

### **School Health Resource Guide**

The School Health Resource Guide and Calendar includes a list of recommended resources and Public Health services to support elementary teachers and schools in creating a healthy classroom and school environment.

It can be used to support Health and Physical Education (H&PE) curriculum instruction and school health initiatives.

For more information and support with H&PE curriculum topics, resources, and school health initiatives contact our School Health Curriculum Resource Line.

### **School Health Curriculum Resource Line**

1-800-265-7293 ext. 4111 schoolhealth@wdgpublichealth.ca

### **Connect with us Online!**

Follow Let's Talk Parenting on Twitter and Facebook for resources, information and more on health topics for children.





### School Health Kits & DVDs

Public Health interactive kits and DVDs are available for loan from your local library. To book a kit or DVD, visit the online catalogue of your nearest library.

- Guelph Public Library www.guelphpl.ca
- Wellington County Library www.wellington.ca/library
- Orangeville Public Library www.orangeville.ca/orangeville-public-library
- Grand Valley Public Library www.townofgrandvalley.ca/library
- Shelburne Public Library www.shelburnelibrary.ca
- Terry James Resource Centre (UGDSB teachers)
   www.ugdsb.on.ca/terryjames/ (search under the Video & Kit Library)

### **Ophea H&PE Curriculum Resources**

Curriculum-linked lesson plans, assessment tools and resources are available at hpe.ophea.net.

Create a login account with your school board email address.

# Important Public Health Contacts for Schools 1-800-265-7293

### School Health Curriculum Resource Line ext. 4111

Information about H&PE curriculum topics and resources, and healthy schools.

### Clinical Services

ext. 4744

Free and confidential sexual health services and counselling; testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections and HIV; international travel advice (for a fee).

### Oral Health Services

ext. 2661

Information about oral health, school dental screenings, fluoride varnish, and free dental care for eligible children and youth.

### Tobacco Enforcement ext. 4664

Report smoking and vaping on school property.

### Reportable Diseases & Outbreaks

ext. 4752

Report a disease of Public Health Significance or an unusual increase of illness; obtain information on infection prevention and control.

### **Vaccinations**

ext. 4746

Information about vaccines required for school attendance and grade 7 clinics. Parents/
Guardians are responsible for reporting their child's immunizations directly to Public Health. Immunization Connect Ontario can be used to report vaccines and view or print electronic records at www.immunizewdg.ca.

### Visual Health

ext. 3616

Information about school-based vision screening for senior kindergarten students and help with accessing visual health services in the community. All children and youth (0-19) are eligible for a free major eye exam with an optometrist every 12 months through OHIP.

### Let's Talk Parenting

ext. 3616

Call Let's Talk Parenting to speak with a public health nurse about pregnancy, breastfeeding, parenting, and child health.

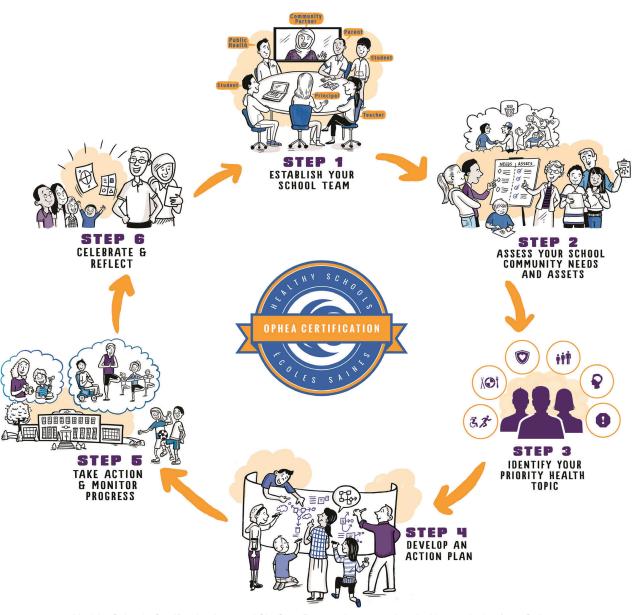
### Food Safety

ext. 4753

Food safety information for planning school events (e.g. BBQ, fair).

### **Healthy Schools**

The Healthy Schools initiative is a partnership of educators, students and the community that is designed to promote the physical, emotional and social health of the school community.



A Healthy Schools approach follows a six-step process and uses the Ministry of Education's Foundations for a Healthy School framework. The purpose is to engage the whole school community to take action on health topics that are important to them.

### **Becoming a Healthy School:**

- Enhances physical, emotional and social health
- Improves academic achievement
- Improves student, family and community engagement
- Complements school improvement plans

### How can your school get involved?

Talk to your school administration and follow the six-step process.

Call Public Health at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4111 or e-mail schoolhealth@wdgpublichealth.ca for support and resource recommendations.

Register with Ophea's Healthy Schools Certification initiative. Visit ophea.net/HSCertification.

To view the Ministry's framework, click Foundations for a Healthy School at edu.gov.on.ca/eng/healthyschools.

### Don't miss out!

Apply by Nov. 15, 2019 for a \$200 grant from Public Health to support your school. Visit www.wdgpublichealth.ca/healthyschool

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### September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labour Day	Ophea Healthy Schools registration opens ophea.net/HSCertification Fresh from the Farm fundraising begins freshfromfarm.ca	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Terry Fox Day terryfox.org	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	Rowan's Law Day ontario.ca/concussions	Terry Fox National School Run Day terryfox.org	Last day to enrol in Fresh from the Farm freshfromfarm.ca	World Rabies Day
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### **Physical Activity**

Introduce children to a variety of physical activities. This will help improve their confidence, motivation and movement competence, making them more likely to be active and healthy for life.



### **Programs**

 WDG Active & Safe Routes to School. Resources and a school travel planning toolkit to encourage walking or biking to school. Visit ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca.

#### **Resources**

- 24-Hour Movement Guidelines for Children and Youth. Physical activity, sedentary behaviour and sleep guidelines for children. csepguidelines.ca
- Active for Life. Activities and lesson plans to develop physical literacy. activeforlife.com
- Build Your Best Day. Interactive tool to help children plan a day with the suggested amount of Sweat, Step, Sleep and Sitting to be healthy. Educator resources available. buildyourbestday.com
- Canadian Intramural Recreation
   Association. Programs and intramural resources for school physical activities. ciraontario.com
- Have a Ball Together! Physical activity and physical literacy resources for grades K-1. haveaballtogether.ca

#### **Public Library Resources**

• Pedometers. Borrow a class set.

### October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		International Walk to School Month	International Walk to School Day ontarioactiveschooltravel. ca/international-walk-to- school	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	Fresh from the Farm orders due freshfromfarm.ca	12
13	14 Thanksgiving Day	15	World Food Day fao.org/world-food-day	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Food & Friends Great Big Crunch	Ophea Healthy Schools registration closes ophea.net/HSCertification	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# Disease Prevention & School Vaccinations

Promoting good hand hygiene is one of the most effective ways to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others.

To attend school in Ontario, all students must have an up-to-date immunization record or an exemption on file with Public Health.

# You're the Chef Start a You're the Chef cooking program in your school to help youth ages 10 and up develop confidence and skills while they make tasty recipes emphasizing

fruits and veggies! Email

schoolhealth@wdqpublichealth.ca

#### **Services**

- Immunization Reporting. Parents and guardians can view and update their children's vaccinations securely through immunizewdg.ca. For questions about updating vaccination records call 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4396.
- Vaccine Information. Speak with a public health nurse about vaccines required for school attendance, publiclyfunded vaccines and school clinics. Call 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4746.
- Grade 7 Vaccination Program. Public Health offers meningococcal, hepatitis B and human papillomavirus vaccines at school. Find out your school's clinic dates at wdgpublichealth.ca/schools.

#### Resources

- Childhood Illness Reference Guide for Schools and Child Care Centres.
   Information on common infectious diseases in schools, including a section for staff on infectious diseases of concern during pregnancy.
   Look for your school copy or visit wdgpublichealth.ca/schools.
- Vaccines for Children at School.
   Ontario's vaccination schedule for children attending school.
   ontario.ca/page/vaccines

### **Public Library Resources**

GlitterBug Hand Washing Kit.
 Interactive germ-detector activity that promotes hand hygiene.

Please note that

### November 2019

all flu clinic dates are						
subject to change. Visiwww.wdgpublichealth.c		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	Flu Clinic 15:00-19:00 WDG Public Health 180 Broadway, Orangeville	Flu Clinic 15:00-20:00 WDG Public Health 160 Chancellors Way, Guelph	8	9
10	<b>1 1</b> Remembrance Day	Flu Clinic 15:00-19:00 WDG Public Health 490 Charles Allan Way, Fergus	Flu Clinic 15:00-20:00 WDG Public Health 160 Chancellors Way, Guelph	14	WDGPH Healthy Schools grant applications due wdgpublichealth.ca/ healthyschool	16
17	Flu Clinic 15:00-19:00 WDG Public Health 490 Charles Allan Way, Fergus	19	Flu Clinic 15:00-19:00 WDG Public Health 180 Broadway, Orangeville	Flu Clinic 15:00-20:00 WDG Public Health 160 Chancellors Way, Guelph	22	23
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# Positive Mental Health

Create a social and physical environment in your classroom that promotes positive mental health and enhances emotional well-being for students to thrive.

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#### **Programs**

- Here 24/7: 1-844-HERE-247. Intake line for children and youth needing addictions, mental health or crisis services. here247.ca
- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868.
   Confidential counselling service for children and youth. kidshelpphone.ca

#### Resources

- Beyond Images. Lesson plans for grades 4-8 on media literacy, body image messaging and building self-esteem. beyondimages.ca
- Canadian Mental Health Association.
   Information and resources on stress,
   mental health and mental illness. cmha.ca
- Kids Have Stress Too! Lessons to help students understand, identify and manage stress in healthy ways. Toolkits for grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9. Click "Resources" then "KHST Download." psychologyfoundation.org
- Level Up. Ophea resource on mental health, nutrition, substance use, addictions and related behaviours.
   Browse "mental health" at teachingtools.ophea.net.
- MindMasters. Activities to help children build positive living skills. Includes adult instructional videos (grades K-4). cheo.on.ca/en/MindMasters2
- Teach Resiliency. Practical tools for teachers about creating healthy spaces, promoting belonging, building resilience and mental health literacy. porticonetwork.ca/web/teach-resiliency

### December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Christmas Break	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31				

### **Substance Use**

Prevention education in elementary school can prevent substance use by giving children the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy, informed decisions.



#### **Stressful Times**

In small groups, have students discuss how modern-day stressors are different from the stressors that our ancestors had to face (e.g. stress of receiving an upsetting text versus an attacking wild animal). Use this to illustrate how stress can be useful or harmful as well as the role our emotions play in the stress response.



#### **Programs**

• MADD. Educational programs to prevent drug and alcohol-related automobile crashes (grades 7-8). Search "school programs" at madd.ca.

#### Resources

- E-cigarette Resources. Powerpoint presentation, posters and factsheet for grades 7-8. Look under "Curriculum Resources" at wdgpublichealth.ca/schools.
- Cannabis Information Sheet for Educators.
   Search "cannabis info for educators" at smh-assist.ca.
- Prescription Opioids Information Sheet for Educators. Search "opioid info for educators" at smh-assist.ca.
- Media Smarts. Lesson plans on tobacco and alcohol marketing (grades 4-8).
   mediasmarts.ca/teacher-resources
- Project ALERT. Lesson plans to prevent students from experimenting with substances and from becoming regular users (grades 7-8). www.projectalert.com/account
- Smoking Isn't Cool Toolkit. Lesson plans on smoking prevention (grades K-5).
   peelregion.ca/health/tobacco/toolkit
- Talking About....Series. Activity guides to support discussions on vaping, tobacco and cannabis (grades 7-8). Search "talking about series" at <u>lungontario.ca</u>.

### **Public Library Resources**

 iDrive: Road Stories DVD. Video about the risks and consequences of unsafe, aggressive and impaired driving (grade 8). Available online in English and French at www.arrivealive.org/idrive.

### January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 National Non-Smoking Week	20	21	<b>22</b> Weedless Wednesday	23	24	25
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### **Human Development**

For a healthy understanding of the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty, children need accurate and reliable information about their growth and development.



### Resources

- Always Changing. Resources on puberty, personal hygiene, self-esteem, body image and overcoming barriers to participation in physical activity (grades 5-8). Click "Supplements" at teachingtools.ophea.net.
- SHORE Centre. Information, games, quizzes, activities and videos to support lesson plans on puberty, relationships, diversity and many more topics (grades 4-8).

shorecentre.ca/teachers/

- Dove Self-esteem Project. Lesson plans, activity sheets, workshop resources and videos for grades 5-8.
   Click "Teachers" at selfesteem.dove.ca.
- Kids Health in the Classroom. Lesson plans on personal health, the human body, relationships and puberty (grades K-8). classroom.kidshealth.org

### **Public Library Resources**

- Body Talk DVD. Medical professionals and students challenge societal messages about health, weight and beauty. Topics include body image, selfesteem and healthy eating (grades 7-8).
- The Puberty Game. Interactive game to help students understand the changes during puberty. Topics include nutrition, exercise, hygiene and physical changes (grades 5-8).

### February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> Groundhog Day	3	4	Winter Walk Day ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca	6	7	8
9	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week srhweek.ca	11	12	13	Ophea Healthy Schools mid-year report due ophea.net/HSCertification Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Family Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

### **Healthy Eating**

Positively influence students' eating habits by: teaching them that healthy, nutritious food provides energy to learn, grow and be active; role modelling healthy eating habits; and avoiding rewarding students with food.



#### **Programs**

- Food & Friends. School breakfast, lunch and snack program.
   Contact anita@childrensfoundation.org.
- Fresh from the Farm. Raise funds for your school by selling fresh, Ontario-grown produce. freshfromfarm.ca

#### Resources

- New Canada's Food Guide. Order your free supply of Canada's Food Guides as well as posters.
  - Visit <u>food-guide.canada.ca</u> or call <u>1-866-225-0709</u>.
- Ontario Edible Education Network.
   Encourage children and youth to eat, grow, cook, and celebrate local and sustainable food.
  - sustainontario.com/work/edible-education
- UnlockFood.ca. Information, recipes, videos and resources on children's nutrition and healthy eating. Search "School Health" at unlockfood.ca to get started.

### **Public Library Resources**

- Buzz in a Bottle: The Dangers of Caffeine-Spiked Energy Drinks DVD (grades 7-8).
- How Does Your Fat/Salt/Sugar Stack Up?
   3 separate displays (grades 1-8).
- How Sweet Is This? Interactive Display (grades 1-8).
- The Eat Well Plate. Illustrates how to make healthy meals and snacks (grades 1-8).
- A Quick Cup of Empty Calories Kit. Fun game about sugar/fat in caffeinated drinks (grades 5-8).

### **March 2020**

Check foodshare.net for the date of	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Great Big Crunch	2	3	Elementary immunization suspension orders delivered to principals for distribution.  wdgpublichealth.ca/schools	5	Help kids live free from hunger campaign livefreecampaign.ca	7
8	9	10	Elementary immunization suspension day wdgpublichealth.ca/schools	12	13	14
15	16  March Break	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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### **Oral Health**

Oral health is an important part of students' overall health and well-being. Public Health has free dental programs for children and youth that can help keep their mouth healthy. Oral health issues can lead to problems with eating, speaking, playing and learning.



#### **Services**

- Public Health Dental Screenings.
   Screening for oral health issues. For children 0-17.
- Preventive Dental Care. Free services for eligible children and youth including dental cleanings, fluoride varnish, sealants and oral hygiene education. For children 0-17.
- Regular and Emergency Dental Care (Guelph location). Free services for eligible children and youth including check-ups, x-rays, fillings and extractions. For children 0-17.
- School Dental Screenings. Dental hygienists check students' teeth and inform parents of any oral health issues (e.g. large cavities). Grades vary.
- School Fluoride Varnish. Dental professionals provide fluoride varnish applications at select schools. Fluoride varnish is a protective coating that is painted onto the teeth. It helps strengthen teeth and prevent cavities.

#### Resources

- Canadian Dental Hygienist
   Association. Information to help children learn about good oral health. dentalhygienecanada.ca
- Ontario Dental Association. Information on many topics such as healthy snacking and nutrition. youroralhealth.ca
- Oral Health Education Guide.
  Resources, fact sheets and games that
  support curriculum subjects (grades 1-8).
  Search for the guide at halton.ca.

For more information about our free dental programs, call the Dental Line: 1-800-265-7293 ext. 2661.

### **April 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Spring into Spring: Platevent during April.  ontarioactiveschooltrav			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday	13 Easter Monday	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	Earth Day	23	Ophea Healthy Schools final report due ophea.net/HSCertification	25
26	27	28	29	30		

### **Sexual Health**

The goal of sexual health education is to provide accurate information and build skills to enable youth to develop healthy relationships and make informed decisions as they transition into adulthood.



#### Resources

- Action Canada for Sexual Health & Rights. Information about relationships, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation and STIs (grades 7-8). srhweek.ca
- Sex and U. Information, handouts and diagrams on puberty, consent, contraception, STI prevention and sexual well-being (grades 4-8). sexandu.ca
- SHORE Centre. Information, games, quizzes, activities and videos to support lesson plans on relationships, consent, diversity, STIs, birth control and many more topics (grades 4-8).
   shorecentre.ca/teachers/

### **Public Library Resources**

- Am I Ready? Making Healthy Sexual Decisions DVD. Health experts and teens discuss healthy sexual decision making. Topics include healthy relationships, contraception, unplanned pregnancies and STIs (grades 7-8).
- Before You Hook Up: Dating Rights and Responsibilities DVD. Explores the essentials of a healthy partnership; addresses dating abuse and violence (grades 7-8).
- Birth Control Kit. Birth control samples and game to help students in grades 7-8 learn about different forms of contraception. Only available at the Terry James Resource Centre.

### **May 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	Mental Health Week	5	Fresh From the Farm enrolment begins freshfromfarm.ca	7	8	9
10	Sun Awareness Week dermatology.ca	12	13	14	15	Safe Boating Awareness Week csbc.ca
17	18 Victoria Day	19	20	21	22	23
24 31 World No Tobacco Day who.int/tobacco	Bike to School Week ontarioactiveschooltravel. ca/bike-to-school-week	26	27	28	29	30

# Personal Safety & Injury Prevention

Teaching students to recognize, assess and manage risk prepares them to make safe and informed decisions.



#### **Programs**

• **Swim to Survive.** School grant program for grade 3. Teaches deep water survival skills. lifesavingsociety.com

#### Resources

- Concussions. Information for educators and coaches on concussion safety and management: videos, infographics, safety guidelines, policies and tools. ontario.ca/concussions
- ConnectED & CyberCops. Interactive lesson plans on internet safety and bullying for grades 4-8. Click "Lesson Plans" at teachingtools.ophea.net.
- Fire Prevention Canada. Fact sheets and resources. fiprecan.ca
- Ministry of Transportation. Bicycle, pedestrian, car and school bus safety. mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety
- Rabies Colouring Book. Activities on wildlife safety and rabies prevention (grades 2-3).
   Download from the "Curriculum Resources" section at wdgpublichealth.ca/schools
- Safety with Radar the Dog. Activity books about indoor and outdoor safety (grades 1-3).
   Search "Safety with Radar" at canada.ca.
- SunSense. School program with tools to educate students about sun safety practices, enhance shade at school, and develop sun safety policies. Search "SunSense" at cancer.ca.

#### **Public Library Resources**

 GlitterBug Hand Washing Kit. Interactive germ-detector activity that promotes hand hygiene.

### **June 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	Local Food Week ofa.on.ca/event/ local-food-week Safe Kids Week parachutecanada.org	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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