



EJPS Week at a Glance (Oct 26-30, 2026)

Chers parents,

This past Wednesday was ECE Appreciation Day, and here at EJPS we cannot be thankful enough for our amazing duo of ECEs. Mme Szabo and Mme Teasdale are incredibly skilled miracle workers who ensure our most vulnerable students are not only kept healthy and safe but they also support and take leadership to create a learning environment filled with wonder and joy. EJ staff, parents, and students love our ECEs!

As you know this coming Monday is a PA Day and teachers have started working on writing Progress Reports for their students. Those reports will be available on the parent portal on Nov 11th. It's important to remember that a Progress Report is NOT a Report Card. There have only been 7 weeks of school so far and at this point there hasn't been enough time for students to fully demonstrate their learning and for teachers to properly evaluate if their students have met (B- and above) or not met (C+ and below) the provincial standard in the various subjects and strands of the curriculum. Term 1 Report Cards will go home the week of Feb 15th and that's still a long way away! With that said, it's important to review the purpose of the November Progress Report. Essentially, it is an initial check-in and a feedback opportunity for parents to see how their child's school year is starting off and if their child is on track to success in the various subjects and learning skills. The Progress Report is a "heads up" of how things are going in the classroom so far. So, what information does a teacher use to give parents an accurate "heads up"? Teachers gather evidence of student learning from multiple sources (observations, conversations, & products), at different time points, and through multiple opportunities.

A Progress Report IS ...

- Informed by assessment for and as learning, as part of supporting the process of learning
- Intended to become a central part of rich discussions with students and their parents/caregivers, leading to proactive interviews or conferences
- Part of a positive culture of learning

A Progress Report IS NOT ...

- Evaluative (assessment of learning), including grades
- Predictive of final success in a subject or grade level

It's important to note that "Progressing with Difficulty" (PWD) on the Progress report does not necessarily mean your child is failing in a specific subject area. For example, while a child might be on track with their reading, they might need additional support with or opportunities to practise their written output (or vice versa). In other words, there may be a particular portion of a subject (and not necessarily the subject as a whole) where a student is progressing with difficulty. Hence the "heads-up". The Progress Report provides an opportunity for feedback, goal setting and timely interventions if needed. Your child's teacher will reach out to you if there is a concern.

Please see this message from our school board around additional Halloween costume guidelines in line with what I shared last week.

 Letter to UGDSB parents re Halloween 2026.pdf I also wanted to clarify the many questions coming my way about students wanting to wear masks to school on Halloween. Masks cannot be worn while walking on to and off the school grounds at admittance and dismissal times. While at school, masks cannot be worn at recess, lunch, or any other time without teacher permission. Masks will ONLY be allowed to be worn at school during costume sharing time IN the classroom. That might be at a circle time, or at their desks, or an in-class parade. Also, masks must allow for full vision and cannot be gruesome or gory or reference/depict any violence. I hope this clarification is helpful. We will be giving reminders throughout the week about costume guidelines to our students on the announcements and in the classrooms. Safety always comes first! So with that, thank you for your cooperation if you are in the position of negotiating with your child about a Halloween mask at school.

Below are some important letters about vaccinations from WDG Public Health:

[Junior and Senior Kindergarten Letter - Submission of Vaccine Records](#)
[Elementary Letter - Submission of Vaccine Records](#)

Here are a few reminders and important dates:

- Oct 26 > PA Day [October 26, 2026 PA Day Description - poster for schools.pdf](#)
- Oct 27-30 > Gr 3 CCAT practice testing
- Oct 30 > Spirit Day (Halloween/Black & Orange Day)
- Nov 2-6 > Gr 3 CCAT Testing
- Nov 5 > Eco Stars
- Nov 6 > Picture Retake Day
- Nov 8 > Diwali

- Nov 8 > Indigenous Veterans Day
- Nov 11 > Remembrance Day (details to follow)
- Nov 11 > Progress Reports go home
- Nov 16-20 > Anti-Bullying Week
- Nov 17 > School Council in the library at 6:30 PM

Messages from the office:

- November Food Orders have been posted - Closing Wednesday, Oct 28th @ midnight. **NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.**

Have a wonderful weekend and see you on Tuesday!

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