



# Metcalfe Public School

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**Newsletter #11 - Summer, 2010**  
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## **E-Newsletters!**

We have made the move to an e-newsletter, which will be posted on our school website [www.metcalfeeps.ocdsb.ca](http://www.metcalfeeps.ocdsb.ca) during the first week of each month. This critical move will save trees and reduce costs. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please send in a note in your child's planner.

## **Change of Information**

If you are planning a move at home or daycare arrangements, have a new work or cell number, new doctor, etc. please call the school office with your new information or send in a note in your child's planner to ensure that we have your current information on file. Thank you.

## **No Scents makes Good Sense**

As a consideration for all students and staff who have allergies to scents (perfumes, etc.), we are requesting that all students and staff refrain from wearing perfume or cologne. We ask that students who bring deodorant to use after gym classes, please bring unscented deodorant. Axe and other deodorant sprays should not come to school. Also please ensure that hand sanitizer gels are scent free. Thank you.

## **A message from the Office:**

As the year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and their families a wonderful and safe summer. Congratulations to all our students for the effort they have put forth into learning this year. A special mention to all our students leaving Metcalfe this year and I wish you continued success in your academic career. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have volunteered at the school this year; your support is truly appreciated!

Next year at MPS, we welcome Carol Anne Stewart who will be teaching our Intermediate Music program. Mrs. Stewart will also have the responsibility of teaching the grade 5/6 class language arts in the afternoon. Mrs. Stewart has been teaching a very successful music program at Castor Valley for a number of years. We will also be welcoming, Stephanie Hagen to our teaching staff in September. Mme. Hagen will be teaching the grade 5/6 Middle French Immersion class. Mme. Hagen is coming to us from Broadview Public School.

At this time we have to bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Kelly Efford, who was a long term occasional teacher responsible for our music program this year. We thank Mrs. Efford for all her hard work with our instrumental music and choir program as well as her help with our noon hour tutoring clubs. We also have to say goodbye to Mr. Peter Szekely, an educational assistant that has been working in our grade 5/6 class for the last several months. We are very grateful for the support he gave to the students in this class.

Again, to all, have a wonderful and safe summer!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Nutt



Hi!

It has been quite a year! I came to Metcalfe PS a newbie, and you have welcomed me and allowed me to learn the ropes of being a Vice-Principal. Thanks for your support, encouragement and help when I needed it, especially when I did not think I needed it. You, students, staff and parents, are awesome! Before we leave for the summer vacations, I just wanted to take this last opportunity to wish you a safe and happy time. To all those leaving us for new horizons, I wish you the best of success. Remember to take risks, put your best foot forward, and assume responsibility for your actions. To those coming back, I wish you have a relaxing summer vacation, because Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> is right around the corner! A small note to anyone wanting to volunteer at Metcalfe PS next year, a recent Police Criminal Record Check is required. Perhaps you can use the summer to get one. Again, to all of you, I wish a safe and happy time.  
Ad multos annos.

Mr. Guido Ronci, OCT  
Vice-Principal

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2010-2011**

**P.A Day** - 3 September 2010 (Ministry Day)

**Labour Day** – 6 September 2010

**First Day of Student Attendance** - 7 September 2010

**Thanksgiving** - 11 October 2010

**P.A Day (P/T Interviews)** - 12 November 2010

**P.A Day** - 26 November 2010 (Ministry Day)

**Christmas Break** - 20 December 2010 – 31 December 2010

**P.A. Day (Report Card Writing)** - 14 January 2011

**P.A. Day** - 18 February 2011 (System Day)

**Family Day** - 21 February 2011

**March Break** - 14 March – 18 March 2011

**Good Friday** - 22 April 2011

**Easter Monday** - 5 April 2011

**Victoria Day** - 23 May 2011

**P.A. Day (Report Card Writing)** - 3 June 2011

**Last day of School** - 30 June 2011

### **Medication Forms**



The OCDSB policy concerning the administration of medication to students at school is very specific: written authorization by a physician is required in **all** cases. A special form must be completed by parents and the physician for the 2010-11 school year. All medication (prescription and non-prescription) will be kept in the office for safety reasons. For student safety, parents or guardians will be expected to deliver any medications to the office in person. Please contact the office if this applies to your child.

### **MPS Sports Update**

#### **Intermediate Girls Soccer**

The Intermediate Girl's Soccer team went undefeated at the regional tournament in the recreational division. The girls played fantastically and had loads of fun. They came back with gold medals and a banner to put up in Metcalfe's gym. Way to go girls!!!

## Junior Track and Field Meet

A great day was had by all participants at the Junior Track and Field meet on June 4th. All the students were well behaved and represented Metcalfe well. A few top ten finishes to note -

- Kyle H. - 4th in 800 metre run and 3rd in Long Jump
- Owen M. - 7th in Long Jump and 3rd in 100 metre
- Scott B. - 9th in Ball Throw
- Kayla R. - 8th in 800 metre
- Colleen S. - 9th in Ball Throw
- Nathan B. - 8th in Ball Throw
- and the Gr. 4 relay team placed 6th!

Congratulations to the whole team, Blair B., Ashley B., Colleen S., Skyler B., Ryan R., Cory B., Darin H., Pryce H., Nathan B., Kayla R., Emma L., Rachel G., Vicki K., Monika L., Hannah B., Quentin J., Jack M., Owen M., Megan M., Drew P., Macy M., Brandon T., Michael U., Scott B., Cassie B., Kelsey D., Anne L., Dakota E., Sheldon H., Kyle H., Jarod G., Sebastien R., Richard D. and Spencer S.

A special thank you to the parent volunteers (Mr. McVeigh and Mrs. Hope) and to all the parents who came and cheered!

Mrs. Belanger and Mme. MacLean

## South Tower Armouring Guild Visits MPS



The South Tower Armouring Guild visited the Grade 4 class at Metcalfe Public School. QSP fundraising monies help to fund the visit. There was instruction in making chain mail coifs, mantles and chain mail shirt. The presentation ended by learning about the rules of chivalry.

## The Extra Curricular Creative Arts Program for Children

*Continuing Education's ECCA Program offers arts instruction courses in various OCDSB elementary schools for students 6 yrs and over. Classes are held during the school year, at convenient times, outside of school hours.*

Visit: [ocdsb.ca/continweb](http://ocdsb.ca/continweb) or [artsforkidsinottawa.com](http://artsforkidsinottawa.com). Join us this Fall and explore your creativity!! Registration begins Sept 1st. Always wanted to try the cello, violin, or piano? Now is your chance!!

**Fall 2010 Registration: September 1-15, 2010**

**Tel: 613-239-2747 for information**

**Tel: 613-239-2398 to register (Sept 1-15)**

**Visit: 440 Albert Street, Room E121A**

**September 1-15, 9am-4:30pm, weekdays**

Visit: [ocdsb.ca/continweb](http://ocdsb.ca/continweb) or [artsforkidsinottawa.com](http://artsforkidsinottawa.com)

## **Assistive Technology at Ottawa Public Library**

The Ottawa Public Library offers access to a number of assistive technology programs including: Kurzweil 1000, Kurzweil 3000, Jaws, Zoomtext and Dragon Naturally Speaking.

Kurzweil 1000 and Kurzweil 3000 offer tools for essay writing, language learning and study skills, including a screen reader to read text aloud from the screen. It can accommodate diverse requirements for people with visual impairments, learning disabilities and foreign language learning needs. A wide range of materials can be read aloud including web pages, scanned documents, and word processing documents (MS Word, WordPerfect).

JAWS, the most popular screen reader worldwide, uses a screen reader to read text aloud to provide access to a wide variety of information for people with visual impairments.

Dragon Naturally Speaking allows you to use your voice to create documents, use email, and surf the web – all by your voice commands.

Zoomtext is a useful tool for people with low vision to zoom in and better see text on the screen.

Reminders:

- Please bring your own headphones for use with these programs, and if you are interested in Dragon Naturally Speaking, headphones with a microphone attachment.
- To save your material, please bring a CD (ensure it is a CD-RW) or a flash drive. Floppy disks will not have enough memory to save your work, particularly if you are working with Dragon Naturally Speaking.
- To reserve one of these computers through our Online Booking System, please select Assistive Workstation. Branches with Assistive Technology stations include: Sunnyside, Main Library, Nepean Centrepointe, Beaverbrook, Cumberland, Greenboro and North Gloucester.

A scanner is available for programs that work with scanned documents.

**Campbell's Soup Label Collection** - Please collect the Campbell's soup labels (including the bar codes) over the summer. Each label is worth one point and we hope to soon be 'purchasing' some items for our school with the points. Products that can be used are Campbell's condensed soups, Prego products, Chunky Soup, Goldfish crackers, Campbell's broths, Ramen hearty Noodles, Healthy request Soups, V8 products, Pace Salsa, Habitant Soups, Gardennay, Soup at Hand, Easy Cooking Sauces and Creations Soups. If you happen to accumulate too many to store, please contact Kim at [kimsheldrick@yahoo.ca](mailto:kimsheldrick@yahoo.ca) or 613-821-3033 to arrange for delivery/pickup. Thank you.

**Pop Tab Collection** – Please hold on to your pop tabs for us! Starting in September, 2010, Metcalfe P.S. will be collecting pop tabs (aluminum tabs from all beverage cans, cat food tins, etc.) by two of our Junior Students. These tabs will be used to purchase wheelchairs through the Ontario March of Dimes. Thank you.

**We're looking for a donation of sand!** If you are doing any extensive landscaping work around your home this summer and have a pile of sand left over, please call us in September. Our students long jump pit is looking for a top up. Thank you!

## Information for Parents/Guardians regarding Student Transportation:

### Transportation Route Schedules:

All 2010–2011 Transportation Route Schedules will be posted on the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority's web site at [www.ottawaschoolbus.ca](http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca) by mid-August.

In addition to the bus route schedules being posted, please note that there is also a "**Stop Locator**" feature on our website. This feature will allow parents to access bus stop information for their children starting in mid-August when it will be updated with the 2010 – 2011 bus route schedules. The "**Stop Locator**" feature returns bus stop and route information for eligible students who are assigned to regular "yellow school bus" service or for eligible students who are assigned to OC Transpo service.

OC Transpo route schedules will also be made available through the OSTA website or can be found directly through the OC Transpo website at [www.octranspo.com](http://www.octranspo.com).

### School Bus Safety Awareness Day (First Time Rider Program):

This year's School Bus Safety Awareness Day is scheduled for **Sunday, August 29, 2010** and will run at six sites across the city in 45 minute sessions from 09:00 am to 1:00 pm. This important safety program is geared primarily for parents and children new to school bus transportation and for all elementary school aged children who ride a school bus. Families and students can register to attend at one of the following sites:

School	Address	Contact for Registration
Earl of March Secondary School	No. 4 The Parkway, Kanata	(613) 836-7725
Ecole St-Joseph	6664 Carriere Street Orleans	(613) 835-3999
St. Peter High School	750 Charlemagne Blvd Orleans	(613) 835-2488
St. Francis Xavier High School	3740 Spratt Road Ottawa	(613) 749-3777
Ecole Charlotte Lemieux	2093 Bel-Air Drive, Ottawa	(613) 835-3999
Woodroffe High School	2410 Georgina Drive, Ottawa	(613) 820-0500

Parents/Guardians can find more information on School Bus Safety Awareness Day on our website at: [www.ottawaschoolbus.ca](http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca).

### Transportation Information During the Summer Months:

Please note that the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority will be open during the summer months, with the exception of the following two weeks, July 26, 2010 – August 6, 2010. Please encourage parents to contact OSTA directly during the summer months if they have questions about transportation or changes to their children's address or caregiver information.

### Transportation Zones:

As you know, the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority has established four Transportation Zones within the City of Ottawa. These zones are: *West, Centre West, Centre East and East*.

If you are not sure what zone your school is assigned to please check our website at: [www.ottawaschoolbus.ca](http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca) and click on *School Directory* to display a complete listing of all schools and zones.

In addition to dedicated telephone extensions, each Transportation Zone now has a dedicated email address that parents may also use to communicate any concerns they may have regarding their children's transportation arrangements in the fall:

Transportation Zone	Telephone Contact	Email Contact
West Zone	(613)224-8800 ext 2383	<a href="mailto:west@ottawaschoolbus.ca">west@ottawaschoolbus.ca</a>
Centre West Zone	(613)224-8800 ext 2382	<a href="mailto:centre.west@ottawaschoolbus.ca">centre.west@ottawaschoolbus.ca</a>
Centre East Zone	(613)224-8800 ext 2381	<a href="mailto:centre.east@ottawaschoolbus.ca">centre.east@ottawaschoolbus.ca</a>
East Zone	(613)224-8800 ext 2380	<a href="mailto:east@ottawaschoolbus.ca">east@ottawaschoolbus.ca</a>

## Community News

### SonQuest Rainforest - GRAB A FRIEND AND SWING ON IN!

Jungle Location: Parkway Rd. Pentecostal Church 7275 Parkway Rd. Greely, Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm - July 12 – 16  
Plus Sunday closing.

Who's Gonna Be There? Everyone ages 4 – 12 JK as of Sept. 2010

Cost: ONLY \$10.00 FOR THE WEEK! Max. \$30.00 per family

Register today at 613-821-1056 or at [www.parkwayroad.com](http://www.parkwayroad.com) - Every year over 200 kids and 60 volunteers in ACTION!

### Just Kiddin' Theatre introduces summer drama camps in Metcalfe

For current participants who just can't get enough or for newcomers who want to see what all the fun is about, check out our new one-week drama camps in July. Participants will focus on acting techniques, improv, games and work towards performing a show for friends and family on the final day. Group 1 for ages 7-12 and Group 2 for ages 13 and up. Cost is \$175 per participant. Visit [www.justkiddintheatre.com](http://www.justkiddintheatre.com) for information and to register.

**STAGE Children's Theatre Group** - Registration is now underway for STAGE Children's Theatre Group for the 2010-2011 season. Space is limited. Please call Kerri Rossiter @ 826-6680 for details. ([www.stageonline.ca](http://www.stageonline.ca))

**The Metcalfe and District Ringette Association (MDRA)** – Ringette registration is now underway for the Metcalfe and District Ringette Association. Ringette is played by mostly girls, but boys are welcome too. There are programs for players from four to eighteen years old. Registration deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Register by May 31<sup>st</sup> for the early bird discount. In-person registration is 9:00 AM to noon on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Osgoode arena, and 9:00 AM to noon on June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Metcalfe arena. For all the details, please visit [www.mdra.ca](http://www.mdra.ca).

### Manotick Arts Camp

The Manotick Arts Camp is a summer performance arts program for youth ages 10-16. We offer specialized instruction in the areas of Music Drama Dance and Visual Art. The focus of the program is to stage a show that will be performed at the end of the two week day camp in a fun, relaxed and informative environment. The camp runs from 9:00-4:00 July 12-23, 2010. The Manotick Arts Camp has been in operation for 11 years, offering wonderful opportunities, experiences and memories for youth. Location: St. James Anglican Church, Manotick. Visit our website: [www.manotickartscamp.com](http://www.manotickartscamp.com), phone: 613 692-0162 for more info.

### Music for Wee Ones

Currently Accepting Fall registration for children aged 3-6 into Music for Wee Ones. Music for Wee Ones is an excellent introduction to music for young children and involves singing, movement and the playing of Orff instruments. Classes are at the Manotick United church. Check out the website: [www.manotickartscamp.com](http://www.manotickartscamp.com)

### Metcalfe Co-operative Nursery School

Registration Open for Fall

### Metcalfe Home Daycare Agency

Childcare subsidies are available - please connect with our main office at 613) 821-2899.

### North Dundas Summer Camps

All camps run from 9am until 4pm daily with drop-off from 8-9am and pick-up from 4-5 pm.

Magic Mixer - \$130.00 – July 5-9, ages 5 to 12 years, Winchester Community Centre.

Survival Camp - \$130.00 – July 12-16, ages 5 to 12 years, Winchester Community Centre

Adventure Camp - \$130.00 – July 19-23, ages 5 to 12 years, Winchester Community Centre

Girl Power - \$130.00 – July 26-30, ages 5 to 12 years, Winchester Community Centre

Earth, Wind, Water & Fire - \$100.00 – August 3-6, Chesterville Public School

Adventures in the Kitchen - \$130.00 – August 9-13, ages 5 to 12 years, Winchester Community Centre

True Sport - \$130.00 – August 16-20, ages 5 to 12 years, Nelson Laprade Centre – Chesterville

Water World - \$130.00 – August 23-27, ages 5 to 12 years, Nelson Laprade Centre – Chesterville

Swim Lesson Spectacular - \$290.00 – August 16-27, ages 5 to 12 years, Nelson Laprade Centre – Chesterville



### North Dundas Summer Camps – Day Trips

All camps run from 9am until 4 pm daily with drop-off from 8-9 am and pick-up from 4-5 pm.

Weds. July 7 – Old Town Hall Movie & Magician presentation - \$40.00

Tues., July 13 – St. John Ambulance Home Alone & Lifesaver – Winchester - \$60.00

Weds. July 21 – YMCA Camp Otonabee – Dunrobin - \$45.00

Weds., July 28 – Old Town Hall Movie Theatre (Girls only) – Winchester - \$30.00

Weds., Aug. 4 – Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary – Morrisburg - \$40.00

Tues., Aug. 17 – Karters Korner – Kanata - \$45.00

Tues., Aug. 24 – Calyso Water Park – Limoges - \$45.00

Package price for all 6 outings (excluding the movie for the girls camp July 28<sup>th</sup>) - \$270.00

To register for camps or day trips, please call 613-774-5699 or visit the website at [www.northdundas.com](http://www.northdundas.com) to download the registration form.