



## Principals Message

The beginning of the school year is always a busy, exciting and energetic time of the year. With 4 weeks of school behind us, procedures and routines have been established, practiced and refined and our students are well engaged in meaningful, authentic learning opportunities each and every day! We are all looking forward to a great year at Janet Lee.

Currently Janet Lee has an enrolment of about 342 students. As a result of this unanticipated increase in student enrolment, we added a new Kindergarten class. We welcome all of our new families to the school and hope that you feel a part of this wonderful community. An updated staff list is included in this newsletter.

All of our newsletters continue to be posted online on our website. Please visit our web-site at [www.hwdsb.on.ca/janetlee/](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/janetlee/) and click on the "Subscribe" link. By doing so, you will receive an email each time the school website is updated.

Communication is essential between home and school. Should you have any questions, concerns or compliments please contact your child's teacher first. They are accessible by phone and you can also write a note in the student agenda. If you wish to meet with a teacher and/or administrator, please contact the office to make an appointment.

Monday Oct. 14 is Thanksgiving and therefore, no school. There is always so much to be thankful for! I am looking forward to a family wedding and celebrating my 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on this weekend! Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family and enjoy the long weekend!

## Peanut and Nut Safe School

Please do not send your child with any nut products for lunch or snacks. Working together we can help ensure the safety of all our children.



## School Day/ Bell Time Schedule

Supervised Bus/Playground	7:55— 8:10
Period 1	8:10— 9:10
Period 2	9:10— 9:50
Nutrition Break	9:50—10:30
Period 3	10:30—11:20
Period 4	11:20—12:10
Nutrition Break	12:10—12:55
Period 5	12:50—1:50
Period 6	1:50— 2:30
Supervised Bus/Playground	2:30—2:45

## 2019-20 Janet Lee Staff List

JK/SKA	Ms. McLean/Ms. Spagnuolo
JK/SKB	Mrs. Rogers/Ms. Merla
JK/SKC	Ms. Stephen
Gr. 1A	Ms. Cole
Gr. 1/2A	Mrs. Dawdy
Gr. 2A	Ms. Rivers
Gr. 2/3A	Ms. Lake
Gr. 3/4A	Mr. Ritchie
Gr. 4A	Mr. Rogers
Gr. 5A	Mr. Neal
Gr. 6A	Mr. Cole
Gr. 7A/Music	Mrs. Chiasson
Gr. 7/8/Art	Mrs. Harriman
Gr. 8/Science	Mrs. Freeborn
French	Mme. Finelli
Phys. Ed.	Mr. Gunell
French.2	Ms. Kahana
LRT	Ms. Tolton
Library .4	Mrs. O'coin
Prep .2	Mrs. Manoukian
ESL Itinerant	Mr. Marroquin
EA	Ms. Lebel
EA	Ms. Prendergast
EA .5	Ms. Lamascese
Head Caretaker	Mr. Chaston
Office Administrator	Mrs. Harte
Principal	Mrs. Costa-Popovich

## School Council

Sincere thanks to all of the parents that attended our first School Council Meeting on Monday Sept. 30. We have an awesome team that will continue to work hard to support the students and staff at Janet Lee School. Below is your School Council for this year.

Co-Chairs A. Cowden and N. Jones  
Secretary Laura Keddie  
Treasurer TBD  
Teacher Rep Mrs. Dawdy

### Voting Members

A. Cowden	N. Jones
L. Keddie	A. Larocque
L. Devereux	J Miraflores
K. Nofuete	M. Masse
S. Rudolph	C. Kontogiannis
D. Herman	

## MAD Group

MAD Group (Making a Difference) has been up and running for grade 8 students at Janet Lee for the past 4 years, and provides students with opportunities to hone their organization and leadership skills. Students choose several initiatives for the year, set goals, contact organizations, plan events, and organize everything from top to bottom. The successes our students experience create lasting memories and helps to foster caring attitudes towards our planet and fellow humans.

Some of the wonderful things our students are planning for this year are:

1. Janet Lee's Annual Haunted House and Fundraiser
2. McMaster Sick Kids Toy Drive
3. Kidney Foundation Food Drive
4. Hat and Mitten Drive for women's shelters
5. Pop Tabs for Wheelchair
6. Mental Health Week activities
7. Pride Week

Our hardworking students have a little help along the way from staff members. Mrs. Harriman and Mrs. Finelli set time aside a few times per week to supervise, give advice, and provide direction. See below for upcoming events.

This year at Janet Lee MAD group is doing a pop tab drive. We are taking the pop tabs and donating them to "Pop Tabs for Wheelchairs", an Ontario organization. This group takes them to a factory and turns them into a wheelchair for a child in need. We will be collecting them all year, and hoping to receive a total of 6000 pop tabs! Although we are not encouraging your family to drink sugary products, if you do drink anything in cans with a tab, we will happily take them off your hands. We hope your family can help us with our project.

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On Wednesday, October 30, 2019 M.A.D group is hosting our annual haunted house at the school and we hope you allow your child/children to attend. We understand that some children may find this scary. There will be a \$1 entry fee. All money collected will be donated to McMaster Children's Hospital. The haunted house will be modified for lower grades. Thank you for supporting this event! Further notice will be sent home closer to the date of the haunted house.

*Janet Lee Students M.A.D group*

## Picture Day

School pictures take place on Monday Oct. 21. This date has been changed due to a conflict with our Cross Country competition Contact [www.edgeimaging.ca](http://www.edgeimaging.ca) for frequently asked questions.

## Halloween Festivities

We are looking forward to some Halloween fun Thursday Oct. 31st. As in the past, Gr. 1 to 4 students will be putting on costumes at school. Please ensure that it is something that can be done independently. Kindergarten and grade 5-8 students are welcome to wear their costume all day. Classroom teachers may send their own information home regarding individual classroom festivities and expectations.

Our annual Kindergarten Parade begins at 8:30am. The primary grades will have their parade at 1:00pm. A dance for students in Gr. 6-8 will take place from 12:50-2:15.

On this day options for students are;

- wear orange and black
- dress in a costume
- wear your everyday clothes

If students wish to wear a costume here is a list of Do's and Don'ts.

### Costume Do's

- appropriate for school
- use makeup or face paint
- check that your costume is safe (i.e. not too long)
- be creative
- have fun

### Costume Don'ts

- no masks that impede vision
- no weapons
- no violent references



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## Progress Reports

Be sure to check backpacks on Oct. 29th. This is the day that progress reports will come home with students.

## Vacations and Extended Absences

The education of children is a right that we value and hold in high regard. When students are absent from school for extended periods of time, they miss large components of the curriculum taught and it becomes difficult for them to catch up as concepts that are taught build upon previous lessons.

Please note that we do not endorse extended student absences for the purpose of family vacation. We do however respect that you may choose to withdraw your child from school for the purpose of a family vacation. A program of study will not be provided by the school and not all areas of the curriculum may be able to be assessed and reflected on the provincial report card. Please note your child will be removed from the school register after 15 consecutive days of absence. You will be required to reregister your child at the school office upon your return.

## Athletics at Janet Lee!

### Girls Baseball

Our team came in second place for the tournament! The girls finished the day with 3 wins and only 1 loss. The teams hitting and defence improved with every game. The girls represented Janet Lee exceptionally well with excellent sportsmanship and cooperation as a team. A huge thanks to Mr. Bowan and Mr. Young who helped Mr. Rogers coach at the tournament.

### Boys Baseball

The boys also had a great tournament! They hit the ground running with a number of practices a week and then shone in the tournament. They won two of their three games with scores 14-1 and 15-0. However, they lost 0-6 in their final game. A sincere thanks to all of the students that participated and parents that helped drive. Coach Cole is very proud of the team!

## Bike Racks

Janet Lee has bike racks! A huge thanks to our Head Caretaker Mr. Chaston for finding bike racks for us. Bike racks are located at the front of the school. If students are riding bikes to school, please ensure that they are locking them up. A reminder that the school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged bicycles.



## Dates to Remember

Oct. 1.	8:30- Fire Safety Presentation
Oct. 7	Subday
Oct. 8	Cross Country—Christie Conservation Area
Oct. 8 (Laurier)	2:30—4:00 Jr. Swim Team Practice
Oct. 11-14	Advanced Polls at Janet Lee
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving
Oct. 17	Staff Meeting
Oct. 21	Picture Day
Oct. 21	Subday
Oct. 21	Election Day
Oct. 28	SK Vision Screening
Oct. 29	Progress Reports sent home
Oct. 29	8:30 School Wide Assembly
Oct. 30	Haunted House
Oct. 31	Halloween Festivities



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