



# Smithfield PS News

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**Late, Absences and Safe  
Arrival Parent Portal**  
1-844-434-8119



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have great news! The very popular EMPIRE CHEESE fundraiser is back! On Monday, November 4th we'll be sending home a package with a letter and 3 different order forms. You can order all the flavours of EMPIRE CHEESE in different sizes, you can order CURD, and you can order the gift boxes. The fundraiser starts on Monday, November 4 and ends Wednesday, November 20th. The cheese arrives at the school December 5th.

Our School Council has been hard at work already this year! They have purchased us new equipment for all our teams so they can practice and play with good quality stuff, they have purchased a new class set of library headphones for use with our technology, and they have purchased us some technology for our classrooms! We thank them for their support, and all of you, for supporting them in their fundraising!

Our second annual Kids Only Christmas Sale is on December 12th this year! We will soon be asking for donations and volunteers! This is an event that Grandparents might enjoy helping out with! It was an absolute joy to witness last year!

I want to take this opportunity to say a **HUGE THANK YOU!** We have two parents who run our three biggest programs in the school. Mrs. Zavitz puts in an enormous amount of time and effort into organizing and running our Breakfast Club program! There wouldn't be a program without her. Mrs. Workman organizes and runs our hot lunch pizza program and our milk program! These ladies also either help out with or run other fundraisers throughout the year, such as chocolate and Little Caesar's. They are also helping me with cheese. A BIG shout out of appreciation for these two parents. I really don't know what we'd do without them! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We appreciate the efforts of all of our parents, but these two in particular work tirelessly and are here almost daily for your kids! I will continue to highlight our hardworking volunteers throughout the year!

*Lisa White*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

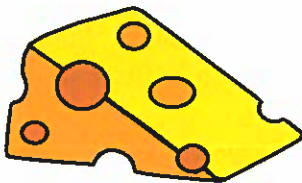
- Nov. 6 Grade 8s to ENSS for tour
- Nov. 8 Progress Reports go home
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day (ceremony at 10:20am)
- Nov. 14 World Diabetes Day
- Nov. 18 School Council 6:30pm
- Nov. 21 Pancake Day!
- Nov. 22 PA Day

## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Thank you for your patience regarding our Halenda's Peperettes late arrival. We are hoping they are delivered next week, but we have been told it could be November 15th. We will send them home as soon as they arrive!

## FALL FUNDRAISER

Empire Cheese! The package comes home Monday!



## CHRISTMAS KIDS SALE

Keep your eye open for information that will go home shortly about our Christmas Kids Sale. We will be looking for various donations throughout November from gifts to wrapping paper to volunteers. In the middle of December our students will get the opportunity to Christmas "shop" for a family member here at school. This is meant to be fun and not a fundraiser. An opportunity for our kids to select and give a gift. More detailed information will be sent home soon.



## SCHOOL PROCEDURES



### SAFE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

TIPS FOR PARENTS: When you child **will be late** for school, please enter them into the system as an absence. When you come into the school to sign your child in, an attendance correction will be made. The software system does not recognize when a child has come into the school and some students have been marked absent for the entire day due to not signing in. For **early departure** from school. Please come into the office and sign your child out of school. Again the software system cannot recognize when you child leaves school. Only the office can make attendance corrections.

Absence calls can be done by calling 1-844-434-8119 before 9:10 in the morning.

## SCHOOL CLOTHING

Christmas is Coming. What a great gift idea and promote school community by purchasing school spirit clothing for your student. Build your own style from hundreds of clothing choices and colours. Visit [www.entripyshops.com](http://www.entripyshops.com). In the search bar for an organization, type **Smithfield Public School**. As you type, the school name will populate. There will be lots of options for school spirit wear from shirts to hoodies, hats and bags. Portions of the sales are returned to the school at the end of the school year.



## LOST & FOUND

There is a lost and found clothes rack in the main hall. With the cooler weather here, it is starting to collect some sweaters. If you think your child is missing clothes please direct them to ask at the office or check the rack themselves.

There has been a watch returned to the office. If you think this belongs to your child please call or send your child into the office. Please give a description of the watch.

## PEDICULOSIS

Also known as head lice. This is a very common school nuisance. The spread of head lice can happen very easily from one student to another. Simply by sharing combs, hats and other items. Please check your children regularly for nits and head lice. Treat your child if you find any live lice. There are products available at your local drug store. Thoroughly wash all clothes and bedding in hot water or in your dryer on high heat for 1/2 hour. Vacuum carpets and couch surfaces and place children's stuff animals in a plastic bag for several days. Clean hair out of any combs and brushed. These can be placed into boiling water. Head lice can survive on a human host for **approximately 30 days**. They generally cannot survive longer than **24 hours** off the host. A female louse lays 3-5 eggs a day. The eggs hatch in **7-10 days** and it takes another **7-10 day** for the louse to mature and lay their own eggs.

## SCHOOL CASH

An Information sheet has gone home about School Cash Online. What is School Cash Online? It's a way for parents and caregivers to pay for school related items such as hot lunch and class trips without sending cash to school with your child.

If you are having trouble linking to your child, it may be an email address issue. Your email may be incorrect at the school, or you are using an address different then the one you have provided to the school. Please contact the school office. For other questions while navigating the school cash online system, you can call their parent helpdesk at 1-866-961-1803.

### How to Register

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

#### 1 Create Your Profile

Go to <https://syrdsb.schoolcashonline.com>

and click on "Get Started Today."

2

#### Confirm Your Email

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new log in details.

3

#### Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Day 2	2
3	4 Day 3	5 Day 4	6 Day 5 Gr.8s to ENSS	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9
10	11 Day 3 Remembrance Day	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 1 World Diabetes Day	15 Day 2 Progress Reports go home	16
17	18 Day 3 School Council 6:30pm	19 Day 4	20 Day 5	21 Day 1 Pancake Day!	22 PA DAY PA Day	23
24	25 Day 2	26 Day 3	27 Day 4	28 Day 5	29 Day 1	30