



COBDEN DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Staff & Students,

The start of this school year brought with it the excitement of being back together, but also the challenges associated with making some changes. As you likely know by now, our bell times have changed, there has been construction on Cowley Street complicating the bus procedures at the end of the day and our class lists have been "up in the air" due to some new registrations that necessitated a small re-organization. Despite all of these challenges, the students and staff have demonstrated the kind of character that I've come to expect at Cobden.

This year, we have changed the times of our lunch and snack. Lunch (followed by recess) starts at 11:55 and runs until 12:35 and the final snack and recess starts at 3:05 and ends with the final bell at 3:45. Students are put into bus lines at 3:35 to board their busses at 3:45. While this is new, the students have done a great job of adjusting.

Please note, that if you would like your child to leave the school property at any point, a written note giving your child permission to leave is required. Again, if you want the note to cover the entire year, simply indicate that on the note. Students leaving school property must sign out and back in at the main office.

Another challenge that we faced for this school start-up was our sudden surge in primary students. With new registrations late in August, a re-organization was necessary. This has impacted many students and staff as class lists needed to change. A separate note to parents will be sent home to explain how the changes impacted their children. Again, changing class lists after the start of the school year isn't ideal, but in this case was necessary.

Finally, school-wide WiFi is once again available for staff and students of Renfrew County District School Board. Personal devices are welcome, but students are expected to follow the Renfrew County District School Board's "Appropriate Use Contract" (see the GREEN form attached for Grade 4 to 8 students). It would be greatly appreciated if parents/guardians take a few minutes to discuss this with your child(ren) and sign it together.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many parents and students on the evening of Thursday, September 19th at our Meet The Teacher Night which runs from 6 PM to 7 PM.

Your support is greatly appreciated in all of this. CDPS is such a wonderful learning environment.... one that I am proud to be part of.

Peter Burnette, Principal



CDPS Daily Schedule

9:25 am

Entry Bell

11:55-12:15pm

LUNCH

12:15-12:35pm

Outdoor Recess

3:05-3:15pm

Nutrition Break

3:15-3:35pm

Outdoor Recess

3:45 pm

Bus Departure

AGENDAS

Most students have received an agenda. Please send in \$2 with your son/daughter to help defray the cost if they have received an agenda.

An Important Note for Parents & Guardians... Criminal Background Check

Parents must have a Vulnerable Sector Check (previously known as Criminal Background Check) on file in order to volunteer for ALL school activities.

You will need to pick up signed paper work from the school office.

There is no fee involved. Please allow several weeks for your paper work to be processed by the local police.

Take note:

Any parents who have a security clearance at their place of work are still required to have this paperwork done.

SAFE ARRIVAL POLICY & ATTENDANCE

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP ALL OF OUR STUDENTS SAFE.

If your child is absent, a phone call (or a note to the teacher if you know ahead of time) would be much appreciated. CDPS does have an answering service so you can call any time of the day or night to leave a message **613-646-2271.**

If we do not hear from you we will have to call to check on your child's whereabouts. Attendance at Cobden Public School is expected to be regular and punctual. If it is necessary for a student to leave school early, he or she should present a note to their homeroom teacher and then sign out at the office.

We would also ask that your child "sign-in" at the office if he or she is late arriving at school.

Once the school day has begun, EVERYONE must check in at the office.

This policy has been established to ensure the safety of the students at all times.

If students are leaving the school, they must be picked up at the office and be signed out. Please do not go to your child's classroom to pick them up. Our children are learning and interruptions to the classrooms should be minimal.

Finally, we would appreciate if you could restrict phone messages for students to emergencies only. Similarly, students will only be allowed to call home if absolutely necessary.

Attention Parents & Guardians...

All students leaving the school at 3:05 pm will need to have a note.

CDPS Staff—2013/14

Principal: Mr. Peter Burnette

JK/SK	Mrs. K. David
ECE	Mrs. T. Shields
JK/SK	Mrs. M. Afelskie
ECE	Mrs. E. Turcotte
Gr.1	Mrs. N. Clark
Gr.1&2	Ms. T. Dombroskie
Gr. 2	Mrs. L. Hamilton
Gr. 2&3	Mrs. R. Crozier
Gr. 3	Mr. I. Covell
Gr. 4	Mrs. A. Broome
Gr. 5&6	Mrs. J. Oakes
Gr. 5 - Fr. Imm. -Mme L. Tait	
Gr. 6 - Fr. Imm. -Mme S. Graham	
Gr. 7A	Ms. A. Leavoy
Gr. 7B	Mrs. A. Burgess
Gr. 8	Mr. K. Grady
Gr. 7&8	Mrs. L. Benson

French:

Mme L. Tait, Mrs. J. Bell
Mme S. Graham,
Mme A. Martin

Special Education:

Mrs. L. Benson
Mr. M. Alexander

Phys Ed, Arts & Media:

Mrs. D. Barr

Music: Mrs. J. Bell

School Support Counsellor:

Mrs. S. Corriveau

Educational Support Personnel:

Mrs. K. Brenner
Mrs. B. McMillan
Ms. C. Spilek

Office Administration Staff:

Mrs. P. Bell,
Mrs. J. McGregor

Custodial:

Mrs. I. Mousseau
Mr. M. Reinke
Mrs. M. Smith



PEANUT RESTRICTED ROOMS

The following rooms are
PEANUT RESTRICTED:

Mrs. Afelskie & Mrs. Shields (Rm 4)
Mrs. David & Mrs. Turcotte (Rm 1)
Mme Tait (Rm 22) Mr. Covell (Rm 33)
Mrs. Burgess (Rm 42) Mrs. Broome (Rm 43)

A letter with more information is being sent home to the students in each affected class. In order to provide a safe environment, we ask you to assist us in reducing the risk of severe allergic reactions. In a school setting, cross-contamination is the greatest risk for children with food allergies. Cross-contamination occurs when a few crumbs from one child's snack are dropped and come into contact with other food. We appreciate your assistance in this important matter.

KINDERGARTEN IMPORTANT CHANGES *to Morning Routine*

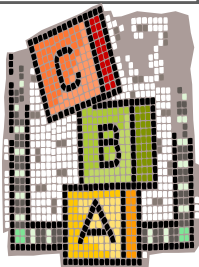
For added safety, all doors of the school except the front door will be locked during the school day. Parents dropping off children in the morning to their JK/SK classes are asked to use the main crosswalk. *Walkers will be picked up there as well.* All students will go to the yard with their backpacks in the morning. No students are to be in the school before the bell.

SEPTEMBER DRAW

PLEASE SIGN BELOW TO INDICATE THAT YOU
HAVE RECEIVED THIS NEWSLETTER AND
RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM TEACHER.

Student's name

Parent/Guardian's Signature



PEDICULOSIS (Head Lice)

Roles and Responsibilities

Head lice control works best when everyone helps. Parents, teachers, and students all have a part in helping to control the ongoing problem.

Parents' Role

It is necessary for parents to assume the major responsibility for the identification and treatment of head lice.

1. Be aware of the signs and symptoms of infestation.
2. Be familiar with the technique for examining hair for lice/nits.
3. Examine your children's heads frequently for signs of infestation.
4. Notify the school of suspected cases.
5. Be aware of the importance of proper treatment and environmental control measures in the home.
6. Carry out treatment for elimination of lice.

***Please inform the school when
treatment has been completed.***

Please call the school if you are interested in helping with head checks. *Thank you.*



LOST & FOUND

Each year countless articles of clothing are lost by pupils, many of these items are never claimed.

Parents are urged to write children's names on their clothing and supplies, especially rubber and winter boots and mittens.

Parents are invited to look through our lost and found collection as the need arises.

It is located in the lobby. Valuables such as glasses, watches, rings, etc. are kept in the office.

MILK & JUICE

The following items are available for purchase at Nutrition Break: at 11:55 am:

Milk, Chocolate Milk .50¢
Canned Juices from machines \$1.00
Milk tickets can also be purchased.



Milk tickets are available for \$5.00 each which will give the student 10 milk. They are available at the milk table at lunch time. Student's names will be put on the milk ticket and returned to the student when the ticket is complete. Thank you.



We welcome you to come and meet the teachers and other staff members to kick this year off to a successful start.

MEET THE TEACHER & Book Fair

will be held on

**Thursday, September 19th
6:00 - 7:00 pm**

This is an opportunity for parents to visit the classroom and have the teacher communicate class and program information.

Terry Fox Run

Friday, September 27th, 2013 @ 2:05 pm

Cobden District Public School will be participating in the

Terry Fox

National School Run Day

on Friday, September 27th.

Primary Students will walk around the school yard.

Junior & Intermediate Students will complete a circuit around the Town of Cobden.

Students are encouraged to bring a donation.

All donations will be split between Cancer Research and for The Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Please remind your child to dress in Red & Blue to support the Terry Fox Run Day and Cobden Public School.

Thank you for your support!



Picture Day

**Tuesday, September 24th
JK - Grade 3**

**Wednesday, September 25th
Grades 4 to 8**

Picture Re-takes will be on October 22nd



A Message from the RCJTC

Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium

We ask for your patience as we transport over 9,000 students in Renfrew County. In preparation for the beginning of school, we receive over a hundred requests per day which are processed by a staff of 4 people. We will endeavour to process these requests as soon as possible, however, during high volume times, it can take up to 7 days to receive a response from RCJTC.

Requests for new bussing, address change, school change, sitter change:

1. Go to the RCJTC website at www.rcjtc.on.ca
2. Complete the "Student Transportation Request Form" on the website under the Publications/Forms section <http://www.rcjtc.on.ca/UserFiles/Servers/Server 6/File/Forms/F%2001%2001%201%20Student%20Transportation%20Request%20Form%20to%20fill%20in.pdf>
3. Submit the form on-line (preferable), via fax, by mail or in person between 8 am to 4 pm

Requests for stop location changes:

E-mail requests to trans@rcjtc.on.ca

General Enquiries:

E-mail enquiries to trans@rcjtc.on.ca

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- ◆ Please ensure that students who walk to school do not arrive before 9:05 a.m. as the yard is not supervised until this time.
- ◆ Students are reminded that bikes and skateboards are not to be used on the school grounds. Upon arrival at the entrance areas of the yard bicycles must be walked to the bike racks.
- ◆ Students require written permission to leave school property throughout the day as we must know where each child is at all times to ensure safety.
- ◆ Please let us know as soon as possible if your child has any medical condition that we should be aware of so that we can put a plan in place. In addition, if your child requires any medication throughout the school day it is essential to have the appropriate forms signed by the parent and physician. Office staff will provide the appropriate forms at your request.
- ◆ In order to avoid the passing of contagions from one person to another, please do not send your child to school if he or she is ill. Children need to be alert and feel well in order to learn and we do not have the facilities to allow children to rest etc. if they are under the weather. All students who come to school are expected to go outside for fresh air and exercise at recess so appropriate dress is a must!
- ◆ Please review bus safety rules with your child(ren). Students who place others at risk while travelling to school (misbehaving, distracting the driver etc.) will be issued a bus report and possibly lose the privilege of being transported to school.
- ◆ We want to keep all of our students safe at all times!

Tween Dance

Friday, September 20th

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

\$5.00 per person

Professional D.J.

Shannon will be there to rock the night away!

Sponsored by the

Cobden Recreation Association

For info, call

Julie Hennessy

613-646-2111

Piano Lessons

Call Julie Resmer

613-432-7045

All ages welcome!

TASTE OF THE VALLEY

Saturday, October 19th

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cobden Agricultural

Fairgrounds

FREE Family Fun!

Over 100 Local Vendors...

Food, Artisans,

Entertainment, Face Painting,

Balloon Animals & Much More!!!

Everyone Welcome!



Dates To Remember

OCTOBER

Oct 7 HPV Gr. 8 Girls

Hep B Gr. 7

Oct 9 2 pm - Magazine Sales Assembly

Oct 10 Cross-Country

@ Hugli's

Oct 11 PA Day

Oct 16 Logos Land Run

Oct 22 Picture Re-takes

NOVEMBER

Nov 15 PA Day

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www.edu.gov.on.ca

Students and Teachers are ready for another fantastic school year here at
COBDEN DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Labour Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Theme Day: Wear your HOUSE COLOURS!	14
15	16	17	18	19 MEET THE TEACHER 6:00-7:00 pm	20 Swimming Gr. 5 Students First Day! 1-2 pm	21
BOOK FAIR... Sept. 18, 19, 20						
22	23	24 PICTURE DAY JK-Gr. 3 Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm	25 PICTURE DAY Gr. 4-8	26	27 Swimming Gr. 5 Students 1-2 pm Terry Fox Run Wear Blue & Red 2:05 pm	28
29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4	5