

COBDEN DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Mme. Lindsay's grade 6/7 class used some of the new cooking equipment that we received through an experiential learning grant to prepare habitant soup (pea soup). It was delicious!

STUDENT DRESS CODE

With the weather turning warmer, please help us promote a positive community culture. Remember our dress code:

Students are expected to wear acceptable school attire. To travel from room to room, and to be prepared for fire drills or emergency evacuation, each child should wear a pair of indoor shoes (please label them and do not purchase black soled shoes that leave marks). Everyone should dress appropriately for their age and weather conditions.

Unacceptable attire for our school climate include:

- T-shirts bearing coarse language
- halter-tops or muscle shirts with oversize arm openings
- spaghetti straps
- short shorts/skirts
- or other clothing of questionable taste for school wear (including advertising or items that explicitly or implicitly promote the use of and/or consumption of alcohol or drugs).
- Hats should be removed upon entering the building.

As further guidelines, "outerwear should cover underwear" and "the bottom of a top should meet the top of a bottom". Generally, clothing should not distract from the learning environment of the school and must not offend any staff or student. In such instances, school staff shall ask that the student change into, or cover up with, other clothing.

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to May and Education Week! Although we value every school day, Education Week gives us an opportunity to highlight some of the great happenings that occur at Cobden District Public School! Please take this opportunity to speak with your child about what they are learning in their classroom and acknowledge the great work our students do on a regular basis. While you are in the school, check out the various displays in the hallways throughout the school as well! Of particular note, Mrs. Crozier has put together a wonderful display of Cobden District Public School entitled, "A Peek Into Our Past". It contains displays, pictures and artifacts of our beloved school over the past several decades and is in recognition of the 50th anniversary of RCDSB. Check out some of the pictures— you may even recognize a face or two! It can be found at the front entrance by the office. As always, the last two months of school are very busy, both curricularly and extra-curricularly as teachers finish up this year's expectations. Plans are underway for many special 'in school' and 'out of school' learning experiences for our students with their classes, divisions and the school as a whole. I know I've said this before— fingers crossed that Spring will come!

Mary Ann Mulken, Principal



Leah Boudreau attended the Young Authors and Illustrators Festival that was held at the Canadian Aviation and Space Museum this April. This festival provides school-aged children with experiences of artistic excellence and creative process that awaken creativity. She had the opportunity to learn from some of the best children's authors and illustrators in the business. This opportunity is open to all children. Check out the following website for more information: www.masconline.ca

Class Placement

Requests for 2019-20

As we begin to put together a school organization for the coming school year, we always take into consideration any parental input on particular needs that their children may have. Our staff puts a great deal of time and thought into the class building process. Instructional needs, social/emotional needs as well as other factors, are all carefully considered. If you wish to share specific needs that best support your child's learning, please put them in writing addressed to the principal and email or drop them off at the school office **prior to May 16th**. This is **NOT** an opportunity to request specific teachers, as teaching assignments are not finalized at this time.

Attention: Parents & Guardians

If your child is not returning to Cobden in the fall, please let the office know as soon as possible. Similarly, if there's anyone planning to come to Cobden in September, please register for September as soon as possible. Since the number of teachers assigned to schools is directly related to projected enrolment, it is extremely important that we are as accurate as possible.

Thank you!

Follow us on
Twitter & on the

Web
@cobdendps

And check out our
website at [http://
cob.rcdsb.on.ca](http://cob.rcdsb.on.ca)

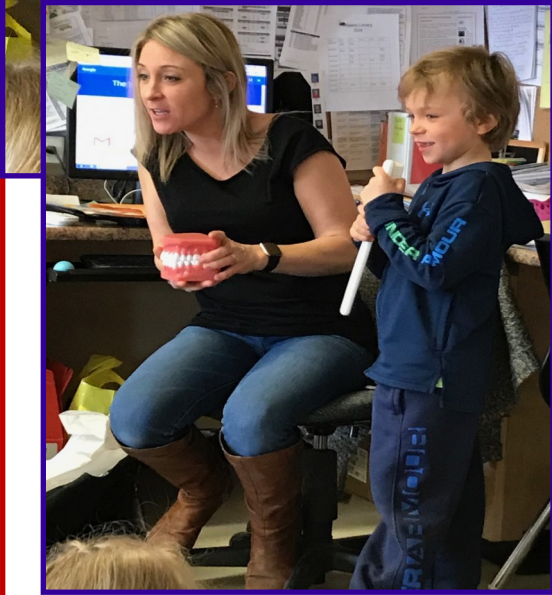
NOTE ABOUT MEDICATION

Reminder to Parents & Guardians:

Students are not allowed to bring any medication to school with them. Parents & Guardians are to bring it to the office and sign a consent form for the school office administration to administer medication. We just want to ensure another student does not accidentally take medication.



The kindergarten students in Ms. Mary & Ms. Trish's class enjoyed a visit from Ashley McConnell, Carter's mom, about dental health.



They also got out to enjoy the Spring weather with a little puddle jumping!



The Primary and Junior EQAO Assessment for Grade 3 and 6 students will take place the first block from May 21-June 3, 2019.

If your child is in Grade 3 or 6, it is important to avoid scheduling appointments during these times. Completion of all components of the assessment by all students ensures that the most accurate data for your child and the school is gathered. The results of the EQAO assessment provide important data on individual student achievement in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics.

These results are used by staff to identify areas of strength and need for individuals and the school. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.


Additional information may be obtained at the EQAO web site: www.eqao.com

Education Quality and Accountability Office
EQAO

PARKING @ CDPS

As you know, parking is a precious commodity at our school! Please do not park in the bus turning area, handicap parking section or no parking areas of the Annex parking lot, especially in the morning. We have children arriving by special vehicles and they need this area to safely exit their vehicles. As this is also where our walking Kindergarten children go to enter their yard, we ask that you park along Gould or Cowley Street and use our very capable Crossing guards!

For continuity of program: If you could synchronize picking up your child with the nutrition breaks and dismissal times, it would lessen interruptions to your child's learning and classroom. Breaks are 11:25-12:05 and 1:35-2:15 with dismissal at 3:45.



RENFREW COUNTY JOINT TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM

Is Your Child Going into Grade 1 or Grade 7?

If you have a child in Senior Kindergarten or Grade 6, please be advised that walk distances increase for students going into grade 1 and grade 7. You may visit www.onthebus.ca to use the **Am I Eligible For Transportation Tool** in order to find out if transportation will be available for your child's new grade.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Walk Distance to/From School</u>
Junior Kindergarten & Senior Kindergarten	0.5
Grade 1 to 6	1.6
Grade 7 to 12	2.5

MILK



The following items are available for purchase at Nutrition Break: at 11:25 am:

White Milk & Chocolate Milk .75¢

Milk Tickets - Available at school OR on-line

Milk tickets: 8 milk for \$5

BASKETBALL

Grade 7 Girls' Basketball



The Grade Seven Girls Basketball Team played at their tournament on April 17, at Opeongo High School. The players are wonderful ambassadors of Cobden School AND basketball, being exceptionally good sports on the court and off. The girls played very determined basketball all day and worked well as a team. On offense the girls passed exceptionally well, and

they were quite gritty while playing defense! In round robin play, the team defeated RCI and St. Thomas and lost to St Michael's and Walter Zadow. The 2 and 2 record placed them as the 3rd seed from their pool and matched them up against McNab in the quarter finals. Despite a great start with terrific rebounding, and being down just two at the half, McNab went on to win 18 - 8 and advanced to semi finals. St Joe's defeated Zadow in the championship game. Thanks to Mr. Fitzmaurice of Eganville School for convening. The team is comprised of the following players: Hailie B, Lily C, Bianca F, Alaina M, Madison O, Charlee R, Jasmine R, Brooklyn T, Jaime S, Lexi T and Keirstan Y.

Grade 7 Boys' Basketball



On Thursday, April 25th, our grade seven boys played in their basketball tournament at St. Joe's High School in Renfrew. Our team played the first game at 8:30a.m. against Walter Zadow. This team had many players with one major advantage in basketball; their

height. Although we persevered and had many excellent passes and plays, our team struggled to get our rebounds with each successive throw. Losing our first game did not discourage our team at all and many players capitalized on their ability to make some awesome passes and maintain strong agility on the court. Conversely, this was also evident in Cobden's ability to play as a "team", not only on the court but also from player's support on the bench. Unfortunately, our day ended earlier than we would have liked, but as in previous years, Cobden students demonstrated leadership skills, resiliency, and portrayed a sense of comradeship with each and every game played. Our team players were: Austen C, Riley L, Braeden S, Emerson D, Cooper C, Aaron C, Ryan Y, Oliver M, Jason M and Josh A. As always, we would like to thank all of our parents for their support at the tournament and in getting their child to many of our early morning practices. Thank you to all of the grade seven boys; you represented our school well.

Grade 8 Girls' Basketball



From left to right: Olivia M, Madelyn B, Kate M, Hailey C, Sam H, Hannah H and Hilary B. The grade 8 girls basketball team proved to be a great team to coach. We had a lot of fun working on skills and sharpening offensive and defensive skills. Although we were defeated at the tournament at St. Joseph's High School in Renfrew, our girls worked cohesively and played better as the day moved along. Well done girls and good luck next year!

Grade 8 Boys' Basketball



On April 18th, the Grade 8 Boys traveled to RCIS to compete in the annual RCEIAA East Basketball Tournament. In the round robin, Cobden defeated Walter Zadow 22 - 8, lost to St. Joseph's 18 - 12, defeated St. James 28 - 15, and tied RCI in a nail biter 23 - 23. The team finished second in their pool and advanced to the playoffs, where they had to play their rivals from Eganville, EDPS. Cobden won the game 29 - 19 and moved onto the semi-finals, where they had to play McNab. Unfortunately, they just came up short, losing 33 - 27. In their final game of the day, Cobden played St. Joseph's again in the Consolation finals, and even though they led for much of the game, ended up losing 20 - 15, to finish fourth overall. Team members were Wyatt D., Jake L., Liam B., Jacob C., Cordel F., and Liam O. You made your school and community so proud of the way you played. Thanks for a wonderful season!

Witches vs Princesses

School Play



Witches Vs. Princesses

A great big thank you to everyone who helped to make the school play Witches Vs. Princesses a huge success! What a wonderful cast and crew to work with. The actors, the backstage crew, the make up artists, the hair stylists, costume experts, props creators and the list goes on! What a great example of community. Thank you to the parents/guardians who made sure that all participants were able to get to and from practices as well as everyone who made costume, prop, and set donations. It was a magical experience!



Lions Club Orleans public speaking



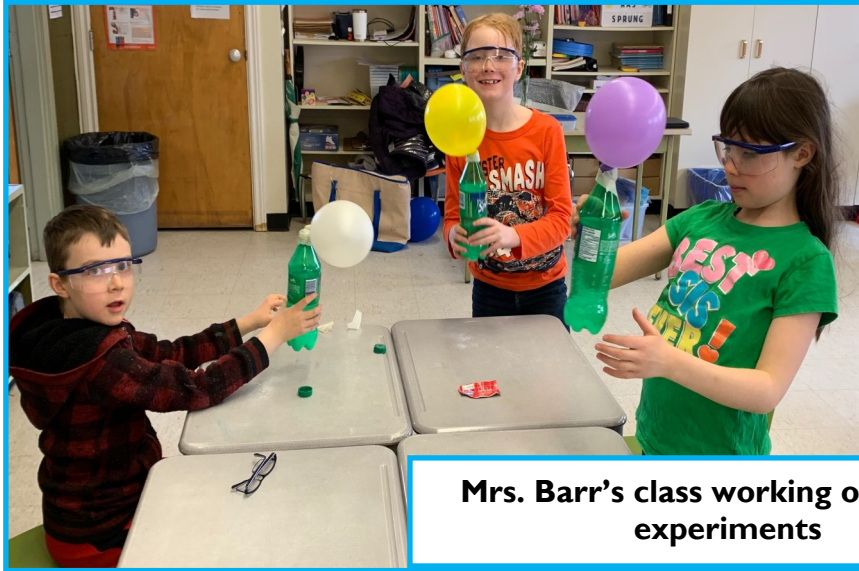
Congrats to Max H. He placed second on April 6th for public speaking. So he achieved three firsts and one second at four different legion competitions.



Ms. Mary & Ms. Trish's kinder class having an Easter egg hunt



Renfrew County Regional Science Fair



Mrs. Barr's class working on science experiments





50 KM Bike Ride | 9 A.M. | \$40

10 K Run | 9:15 A.M. | \$35

5 K Run/Walk | 9:30 A.M. | \$20

Kids Obstacle Course | 10 A.M. | \$10

Psst, students! The school with the most participants will receive \$500 to be used towards new athletic equipment!

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the Renfrew Lions Club



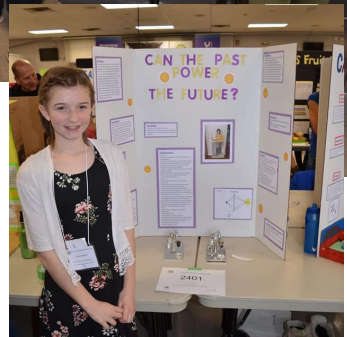
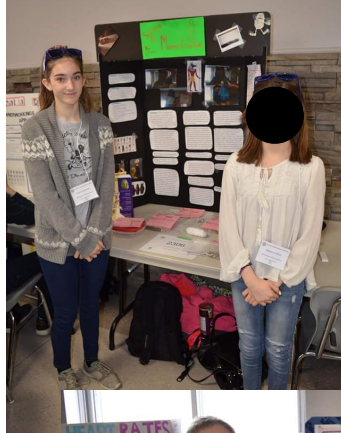
Register at www.events.runningroom.com and search for "Move for the Manor" or register at Bonnechere Manor

If you are interested in registering your child as part of the 'Cobden Public School' team please let Evelyn Turcotte (turcotte@rcdsb.on.ca) or Lindsay Stairs (stairsl@rcdsb.on.ca) know . All events are \$10 per student for youth. Parents/ guardians are responsible for transporting their child and supervising their child during the event on June 1st. When registering your child on line, there is a spot under open comments where registrants enter their school team name. We will have school team shirts available to borrow for race day.

REGIONAL



On April 6, eleven students took their Saturday to attend the Renfrew County Regional Science Fair in Petawawa. Cobden School had a very impressive showing of projects and tied for the most entries from one school. We also had great results. In Grades 5 & 6, Dallas and Winston won 2nd place in the Health Sciences with Danica placing 3rd. Abby received honorable mention in the Physical Science division. Autumn also had her project in this division. In Grades 7 & 8, Mya and Madi received honourable mention in Health Sciences with Scotia and Bianca getting one of the Judge's Choice Awards. Ali and Sam had tough competition against each other. Both projects were excellent and the judges had a difficult time deciding on a winner. Ali won 1st and Sam got 2nd. Ali also won the Excellence in Nuclear Research award while Sam won the Ontario Power Generation Award. Ali was also chosen as one of the 4 grand winners of an all expense paid trip to the Canada Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, New Brunswick for a week in May. Congratulations to all the participants. You represented our school very well. We hope to see continued enthusiasm and participation for next year's science fair. Good luck to Ali at the next level of competition!





Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium

Bus News

Spring/Summer 2019

Welcome to the spring edition of the RCJTC "Bus Stop News". This newsletter is intended to be a publication that will be distributed to all stakeholders to keep them informed of all ongoing or upcoming operational items.



Spring Flooding

Due to spring flooding in some lowland areas across Renfrew County, bus routes servicing both Renfrew County Catholic District School Board (RCCDSB) and Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB) may be altered with little to no notice to make accommodations for water on roads and or bridges. In some cases, the RCJTC receives notification of flooded and closed roadways and or bridges in advance by local public works representatives. In most instances, a bus driver will come across water on roadways and or bridges while on their route. In these circumstances, drivers are not able to determine if the road or bridge has been compromised and are instructed to turn around and not cross the flooded area for everyone's safety.

With student safety our top priority, the Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium (RCJTC) works closely with the School Bus Operators to keep students, parents and schools informed of the status of busing. In the event of flooding, parents will be contacted by the operator as quickly as possible if their children's address cannot be accommodated; all the while every effort will be made to secure alternative pick up and drop off locations as required during this event.

Once the flooding has subsided, the routes and stops will be reverted back to the way they were as soon as it is safe to do so. We appreciate everyone's support and patience during flooding events.

Check frequently for bus cancellations and/or delays via:

- [Website \(www.onthebus.ca\)](http://www.onthebus.ca)
- [@RCJTC_Trans](https://twitter.com/RCJTC_Trans)
- [Facebook \(RCJTC\)](https://www.facebook.com/RCJTC)
- [iTunes](https://www.apple.com/app/RCJTC) with iPhone App (verify with "RCJTC")
- [Google Play](https://www.google.com/play/store/apps/details?id=com.rcjtc) with Android App (verify with "RCJTC")
- [Email](mailto:rcjtc@onthebus.ca) to parents who subscribe for notifications (confirmation email sent within 3min)



...the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step



Is your child eligible for transportation?

Parents/guardians are responsible for finding out if their child is eligible for transportation. Elementary students must live greater than 1.6 km from their Board designated school to qualify for transportation...

1. Click on [Am I eligible for Transportation?](#) from our website
2. Enter your street number, street name, city/tpw, your school Board, grade, program if applicable and click on submit (the designated school will then be displayed).

Parents/guardians are to notify their school of all address/contact/sitter changes. The school then notifies RCJTC and students who are eligible for transportation will be assigned to a designated bus stop and bus route as determined by RCJTC. [Click here](#) to view procedure for making a change to your address (instructions outline the procedures for the regular school year and during the summer months from July-August).

Reminders:

- If changes have to be made to your child's information, parents/guardians must contact the school; school bus drivers are not authorized to accept changes from parents/guardians.
- Please arrive at your bus stop 10 minutes before your scheduled pick-up time.
- Leave something on the bus? Contact the bus operator directly ([click here](#) to see link to list of bus operators).
- School Bus Drivers Wanted! [Click here](#) to view list of operators in your area and to complete an on-line application.
- Find everything you need to know on the [Parents Toolkit](#) such as safety videos, information brochure, explanation of walk distance policy and link to the parent portal.



[Click here to save reminder of August 19th Date to your calendar](#)

Transportation Schedules for 2019-2020 School Year:

Transportation schedules for the upcoming school year will be available to parents/guardians online starting **August 19th, 2019** at www.onthebus.ca. Click on the '[Parent Portal](#)' link. You will need your child's OEN (found on their report card) to access this information. [Click here to save to your calendar.](#)

****IMPORTANT**:** Please note that school bus routes and bus stop times are subject to change prior to the school year and throughout the school year. Please visit the [Parent Portal](#) to confirm your information.



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The Happiness Advantage

FREE Keynote Speaker
Monday, May 6, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Renfrew County Parenting Network, in collaboration with the Renfrew County District School Board is pleased to host a very special keynote speaker for Mental Health Week.

**Please join us on Monday, May 6,
in welcoming Devin Hughes to
talk about
The Happiness Advantage.**

*Did you know that Happiness,
Optimism and Positivity can lead to
greater life success and reduce
anxiety and stress?*



Devin is from International Thought Leader Network and is knowledgeable about the latest in Positive Psychology for students in School Systems.

The Happiness Advantage

Our most commonly held formula for success is broken. Conventional wisdom holds that if we work hard we will be more successful, and if we are more successful, then we'll be happy. If we can just find that great job, win that next promotion, lose those five pounds, then happiness will follow.

Recent discoveries in the field of positive psychology have shown that this formula is actually backward. Happiness fuels success, not the other way around. When we are positive, our brains become more engaged, creative, motivated, energetic, resilient, and productive. This discovery has been repeatedly borne out by rigorous research in psychology and neuroscience, management studies, and the bottom lines of organizations around the globe.

**WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019
6:00 pm - 7:15 pm**

at

**Fellowes High School
420 Bell Street
Pembroke, Ontario**

To register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.ca/>

Share on social media using hashtag #RCDSBStressLess



School Cash On-line



For safety and efficiency reasons, the Renfrew County District School Board would like to reduce the amount of Cash & Cheques being brought to our schools by students, and the amount of classroom time being spent collecting fees. Items available to purchase online are milk, class trips, special lunches, and more. Click on the online payments tab on the left side of our website to see more information and step by step instructions. It's easy, convenient, safe and secure.

Dates To Remember

- June 4th Hamburger day
- June 6th Music night
- June 7th PA Day
- June 24th Grade 8 Graduation
- June 27th Last day of school
- June 28th PA Day



A busy morning in Kindergarten! Miss Gloria teaching Uno, Miss Crystal and Miss Megan teaching us about planting bulbs and Miss Katrina making waffles.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for September 2019

If you still need to register your child, please call for an appointment at 613-646-2271



Grade 8 Graduation

Monday, June 24th, 2018
@ 7:00 p.m.

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Cobden, Ontario K0J 1K0
Phone: 613-646-2271
Fax: 613-646-2194

Principal: Mary Ann Mullen
Office Manager: Janice McCambridge
Head Custodian: Madeleine Lippert

Ministry of Education Website
www.edu.gov.on.ca

UN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 HOT DOG DAY 	2	3	4
5	6 Epicure orders arrive Wear green 	7	8	9	10 Theme day: Slumber party—AKA PJ Day	11
Mental Health & Education Week						
142	13 Gr. 7 Immunizations MILKSHAKE DAY 	14	15 PIZZA DAY Options 2019 - Grade 8	16	17 PA DAY	18
19	20 VICTORIA DAY	21 EQAO TESTING Gr. 6 Language Gr. 3 Language	22 EQAO TESTING Gr. 3 Language Gr. 6 Math	23 EQAO TESTING Gr. 3 Math Gr. 6 Language	24 EQAO TESTING Catch-up	25
Grade 3 & 6 EQAO TESTING						
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