



Princess Elizabeth Public School

June 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

June is a busy month here at Princess Elizabeth Public School! Teachers are wrapping up units of study, assessments are being completed, and transition plans for next year are being put into place. We encourage regular attendance so that your child is not missing out on social or academic opportunities. If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school office to let us know. There are many exciting things happening within the school. Please read the newsletter carefully so that you are aware of important dates and keep up to date with classroom communications. Thank you for a wonderful school year! I wish all of you a safe and adventure filled summer!

Have a wonderful end of the year, PEPS families! 😊

Lori Shilvock

June 5th PA Day

There will be no school for students on Friday, June 5th as it will be a Professional Activity Day for staff. Elementary Staff will spend half the day focused on various math and literacy topics and strategies. The second half of the day will be dedicated to report card writing, as per the employee group collective agreements.

[June 2026 PA Day Description](#)

YMCA Before & After School Program

Princess Elizabeth Public School is accepting registrations for children 4-12 years of age. The program runs from 7:00 am until the school bell, and after school until 6:00 pm. For program details contact: Christine Baxter at Christine.baxter@ymcagta.org or call 437-997-4200

SPECIAL OLYMPICS UPDATE

Congratulations to all our athletes who represented PEPS with good sportsmanship! A huge thank you to all our fabulous peer coaches who practiced at recesses with their athletes and spent the day cheering them on. We couldn't do it without you! ❤️

PRIDE Month

The month of June is Pride month. Some of our students, staff, parents/guardians and community members identify as members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Flying the Pride flag not only signals that our schools are safe spaces for everyone, it also aligns with our guiding principles of inclusion and student and staff well-being, and our Equity Plan. Princess Elizabeth Public School is flying the Pride flag during the month of June. Should you have more questions about the flag and how it supports our vision, please visit our UGDSB Website at: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/>.



The Great Pizza Pursuit: Our June Food Drive!



We are thrilled to announce that our school will be participating in **The Great Pizza Pursuit** this June! This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to come together, support our local food bank, and engage in some friendly, school-wide competition.

Our goal is to see every student bring in **at least one can of food** (though more is always welcome!) between **June 1st and June 19th**.

To make things exciting, the classroom that collects the highest number of cans will be crowned our official "**Canned Champions**" and win a **Class Pizza Party** during the week of June 22nd!

How Your Child Can Participate:

- Starting June 1st, students can bring their canned goods directly to their classroom.
- The food bank will be providing **banana boxes** in every classroom for easy drop-off.

- All types of canned goods are welcome—whether it's vegetables, fruit, beans, soup, or pasta sauce, every single tin makes a tremendous difference.

Accessible Parking – Supporting Access for All Families

I would like to take a moment to remind our school community about the importance of considerate use of the accessible parking spaces on school property.

Accessible parking spaces are intended to support individuals with mobility and accessibility needs and are available to vehicles displaying a valid accessible parking permit. These spaces are limited in number and are used by many members of our school community, including students and family members with significant mobility challenges.

We ask that families use accessible parking spaces primarily for student drop-off and pick-up and avoid prolonged occupation of these spaces whenever possible. While accessible spaces operate on a first-come, first-served basis for valid permit holders, extended use during busy arrival and dismissal periods can create barriers for other families who require access to these spaces to safely assist children with mobility and medical needs.

Accessibility is about more than meeting minimum requirements—it is about ensuring that all members of our community can access our school safely and with dignity. A small act of consideration, such as moving your vehicle once your pick-up or drop-off is complete, can make a significant difference for another family.

We recognize that every family's circumstances are unique, and this message is not directed at any individual. Rather, it is a request that we all work together to ensure these spaces remain available and functional for those who rely on them throughout the school day.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and continued commitment to supporting an inclusive and caring school community.

Student Nutrition Program

Keep Kids Fed at School – End of Year Thanks!

As we wrap up another amazing school year, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the students and families who donated and supported the Keep Kids Fed at School program. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase an incredible amount of snacks and nourish so many growing minds and bodies throughout the year!

A very special thank you goes out to Madame LaCapruccia, who took on the huge task of organizing this program. Your dedication did not go unnoticed, and we're so grateful for your time and care.

This important board-wide initiative plays a key role in addressing food insecurity in our schools—and we truly couldn't do it without the support of our amazing volunteers.

As a gentle reminder, this program is 100% volunteer-run, and we would love to welcome more helping hands!. If you're interested in getting involved to support during the busy month of June or next school year, please reach out to valerie.lacapruccia@ugdsb.on.ca to learn how you can help make a difference. Thank you again for being such a vital part of this school effort! 🧡

Ice Dawgs

The Grade 8s will be selling Ice Dawgs for \$3 second nutrition break on Friday June 12th and Friday June 19th . All proceeds will go towards Grade 8 Graduation. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Graduation

Grade 8 Graduates - We are looking forward to celebrating our grade eight graduates on Monday, June 22nd!

We are inviting families for informal pictures at 5:30pm. Weather permitting, photos can be taken in the yard. The Ceremony will be held in the gym from 6:00 -7:00 pm with a reception afterwards from 7:00-8:00pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

From the LLC

It's hard to believe, but we are starting the process to organize the Library for the summer break. Thursday, June 4 was the last day for students to borrow books from the Library. After that date, students will still be using the LLC space and materials, but they will not be bringing home new books. All student books will be due on Friday, June 12. Please do your best to help your child to return all Library books on time. Students in Kindergarten to Grade Three are also asked to return their Library bag. We will wash and reuse the Library bags next school year.

If you are having difficulty locating a book or believe that an outstanding book has already been returned, please reach out to the classroom teacher or Mme Foster at vfoster@ugcloud.ca for next steps.

Enjoy the summer holidays when they arrive, and keep reading! Check in with your local Public Library for many fantastic summer reading opportunities.
Mme Foster, PEPS Teacher-Librarian

Are You Moving?

If you know you will be moving over the summer and not returning to Princess Elizabeth Public School, please inform the office. This helps us to plan classes for the fall.

Medication

If you have medication for your child at school, including EpiPens and puffers, please stop in at the school during the week of **June 25th between 2:50 pm and 4:00 pm** to pick it up for the summer. In September, forms will once again need to be completed to have medication administered at school. Thank you for your assistance.

Lost & Found

Our school Lost and Found items will be on display in the front foyer from June 8th - June 19. Parents are welcome to come in to check for lost items. All unclaimed items will be donated to the community.



Final Report Cards

Parents will be able to access their child's report card from a secure webpage, using a board issued account. In order to ensure we have the most accurate data and parent information, please contact the school at 519-941-0220 if your email information has recently changed. To access your child's report card, parents/guardians access the parent portal on ConnectEd <https://www.ugdsb.ca/parents/connected/>. Parents will use their email address to authenticate their account. This email must match the email address we have on file. Parents/guardians can create their account provided they have an email on record with the school. Once your account is activated, you will see each of your children listed. Elementary report cards will be available for downloading beginning June 26 at 4:30 PM.

Please visit our support page for instructions:

<https://sites.google.com/ugcloud.ca/parenthelp/report-cards-parent-portal>

IEPS

IEPS can be found on the UGDSB Family Portal <https://family.ugdsb.on.ca/>. . This is where families will be able to see their child's IEP Please see the attached document for instruction on how to access the IEP Instructions:

[Accessing and Printing IEPs on the UGDSB Family Portal \(for Parents/Guardians\)](#)



STWDSTS Annual First Rider Program

Princess Elizabeth has a mixed population of walkers and many who are bused. In order to ensure your child is assigned to a bus for the fall, please click this link to register and get more information: [**First Rider Program - Wellington-Dufferin**](#)

The First Rider Program is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 1st, 2026**. They recommend that all First Riders participate in this valuable program, which usually includes a short video, question-answer period and Family Bus Ride. Registration will be required – [**https://stwdsts.ca/fir**](https://stwdsts.ca/fir)**First Rider Program - Wellington-Dufferin**[**st-rider-program/**](#)

Bus information will be mailed to families in mid-August from [**Transportation**](#).

TRANSPORTATION For Students SK - Grade 8

For students who ride the bus in SK and up please sign up for email notifications for all delays/cancellations during the school year. If your child **will not** be riding the bus for the 2026 – 2027 school year, please call 519-824-4119 to let STWDSTS know.

STWDSTS, our Transportation Consortium, has attached a newsletter that has lots of helpful information to plan for students transportation starting in fall 2026.

[**Newsletter - Bus Information**](#)

School Calendar 2026 - 2027

The Ministry of Education has a pending-approval Upper Grand District School Board school year calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. Students will start the year on Tuesday, Sept. 8th. Winter Break will be from December 21, 2026 to January 4, 2027. March Break will be from Monday March 15 to Friday March 19, 2027. The last day of school will fall on June 29 2027 for elementary students. The approved calendars will be posted on the board website under [**https://www.ugdsb.ca/page/school-year-calendars**](https://www.ugdsb.ca/page/school-year-calendars)

Class Organization

Another administrative task that we begin to explore at this time of year is determining the 2026-2027 school organization and the makeup of classes for next year. Although the staffing process and student placements begin at this time of year, teaching assignments, school organization and student placements will not be finalized until the second week of September. We continue to work toward minimizing disruptions to class organization. Once students are placed, there will be no moves until after the reorganization from the Board. We appreciate your trust and understanding in our professional judgment in the student placement process.

FOI – “In keeping with privacy legislation and to keep our children safe, the Upper Grand D.S.B. will no longer publicly post class lists or make class lists available to parents.”

Wellness Works! UGDSB June theme is Reflection and Celebration

This month, students will be learning about reflection - the benefit of reflecting and looking back at goals and successes. Students can become more aware of how they learn, take more responsibility for their learning and see growth in their learning.

Reflection is:

- A consideration of events - including the emotional responses to them and the causal factors (*why* things might have happened the way they did)
- Connections between events and what they mean - for the learner - in terms of curriculum/world/self understanding
- Personal
- An illumination of the learning that occurred and what the learner aims to do with that learning (you're different now)

Summer Learning

During the summer we encourage students to continue to read daily.

Book store

<https://booklore.ca/>

Local libraries (Orangeville)

<https://www.orangevillelibrary.ca/en/index.aspx>

UGDSB Math@Home

The **UGDSB Math@Home** document which has activities and games for families to use at home! The document includes 30+ pages of templates.

[UGDSB Math@Home for Grades 1 - 3](#)



Communication Newsletter - UGDSB

The UGDSB Communications team has a monthly newsletter to give students, staff and parents/guardians a glance at the month ahead. Keep an eye out the last week of each month for your latest edition of UGDSB Together. The June Communications Newsletter is out!

Here is the link to the website with all the past and recent newsletters

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/page/communications-newsletter>

Tick Information from Public Health

The Public Health Agency of Canada is pleased to offer a suite of free learning resources and interactive games called *Ticks - Little bugs. big problems!* These new resources are designed to help kids learn about, explore and experience the science of ticks while also learning how to help prevent tick bites.

Ticks are spreading in Canada due to climate change. They can be infected with bacteria, viruses, or parasites that can make people sick. Tick bites can go unnoticed because ticks are tiny and their bites are usually painless. Learning about ticks can help prevent tick bites.

Whether you're a teacher, camp counsellor, group leader, parent, guardian, or caregiver, you will find tools to encourage kids to learn about ticks on [Canada.ca/ticks](https://canada.ca/ticks). These include:

- [Interactive games](#)
- [Learning resources for individuals and groups](#)
- [Children's travelling tick exhibit](#)
- Videos:
 - [Top 10 tick hiding spots](#)
 - [How to properly remove a tick](#)
 - [How to reduce ticks around your home](#)

We hope you find the resources helpful and enjoyable.

Subscribe to the [Zoonoses Subscription List](#) to receive regular updates from the Public Health Agency of Canada regarding zoonotic diseases such as tick-borne diseases.

If you have any questions, please reach out to zoonoseskmt-emczoonoses@phac-aspc.gc.ca.

Enjoy the outdoors, without a tick!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to access the Princess Elizabeth school calendar to see upcoming events.

Please remember to check the UGDSB website, visit our school website, go into your child's Google classroom to see announcements and all the wonderful work they are doing, and read the emails for important information from our school.