



WELLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that June is here! We are so excited to be learning in person and able to celebrate the end of our school year together as a school community. June will be a busy time of year as we wrap up our curriculum and celebrate the accomplishments of our year. As always, we have many wonderful learning experiences planned for the children this month. Parents are reminded to check notes, email, and classroom/school Facebook pages frequently for information regarding year end celebrations and special events. We want to make sure that all students can participate and enjoy the activities planned for their classes. Please ensure all permission forms are signed and returned on time – we don't want anyone to miss out!

June is Pride Month!

At Wellington, we are committed to providing and maintaining an educational environment that is free of racism and discrimination. We are also committed to ensuring that our students and staff are educated about the valuable contributions of all members of our society and have the knowledge and skills to identify and address prejudice, racism, and discrimination. During Pride Month, the UCDSB celebrates the significant contributions of our two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and asexual students, staff members, and families.

News from the Health Unit

Sun Safety: When the weather is warmer, we are more likely to spend our time outside. Studies have shown that sun exposure during childhood and adolescence is strongly linked to the development of skin cancer later in life. Children have thinner skin than adults, making them more sensitive to ultraviolet rays. A few serious sunburns during childhood double the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. Best practices to protect ourselves and our children are using the 5 S's: **Seek** – shade or create your own; **Slip** – on weather appropriate clothing that protects from the sun; **Slap** – on a wide brim hat that protect, ear, neck, and face; **Slop** – on SPF 30 sunscreen or higher; **Slide** – on some sunglasses to protect eyes.

Social Media Use

There are plenty of good things about social media — but also many risks and things young people should avoid. Children don't always make good choices when they post something to a site, and this can lead to problems. It's important to talk with your children about how to use social media wisely. It's important to be aware of what your children are doing online. The key is to stay involved in a way that makes your children understand that you respect their privacy but want to make sure they're safe. Some helpful tips for making good choices on social media include:

Be kind: Make it clear that you expect your children to treat others with respect, and to never post hurtful or embarrassing messages. Ask them to always tell you about any harassing or bullying messages that others post.

Think twice before hitting "enter": Remind young people that what they post can lead to problems. For example, letting the world know that you're off on vacation or posting your home address puts you in danger.

Follow the "Would Grandma Say?" rule: Teach children not to share anything on social media that they wouldn't want their parents, teachers, or grandmother to see.

Use privacy settings: Privacy settings are important. Go through them together to make sure your children understand each one. Also, explain that passwords are there to protect them against things like identity theft. They should never share them with anyone.

Don't "friend" strangers: "If you don't know them, don't friend them." This is a plain, simple — and safe — rule of thumb.

Important May Dates:

June 16th: Pride Month Spirit Day – Wear Rainbow Colours

June 17th: School Play Day and BBQ

June 19th: Father's Day

June 20th: Talent Show

June 21st: National Indigenous Peoples Day & Track Meet

June 23rd: Kindergarten Graduation @ 2:00 pm

June 24th: Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony @ 1:00 pm

June 27th: Last Day of School

