods, cell phones, etc. to school. At times, these items can be incredibly expensive and families need to be aware of what their children are bringing to school.

\*students need to accept responsibility for maintaining the safety of their own devices and using them appropriately. The school cannot take responsibility for lost, misplaced or damaged items.

\*students need to use these items responsibly. We will be working with our students to understand what the safe and responsible use of technology looks like in the classroom, at home and in our community. If there are issues where the technology is not being used appropriately, families will be contacted and we will work together to solve the issue. If technology is not used appropriately it may be necessary for families and students to keep it at home.

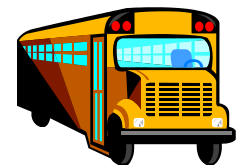
\*during instructional times, these devices need to be powered down and stored in knapsacks in lockers or on the coat rack.

\*exceptions will be made to this when teachers specifically allow students to use their own personal electronic devices to complete assignments and curriculum work. The staff at Chemong really do realize the importance of technology as a tool to assist students in their learning and also realize that it can be a very engaging tool for many.

We would ask that families not use electronic devices to call students during the course of the school day. We would be happy to receive a message at the school office and either have your child return the call at a break time or deliver a message to your child.

## Bus Video Surveillance Use

In accordance with School Board Policy, from time to time throughout the year, it may be deemed necessary to use video surveillance on any given school bus to monitor activity and ensure provision of a safe environment for students. Only the Principal/Vice Principal, school bus company officials and Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO) officials are permitted to view the video footage and the Principal/Vice Principal is ultimately in charge of discipline and activity on the bus, in the same way as they oversee activity at their school.



This notice is provided to you for your general information and will serve as formal notice should a system need to be placed on your child's bus during the 2015/16 school year. Any questions or comments may be directed to Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario - 748-5500.

### Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario

Please remember that all inquiries about transportation are directed to STSCO

\* [www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca)

\* 705-748-5500

This includes:

- Eligibility for busing
- Bus routes and stops
- Space Available Out of Boundary Requests
- Space Available Child Care and Custody Requests

No decisions about transportation are made at the school level.

	Company Contact Number	Driver	Route
Century	Phone 705-748-6301	Connie Ray	753 TURTLE
		Bernice Sarty	754 ELEPHANT
		Judy Caldeway	755 CAMEL
STC	Phone 705-743-0166	Cheryl Webster	756 MOUSE
		Lesley Provincial (monitor Anne Boivin)	757 DUCK
		Donna Moore	758 LADYBUG
		Nicole Bunn	759 MONKEY
		Carolyn Burley	760 BUTTERFLY
		Bruce Woodfine (Bob Williams )	761 ZEBRA
		Louise Woodhouse	763 HUMMINGBIRD
HAMILTON	Phone 705-652-6090	Jenny Smith	750 RABBIT
		Don Dunbar	751 CHICKEN

### Student Accident Insurance forms

This insurance is not mandatory and the Board of Education receives no financial benefit through your participation. The forms are to be returned directly to the insurance company. Please do not return these forms to the school.

KPR invites all parents and guardians to join us at our free, annual Parent Conference, to learn more about children's and teens' mental health.

**2016 KPR Parent Conference – Minds Matter @ KPR**

Saturday, October 15

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Cobourg Collegiate Institute, Cobourg

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Ian Manion, Life's Tough But So Are You:

Building Resilient Kids Who Bounce Back from Problems

Plus Choice of Workshops, Displays by Community Agencies,

Free Child Minding & Refreshments

Look for more information and on-line registration later in September  
at [www.kprschoools.ca](http://www.kprschoools.ca)

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& **PEANUT SAFE** BUILDING



We are a peanut-free and scent-free school

PLEASE **DO NOT ENTER** IF YOU ARE WEARING  
PERFUME, AFTER SHAVE/COLOGNE OR BODY  
LOTION