



May 2017

The last two months are always such a busy time of year. We like to be able to send out reminder notices or information about changes through our School Remind. Most of the families at JLM have signed up, but there are still some folks who aren't "in the know".

If you have not signed up for JLM Remind, this is different from Teacher's classroom Remind, please do so by Text to: (778) 402-1126 Message @0a39f ("0" is the #, not a letter).

**Get all the latest in news that goes to the whole school.**

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JLM has submitted an application for an Ontario Volunteer Service Award to Patty, who has been a regular volunteer in the Kindergarten Division for the past 10 years. We are so pleased that her great work and dedication will be recognized at a ceremony this month where Patty will receive a pin and certificate acknowledging her service to our school community.

**Patty we are so very appreciative of the help you so generously give and are very happy for you!**

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#### **SAC news about our April 29 Ford Drive 4 School and Vendor Fair**

Saturday's Test Drive and Vendor Fair were very successful. Thank you to families and friends who came out to support our school. This is a great beginning for having funds to make new improvements to our yard.

Last month Parent Council supported Zumba classes for your children! Now let them show you what they learned and join in by coming to **Zany Zumba Family Night this Friday, May 5th @6:30-7:30 p.m.** (back of school, gym if raining). It's a FREE event with refreshments provided and a raffle. Everyone is welcome!

Our next SAC meeting is May 23rd @6 p.m. in the library. You're always welcome to attend.

A note from Mrs. L.: A special "shout" goes out to JLM SAC. This Committee has been pulling together to plan and execute some significant fund raising and school events this year. The Ford Drive program had well over 150 registered drivers, from a school with fewer than 300 students. That in itself is amazing! Ford Canada has issued us a check for \$3740. When you add to this the highly successful Chocolate Bar Campaign and Vendor Fair, and you will understand how well your SAC is working!

### 13 Reasons on Netflix

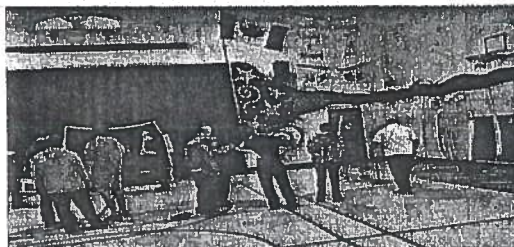
The Grand Erie District School Board has made public recommendations for parents and schools regarding the Netflix series 13 Reasons. Perhaps you have seen the article in the weekend Expositor or the posting on the Grand Erie website. The concerns revolve around the graphic depictions of sensitive subject of suicide.

A Parent Letter has been provided to each school, and I would like to provide that letter for parents who request it. I believe we can get information to families who need and want the info without having it get into the hands of very young children for whom the letter was not intended.

Please contact the school is you would like to receive the Parent Letter and it will be sent home in an envelope.

#### Ball Clinic

Using a series of five practice back stops, students in Grade 3 – 8 received instruction from Coaches to perfect their technique and swing at the Ball Clinic.



**French Café** Primary students were introduced to authentic French Café treats when the Junior students set up the classroom with flags, menus and pictures of Paris.

Student waiters and waitresses spoke nothing but French. What a great way to be introduced to French!

#### Important Dates

May 18- Track Day, 19- Field Day and Track Finals... May 23 - Rain Date

24 – Grade 8 to Destination College

26 – Jump Rope for Heart

29 – June 2 - EQAO for Gr 3 & 6

June 7 - Super Meet at Hagersville High School, Rain Date is June 8

9 – PD Day for Assessment and Reporting

13 – Freedom Runners, Rain Date is June 15

16 – School Fair during Middle Block at JLM

19 – 21 Gr 8 trip to Brock

23 – Last day of Breakfast Club

27 – Gr 8 Graduation

28 – Recognition Assembly and Family BBQ cooked for us by local Firefighters

#### THIS JUST IN .....

The Council for Exceptional Children Haldimand-Norfolk-Brant will be holding their Annual Recognition Ceremony on May 30<sup>th</sup> for outstanding individuals. This year two of our JLM community will be receiving awards:

- Educational Assistant, Mrs. C. Gloyd will be presented with the Paraprofessional of the Year Award, 2017.
- Grade 8 student, Braydon Tansley, will receive the Student Achievement Award for 2017.

Those of us who work with Mrs. Gloyd and Braydon every day know how incredible they are and whole heartedly agree that they are worthy of this significant recognition. Congratulations Mrs. Gloyd and Braydon!



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# Math Moments

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## Myths & Facts about Learning Math

There are a lot of misconceptions about math ability floating around. Let's get those out of the way.

**Myth:** Math ability is a gift. Some people have the "math gene" and others just don't.

**Fact:** There is no such thing as a math gene. Everyone can succeed in math. In fact, more than ability, a positive attitude towards mathematics makes deep learning possible.

**Myth:** Mathematicians solve problems quickly and never make mistakes.

**Fact:** Albert Einstein, one of the world's great mathematicians, once claimed, "It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer." If that was true of Einstein, then it shouldn't surprise us when we too make mistakes and need time to solve problems.

**Myth:** You have to be good at memorizing to be good at math.

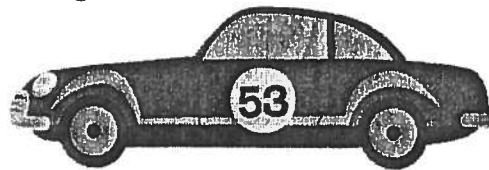
**Fact:** It is important for your child to be able to quickly recall math facts. But memorization is only one approach. When your child understands the concepts and procedures involved in number operations, and the relationships between addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, he/she will find it much easier to remember math facts and learn new ones. Math is more about *thinking* than it is about memorizing.

**Myth:** People who were taught math the old way can't make sense of today's math.

**Fact:** You can learn alongside your child, and strengthen your own math skills in the process. Ask your child to explain and show you what the class is learning. Children are great teachers, and explaining math concepts and procedures to you will help your child to understand them better. Also, ask your child's teacher for suggestions on how to quickly learn the strategies your child is using.

**Myth:** Doing well in math is only important if you want to be an engineer, doctor, scientist...

**Fact:** Math skills are needed in every career – from fashion design to filmmaking, baking to car racing. And everyone needs math skills to effectively manage his/her money and time. A strong foundation in math will open doors to a successful future:



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# SUCCESS for Every Student

A final word from SAC.... Put this one on your calendar 😊

On Wednesday, June 28th @11:00 a.m. please join us for our Year-End Family BBQ. Enjoy a hot dogs, cold drinks and special treats supported by Parent Council. A special thank you to Cayuga Fire Department for volunteering their time and barbequing for us.

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