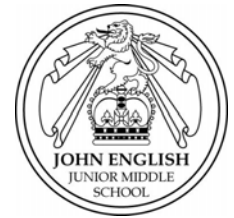




# Les nouvelles John English News



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### Principal's Message

It was great to see so many parents and families visiting the school during our Meet the Teacher/Curriculum evening on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Many parents had the opportunity to meet teachers and set up the communication between home and school, this is important to support our student's learning and achievement. I would also like to thank the many members of our school council who donated items for the bake sale that was held in the cafeteria as we began our evening.

We have now completed a month of school and our students have settled in to their new classrooms. Teachers have been completing preliminary assessments and our extra-curricular activities have begun. We encourage our students to participate in a variety of activities as this allows them to pursue interests inside and outside of the classroom. Our monthly calendar highlights many of the activities that are available for our students. This year we have begun to introduce our gym uniforms. For further information please see the article in our newsletter.

Our QSP fundraising event, organized by our parent volunteers began with a kickoff assembly on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> and runs until October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The money raised from our fundraising activities is used to help provide many activities for our students. Last year, some of the funds raised provided the opportunity for Scientists in the School, skating, theatre presentations and improved technology in the school. Thank you to all of those who were able to contribute through the purchase of magazine subscriptions.

C. Howe  
Principal

### Safe Arrival of our Students

The safe arrival and care of our students is very important. Parents, if you know your child will be absent, please call our Safe Arrival line at **416-394-4710** and leave a message with your child's name, teacher and expected return date. Please be aware that yard supervision begins at 8:35 a.m.

### Breakfast Program – 7:30 – 8:30 am

We are fortunate to have a wonderful Breakfast Program at John English. The Breakfast Club is open to all children attending the school. The program is free but we ask for donations from those who can contribute to help support the program. Drop by and pick up a registration form from the Coordinator in the Cafeteria.

### For Our Office Records

It continues to be important for our student information to be up to date and accurate. On the first day of school a number of forms were sent home for parents and guardians to complete. Thank you for taking the time to complete those forms and to return them to the school in a timely manner. We sent a copy of our **student data card** home during the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>. We have asked that you make any changes or corrections to the forms in a different colour and return the form to your child's homeroom teacher. Thank you to the many parents who have already completed this task.

#### Grade 7 Albion Hills Visits

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>: 7E, 7G, 7/8F (girls)

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>: 7D, 7H, 7B,  
7/8F (boys)

#### Grade 8 - Choices for 9 October 18, 2011

Learn more about a grade 8 student's choices for high school. The information session is scheduled for 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the school auditorium.

#### PHOTOS

**TTC Photos – Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**School Photos – Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Photo Retake – Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**

### Student Safety Patrol

Once again John English students will have the opportunity to be part of a safety patrol. Starting October 10<sup>th</sup>, Safety Patrollers will proudly wear their lime green vests and ponchos and will assist pedestrians using the crosswalk on Mimico Avenue just north of the school. The program is sponsored by Toronto police and all safety patrollers will be trained by Officer Rich Diodati. Safety Patrol is a fun leadership activity for grade 5 and 6 students and they look forward to a great year helping the John English community. When you see our Safety Patrollers at the crosswalk listen to them and thank them for looking out for your safety.

Tylar Forbes and Sophie Smith

### Parent Safety Program

Thank you to our parent volunteers who are assisting with our Parent Safety Program in the parking lot during our morning and afternoon hours. Your efforts to assist with our 'Kiss 'n Ride' program helps to avoid morning and afternoon congestion. If you are interested in assisting with this program there are still a few more opportunities. Please contact the main office.

### Plan 4 Change Summit

"Write your goals in pen and your plans in pencil."

On Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 the senior Young Women on the Move and the Boys to Men groups went to the first ever P4C summit. Through out the day there were four speakers; Jenn Heil, Sarah Taylor, Dave Kranenburg, and Sol Guy. They spoke about their plans and goals, from volunteering in Africa, to competing in the Olympics, or smaller but equally important goals like working towards stopping hunger in their community.

Each speaker brought their own ideas and shared their plans on how to make a difference in our global community. The students who attended this summit walked away having a better idea regarding how to make a plan to achieve their goals. They will work with their peers in order to make a change.

Do you have a goal? What's your plan? Our Young Women on the Move and Boys to Men groups will be setting goals and planning to affect change in our community and world.

Goal setting is a key element to success. During the month of September, we ask all of our students to set goals for their own achievement in the classroom. Our Young Women and Boys to Men are taking goal setting one step further. We look forward to the impact of their actions.

### Terry Fox!

Terrance Stanley Fox was courageous young man who fought and lived to make a difference. He unfortunately had cancer in his right leg and it was amputated in 1980. He went on a heroic marathon for 143 days with an artificial leg. He ran 42 km a day for a total of 5,373 km. His journey began in St. Johns, Newfoundland and he travelled all the way to Thunder Bay. His cancer spread to his lung and he had to end his Marathon of Hope. Nine months after his medical treatment, he passed away. Terry Fox is considered a national hero.

Students of John English Junior Middle School once again participated in the Terry Fox annual event. Our students walked from the school to the west side of Humber Bay Park to raise awareness for cancer, to raise money and to carry on Terry's dream.

WOW!! Way to go John English. Thank you very much to all the students who raised or donated money for cancer research. Thank you to all the students who showed their spirit and participated in the Terry Fox walk.

We raised a lot of money and did a great job. We should all give a big round of applause to all the teachers who helped organize the walk!

Terry is a warrior for humanity

By: Chantel Lane –Faulkner and Sonam Khangkar



## Physical Education News

We are well on our way to phasing in our Physical Education uniform for students in grade 2 to 8. Gym uniforms help to instil a sense of pride and community within a school. They also make it easier to be prepared for activities in the gym. Students who participate on some of our sports teams (i.e. Cross-country and Track and Field) will wear their shirts as they represent John English at these events. We have put together a package that includes 2 t-shirts and a pair of shorts for \$28.00. The uniform will be screened with John English Athletics and will be in our school colours, royal blue and gold. Although these uniforms are not mandatory, they are highly recommended for all of our students. If you would like further information about our school P.E. uniforms please contact Mr. Poyser or Ms. Marcil. Take pride in our school.



## From School Council

SAC is a group of John English parents that meet monthly. SAC welcomes all staff, students and families back to a new school year! We trust that everyone had a safe and wonderful summer vacation and that the students are ready for an exciting year. For those families and staff members that are just starting at John English - we welcome you and look forward to working with you. SAC is looking forward to starting another successful year by supporting and enhancing our children's educational experience.

SAC meetings are held monthly. The Principal, Vice Principals and a teacher representative also attend these meetings. SAC meetings are a great opportunity to participate in decisions that affect your children's school experience. Come out and meet other parents. Everyone is invited to attend our monthly meetings to keep informed. Look for the school that will outline activities, upcoming events and how you can help to support our efforts.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 pm in the library. Childcare is available. If needed please contact [sacinfo@johnenglish.ca](mailto:sacinfo@johnenglish.ca). Minutes from the SAC meetings can be found on the website [www.johnenglish.ca](http://www.johnenglish.ca). Hope to see you there!

## Class Rep Program

Parents who want to connect with their child's class are strongly encouraged to sign up for the class rep program. Each teacher will have a representative to help promote communication amongst class parents. This is a great way to stay informed and to stay connected. If you have not already indicated your interest, please speak to their teacher directly or contact the class rep network at [info@johnenglish.ca](mailto:info@johnenglish.ca)

## Coffee n' Chat

Coffee n' Chat is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month. This is a great opportunity to come and meet other parents at John English in an informal setting. Everyone is welcome. Coffee n' Chat will be happening Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Drop in between 8:15 am and 10:00 am in the teacher's lounge near the cafeteria.

## QSP Fundraising

**Our QSP fundraising is underway.** On September 21<sup>st</sup>, we began one of our major fundraising events of the year. Each student was provided with a fundraising package that was to be brought home and discussed with family members. This year we continue to work with the QSP organization to coordinate our magazine subscription fundraising efforts. There are daily announcements and prize draws for all students participating. Thank you to all those parents and family members who have already sent in magazine orders. Your participation provides opportunities for our students to take part in a variety of special activities and events. There are two ways to order your magazine subscriptions. You can fill out the paper forms that are sent home with your children and return them to your child's homeroom teacher or you can visit the QSP website [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca) and select 'Shop Now' from the Supporters menu. Use the **group code 9311**. You are able to shop online all year long, but for students to be eligible for prizes, orders need to be placed by October 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you again for all of your support.