

# James MacDonald School Fall Community Updates

We can hardly believe how fast the first two months of school have come and gone. What a busy couple of months it has been! Some of our highlights include:

**Terry Fox Fundraiser:** The whole school participated in the walk/run “working together to out run cancer.” Thanks to our school community for all of their donations as we were able to collect over \$1100 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

**Sports Teams:** Our students participated in HWDSB’s annual Cross Country meet in October and had a great time! Our 3 Pitch Team enjoyed their one day tournament in September. The Swim Team have been practicing this month. Many thanks to our dedicated staff for taking the time to coach our various sports teams and provide our students with these valuable athletic opportunities. And of course, thank you to all the volunteers who support these initiatives with their time.

**Picture Day:** Lifetouch was at the school on October 2<sup>nd</sup> for Picture Day. Your child’s class pictures will be coming home soon. If your child was absent on Picture Day or you would like to redo their pictures, retake day has been scheduled for November 6, 2018.

**School Council:** Our next School Council Meeting is taking place on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the James MacDonald Library – all are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

**Food Days:** Milk and Pizza sales have started again this year. Milk (chocolate and white) can be purchased online for 80 cents. Pizza is also on sale and may be purchased online for \$2.00 per slice. Once again this year, Lunch Lady is offered to students. If you have any questions about how to set up a School Cash Online Account, please call Mrs. Baker in the school office.

**Geek Squad:** Geek Squad Academy came to visit on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Geek Squad Academy sponsored by Best Buy, is a hands on interactive program that brings tech and curriculum to youth. The goal is to inspire and motivate students to think about educational opportunities through technology. We hosted 4 workshops: Digital music, 3D Design, Web Know How and Robotics. Each grade 5 and 6 student became a junior agent for the day and received a t-shirt, backpack, lanyard, usb bracelet, and stickers. Great day, JMac!

**Fuel for Kids:** Our local Fortino's on Rymal Road supported James MacDonald in a Fuel For Kids Fundraiser. A NASCAR driver and his vehicle wowed our students in a school wide demonstration and learning experience. Thanks to our sponsors, staff, school council, volunteers and all the families in the community that supported this event- you helped us raise over \$1800.00 for learning programs at JMac.

**Canadian Country Music Awards:** Our JMAC community had an exciting first week with Meghan Patrick coming to perform for us as part of the Canadian Country Music Awards. One of our students, Keira Le, was part of the live CBC broadcast on September 11, 2018. JMac will receive a \$5000.00 grant for musical equipment and instruments thanks to our involvement with the CCMA's.

**Primary Student Council:** Grade 1, 2 & 3 students are working together to learn about our school community. Some of our initiatives are Spirt Days, acknowledging the different languages spoken at JMac and Halloween safety rules.

**Green Team:** Congratulations to Mrs. Hughes and the Green Team for getting certified as an Ontario Eco School, level Silver, for the very first time! Ontario Eco Schools is an organization that aims to get schools to reduce their carbon footprint. Way to go team!

**Upcoming dates:**

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| <b>November 9</b>  | <b>Remembrance Day Assembly</b>                          |
| <b>November 9</b>  | <b>Movie Night (details available during interviews)</b> |
| <b>November 14</b> | <b>School Council – 6:30 p.m. (Everyone is invited)</b>  |

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