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## Things To Do

### Visit Dundurn Castle

Experience a guided tour of this 40 room Italian-style villa built in the 1830's on Burlington Heights.



JAPANESE CANADIAN  
CULTURAL CENTRE  
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### The JCCC Annual Bazaar

Baked goods, books, toys, & more!

**May 5, 12:00-4:00**

Pine Tree  
Potters' Guild  
Spring Pottery  
Sale

May 3rd— 6th  
Aurora Cultural  
Centre



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Thanks for the  
recommendation,  
Mr. S!

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Garden or amazing  
shipwrecks in Ontario

Click [here](#) to find a diving  
club.

## LEARN TO CAMP THIS SUMMER!!!

Ontario Parks has a **Learn to Camp** program. You can learn online through their website, attend a community event, or join them for an overnight camping experience with a guide!

You will experience one of Ontario's beautiful provincial parks, and have an amazing camping adventure without having to buy equipment or know what you are doing!!!

Click on the picture to get more information or to sign up.



- Put up a tent!
- Build a campfire!
- Roast a marshmallow!

## Dates to Note in May and June:

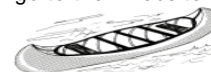
Sunday May 13	Mother's Day	Do something special with your mother to show her how much you love & appreciate her!
Monday May 21	Victoria Day	Schools and most businesses are closed. First official long weekend (May 2-4) of the summer!
Sunday June 17	Father's Day	Do something special with your dad to show him how important he is!
Thursday June 21	First day of summer	Time to do things outside and enjoy the warm weather!!!

June 26 is

### Canoe Day!

Get out and paddle a canoe, or visit the **Canoe Museum** in Peterborough, Ontario.

Click on the canoe to go to their website!



## Frost Free Gardens Begin May 24th

Canadians love to spend time outdoors. We often use our backyards or balconies as an extra room. We love to surround a patio table with fragrant, colourful plants. It's nice to attract butterflies or cut some fresh chives from a planter of herbs by the door. The Greater Toronto Area has Plant Hardiness Zones ranging from as warm as 7a to 5b. Knowing your Plant Hardiness Zone could really help your garden thrive. Check the tag that comes with the plants at the nursery, or ask the staff. Click the flowers for an interactive map that you can check.



## WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER?

### English Matters...

- ✓ Hosted a cooking class of traditional Canadian food: Tourtiere & Butter Tart Muffins – Yum!
- ✓ Arranged for a group of students to take part in a lamplight maple sugar tour
- ✓ Helped a student understand all of the services available at a local grocery store



How can **ENGLISH** ..... matters help you???

## Did You Know?

### Beginner



The beaver is  
Canada's  
national animal.  
It is on the  
nickel  
(5 cent coin).

### Intermediate

Beavers cut down trees with their teeth.

They use the trees to make dams. The dam creates calm water.

The beaver builds its home in the calm water. It is called a lodge.


(Click the picture to see the beaver build a dam).


### Advanced

The beaver is the largest rodent in North America. It lives in and around lakes throughout much of Canada. The beaver is an exceedingly powerful swimmer. It can swim underwater for up to 15 minutes with one breath! It uses its bulky flat tail to steer in the water.

## More Things To Do

### GET OUT & GOLF!!

Warm weather will be here soon and public golf courses will be opening. There are a few public golf courses in Toronto. Click  to learn more.

There are many public golf courses north of the city. Click  to learn more.

### GO ON A WHITE WATER RAFTING ADVENTURE!!!

The Ottawa region is one of the top white water destinations in the world! There are trips available for all levels of adventure; from gentle to high adrenaline.



Click the picture to see a video!

Click the drop of water to learn more!



**Amir Kourshkani**  
**Inner Journey IV**  
**May 11**  
**Click Here!**



**Taiko**  
Performances throughout the City! (Shamisen, too)  
Click the taiko for details!

## Canada has a new Prince!



Prince Louis was born on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and he is 5<sup>th</sup> in line to the throne.

Canada is a constitutional monarchy. Queen Elizabeth's Canadian representative, the Governor General, carries out all the royal duties for Canada. Because of the Constitution Act of 1867, the Monarchy has limited powers and mostly acts as only a figurehead.



Back of Mill West Shops at Sunset –Peter Veraldi  
Try hiking, walking, swimming, caving or zip lining at the dazzling Elora Gorge! It's always an adventure!

*Click the picture to find out more!*

## Do Younger People Learn Languages Better than Older People?



Many people feel that children can learn new languages more easily than adults.

More than adults, children are often in situations where they

must speak the new language. They construct simple sentences with a basic idea which makes listeners think they have learned their new language well. And they are quick to mimic the subtle accent of the new language in detail, as well as learning the slang that goes with it. Furthermore, children have fewer inhibitions and always use the opportunities that come to them to use their growing skills.

So, do younger people learn languages better than older people? **Not really!**

For one thing, older people know more than children about the mechanics and patterns of language in general. They also

know how to create conversation and construct coherent, logical ideas. They know more about the world and can understand meanings more easily than children.

So, although children can learn the sounds of the new language more quickly it really is true that they do not learn language more quickly than older people.

Please be sure to learn English as quickly as your children.

Use apps and educational software, but more importantly, get a teacher and get a regular conversational partner. Use a textbook for conversation and learn more informal language with natural speakers. Listen to the radio and read everything you can find. Most of all, talk talk talk!



## The Pretty Towns of Elora & Fergus

Elora and Fergus are often called, Ontario's most beautiful town. The quaint shops and scenic streets beg to be photographed. Enjoy the 19<sup>th</sup> century panoramas and drink in the old world charm.

Famous for tidy, Mennonite farms, distinctive galleries, charming wine bars, and restaurants, you'll want to return, again and again. Bring your friends! Come, fall in love with delightful Elora and Fergus!

## Sharon Temple Quilts June 22/23

The Sharon Temple was built in 1825 by the Quaker religious group. They came to Canada from England to escape persecution.

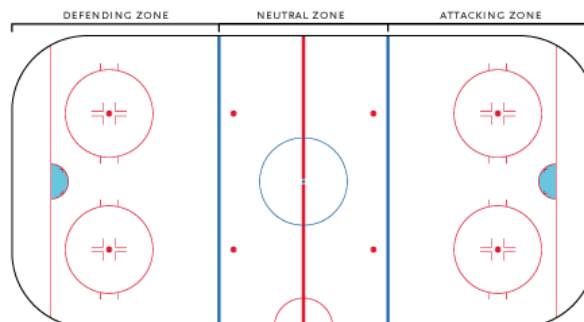
This beautiful, airy temple is an architectural feast for the eyes. There are modern quilts for sale and historic quilts on display. Stay for afternoon tea in the Temperance Hall (\$8.50)



## Hockey Night in Canada!



Why do Canadians love hockey so much? Hockey is Canada's national sport and children learn to play on homemade ice rinks everywhere from Iqaluit to Victoria. It's a fast-paced game with strength and grace where fans are lifetime supporters of the home team. Let's take a look at the basic rules of play: a red centre line divides the home team from the visitors. Each team has a net which the goalie must protect from the puck. There are also 3



forward players as well as two defense players. During the three 20 minute periods, each team must try to score the most goals. The players are fast and the puck is faster! Who will win the big game!?

*Understand with Peter Puck by clicking the rink!*