Dr. Ross Tilley Public School

June 2016

It seems that, all of a sudden, June is upon us and so, incredibly, is the end of the 2016-17 school year. As we reflect back over the year, we can see that it was a very successful year at Dr. Ross Tilley. As administrators, we see the dedication of our teaching and support staff who work together to facilitate conditions to foster student achievement and well-being. We also see, firsthand, the important role of our parents/guardians, working in concert with the school in fostering student success and happiness. Our commitment to helping each student fulfil their potential means that our students graduate with the tools to become good, solid contributing members of the communities in which they live.

So, as we complete the final leg of the journey that is the 2016-17 school year, we thank parents/guardians for choosing a KPR education for your child(ren) and for entrusting them into our care. It is a responsibility for which we are grateful and one that we cherish very much. To our students, thank you for all you have done to contribute to the life of your school. For those who are graduating and moving on to secondary education, may your journey be a productive and exciting one! We are honoured and proud to serve as your school Principal and Vice Principal.

It is with mixed emotion that we announce that, effective August, Ms. DiRenzo has been appointed as Vice Principal of James Strath Public School in Peterborough. Please see inside for further words on this.

Best wishes for a safe, happy, healthy, and peaceful summer.

Setina MacLean, Principal
Adrianna DiRenzo, Vice Principal

To all the fathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers and friends' fathers, from all the staff at Dr. Ross Tilley Public School:
A Message from Ms. DiRenzo

Tilley community,

It is with mixed emotion that I announce my departure from Dr. Ross Tilley Public School. Two years ago, I walked through the front doors at 45 West Side Drive as the new Vice Principal, and new to the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board. From that first day, I was welcomed enthusiastically by an impressive Office staff, phenomenal teachers, fantastic support staff, an awesome custodial team, supportive parents, incredible Senior Administration and trustees, and most importantly, amazing students! Spending two years at Tilley has been a true blessing!

The most beautiful things happen at this school each and every day, and that is because of all the wonderful people that work so hard to create a climate that is full of learning and growth, and supportive of the well-being, safety, and happiness of everyone in the Tilley “family”. I have learned so much by being here, and now it is time for my growth journey to continue. As I move on to James Strath Public School in Peterborough, I look forward to experiencing an even bigger school, meeting new people, learning more about the Peterborough area of our school board, and, on a personal note, being closer to home.

I will always hold a special place in my heart for Tilley, and I take with me many cherished memories. I wish everyone at Tilley only the best in all future endeavours.

I would also like to welcome my colleague Melanie Assing as your new Vice Principal. Melanie is a strong, caring, and passionate educator, who I know will serve your community well.

Because I am not fond of saying goodbye, I will say “see you around”, and hope that one day our paths will cross again. Take care Titans!

Adrianna DiRenzo, Med., OCT

Other staffing changes we are aware of to date...

- We would like to congratulate Jason Huffman who has been appointed Vice Principal at Kenner Intermediate School in Peterborough.
- We would also like to congratulate Fiona Lasenby who will be moving closer to home and teaching FDK at James Strath in Peterborough.

Your hard work and dedication to education will be truly missed at Tilley!

- We welcome Stephanie Heigh who will be joining our Intermediate Division, and Laura Griffin who will be joining our Kindergarten Team!
Reminder:
Volunteer Appreciation
Tuesday, June 6
9am-10am

Please let the office know if you plan to attend!

Thursday, June 8 at 6pm
Come and join us for the
Tilley Spring Concert

On June 16, Student Council will host a Beach Day!
They will be selling summer fun items (i.e., beach balls).
Watch for more details!

Supervision Before and After School

Just a reminder that in the morning supervision starts at 9 am. Please do not drop off your children prior to this time.

At the end of the day, the expectation is that students go home after dismissal. The yard is only supervised until 3:45, to ensure students leave school property safely.

Camp Kawartha

Our Grade 8 students enjoyed their year end trip to camp on May 29 - 31. A great time was had by all!
A big thank you

- To those parents who remember to telephone in their child’s absence to 1-866-740-2902
- To those parents who remember to send a note with their child if they are going to be dismissed early.
- To those parents who remember not to send medication of any type with their child to school unless proper forms are completed.
- To those parents who refrain from sending nut products or snacks that may contain nuts to school.
- To those parents who do not park in the bus lanes or fire route, and who park their cars properly.
- To those parents who volunteer on school trips and in classrooms.
- To all the parents who support their children with the completion of homework, in an effort to reinforce the learning that is happening within the classrooms.
- To all the parents who help their children arrive at school on time.
- To all the parents who have supported the various fundraising initiatives we have had throughout the year.

School Council

Elections for our School Council for the 2017/2018 school year will take place in September, as directed by government legislation. The staff and students wish to thank our School Council for their tireless work to support many activities this year. Please consider getting involved next year!

Please note that students’ Epi-Pens and medication will be returned to your child on June 29th, the last day of school. Please ensure to check their backpacks and review the expiry dates as you may need to renew the prescription over the summer. Forms for next year will be sent home shortly and are due back in September. Thank you for your cooperation.
Block the Sun, Not the Fun
Just a reminder to parents that as the warmer and sunnier weather approaches, children need to be protected against sun exposure. Please make sure your child(ren) wears a hat, keeps covered up, uses sunscreen, wears UVB & UVA protection sunglasses and drinks plenty of water.

Weather conditions are monitored during the school day for heat alerts and other unsafe conditions. Time and activities outdoors are adjusted according to this information.

SORRY
Dogs are not allowed on school property. This includes small dogs being carried. Please be respectful of the fact that some of our students, parents, and staff have a fear of dogs.

Class Placements and September Entry
Junior Kindergarten - Parents will be contacted by their child's teacher regarding their child’s specific start date/time. JK students are scheduled to start school on a staggered basis during the first week of the school year.

All SK's start on Wednesday, September 6.

Class placements for September will be sent home with the report card. On September 5th, which is the first day back for students, all returning or newly registered students will be met in the playground at entry time by their teachers, and escorted to their new classrooms. Signs indicating the entry door for each grade will be posted.

Teachers and the Principals have been spending a significant amount of time organizing the classes for next year. We have received a number of parent requests for their children’s placement and at this time, we are no longer entertaining additional requests.

LOST AND FOUND
The contents of the Lost and Found Box will be laid out on tables in the front foyer beginning the week of June 6. Please stop by and take a look, or encourage your child to do so. If something belongs to you, please take it!
All items that remain on June 23 will be donated to Bethesda House.

RETURNING SCHOOL BOOKS
As the year draws to a close students are reminded to return any books belonging to Dr. Ross Tilley Public School. Parents please assist your children in checking all the “nooks and crannies” for any books that may be hiding there. If any have our school stamp in them, please send them to the school. The last day for Library book check-out will be June 9. Please have all items returned to the library by June 14.

Report Cards
Your child’s report card will be sent home on Wednesday, June 28th. We wish to bring to your attention to page 3, called the Response Form. Please return page 3 to your child’s teacher on June 29th.

Last Day of School
The last day of school for students will be Thursday, June 29, 2016.
Heroes of the Week

- Raiden L. (SK) is always friendly with all of his classmates and treats everyone with kindness. He is always offering to help his peers whether it be zipping up their coat or spelling a word. He even took the time to help show a student how to use the Velcro his shoes to get them on faster. Raiden makes good choices and helps others do the same. He is a positive role model. Congratulations Raiden!

- Abbey B. (Grade 7) was nominated by several of her peers for being a great friend and always being kind. She holds the door for others (especially the little students), helps others with their work and stacks chairs after school. Great job Abbey!

- Marisa F. (Grade 4) took the initiative on Track and Field day to help tidy the outdoor space by picking up more than 100 pieces of garbage without even being asked to do it! Fantastic initiative and role modelling. Congratulations Marisa!

- Brooke C. (Grade 2) won two of the door prize baskets at the end of the Tilley Carnival. When she saw a child who didn’t win anything, she gave her Sundae Ice Cream Basket to them so they wouldn’t feel left out. Way to show kindness Brooke!

The New Mentality is a provincial network of youth and allies working to amplify youth voice to influence change within the mental health system and beyond. The New Mentality’s work is grounded in the belief that youth experiencing mental illness must contribute to building and improving the mental health system. The New Mentality network is comprised of youth-facilitated groups from across Ontario who work with partner children and youth mental health agencies in their communities to raise awareness of mental health issues, eliminate stigma, and improve local mental health services. A Durham chapter is starting on June 8th and will be hosted at Frontenac Youth Services in Oshawa. Dedicated adult allies will support youth to work together on projects throughout the year to promote meaningful engagement by empowering young people to concentrate on the work they are most passionate about. One of the focuses will be to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health. All youth aged 12 to 18 are welcomed, especially those with lived experience. The New Mentality is a program of Children’s Mental Health Ontario. For more information, please visit https://www.thenewmentality.ca/
Just a heads up for your June calendars that there will be an opportunity to celebrate Canada’s 150 years on Monday June 19. So far the rough plans include wearing red and white, a special assembly, and outdoor activities. We will keep you posted on more to come!

Congratulations to all Grade 3 and 6 students who completed EQAO!! Your perseverance and hard work is admired!

News from the Outdoors!
The garden club continues to work on the garden at West Side Park. The students have some seeds started for native plants and hope to transplant them soon. They will also purchase plants with thanks to the TD Friends of the Environment Fund. This garden is part of our learning about truth and reconciliation and our wish to learn more about the culture of the First Nations people and their respect and care for the land.

At the north end of the school the Tilley Habitat and Pollinator Garden has had many plants return this spring, including Black-Eyed Susans, Daisies, Pearly Everlasting and Prairie Smoke. We have already spotted butterflies in the garden! Soon the kindergarten classes will release their Painted Lady butterflies in the garden. Thanks again to OPG for supporting the garden project.

As a new experiment this year, we have planted some potatoes under the day care window. Thanks to some hard work led by students in grade 8 and assisted by younger students. Please keep an eye on our potato patch! Many students are interested in donating the potatoes to the food bank. We will keep you posted once the harvest comes in.

Last summer we had Tilley Tuesdays at 10:00am for weeding and watering. Many of our grade 8 grads earned Community Service hours over the summer by working on our gardens. It is very likely that this will happen again this summer. Please contact Mrs. Wise, Mrs. MacNaughton or Mrs. Flanagan at the school if you are interested in helping.

The outdoor classroom continues to be well used by our school and the community. Thanks to the students, staff and community volunteers for keeping the weeds and litter under control, especially as the nice weather continues.
June, 2017 – End of Year Transportation Memorandum from STSCO

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

The school year will soon draw to a close and, in looking ahead to next year I would like to provide you with the following information on behalf of your School Board and Student Transportation Services (STSCO).

**Accessing Student Busing Information** – For the coming school year, families can access busing information via STSCO’s website ([www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca)). After July 18, you will be able to log-in to the website, scroll down to the “Transportation Bus Lookup” link, click on it and check transportation information for children in your family. For security purposes, it will be necessary for you to have their OEN number (found on top right corner of their School Report Card). Busing information will then be displayed on the screen. On the website, you can also learn about bus safety, STSCO and student transportation.

**Bus Route Changes Over Course of Summer** – Each year, STSCO staff plan bus routing for over 26,000 students attending over 120 area schools. In order to meet the needs of all transport eligible students and to provide for effective and efficient transportation service, many route changes are made from year to year. Therefore, students and families are advised that their current bus route and stop could change before September as routes are planned for next year. For this reason it is very important that, leading up to September, you check busing information on our website at [www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca) periodically so that you are aware of any changes which may have occurred.

**Student Movement and School Change** – For students who may be moving over the course of the summer or who may be changing schools starting September 2017, please ensure the school your child will be attending in September 2017 has the most up to date information for your child prior to the end of June 2017. This will ensure STSCO receives those changes in our transportation system before posting the 2017-2018 Transportation Information on the STSCO website on August 1st. Once that is updated, then when a student or family accesses their bus information on our website at [www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca) after August 1st, the new information should be available and will determine your child’s transportation eligibility. If the change results in the student being within walking distance of the school of attendance, then the bus information will indicate they are ineligible and are a walker to school.

If you have any questions concerning any of the above information, please call the STSCO office at (705) 748-5500 or toll free at 1-800-757-0307 and speak with a Route Planning Specialist.

All of us at the School Board and STSCO wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to serving you in the fall.

Joel Sloggett, C.A.O.
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durham.ca/sunsafety

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.
June 1 - Grade 6 EQAO, Sub Lunch, Grade 2 at Peterborough Zoo

June 2 - Kindergarten at Ontario Science Centre, Grade 3 at Lang Pioneer Village

June 5 - Harper at Wilmot Creek, Intermediate Ultimate Frisbee

June 6 - Volunteer Appreciation 9:00 - 10:00 in the Library, Junior Ultimate Frisbee

June 7 - Lunch Lady

June 8 - Jump Rope For Heart, Pizza Lunch, Spring Concert 6:00 p.m.

June 9 - **PA Day (No School for Students)**

June 12 - Grade 4 at Blades of Glory, Rain date for Jump Rope

June 14 - KPREAA Track and Field Meet, Lunch Lady

June 15 - Pita Lunch

June 16 - Beach Day

June 19 - School Council 6:30 p.m. in Library - All are welcome!, Canada 150 Celebrations

June 21 - Lunch Lady, Willis at Darlington (Pen Pal Picnic), Student Council visits Dairy Queen

June 22 - Pizza Lunch, Grade 5 to movies

June 23 - CCSS visits Grade 8, Lost and Found donated

June 26 - Grade 8 Graduation

June 28 - Report Cards home

June 29 - Last Day for students

June 30 - PA Day

**Have a safe and healthy summer!**

**School begins again on** Tuesday, September 5, 2017