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Message from the Principal

If you have questions about anything you read in the newsletter or about things that are happening at school that you are wondering about – please give me a call at 613-836-2818 or send an e-mail to catherine.donnelly@ocdsb.ca - I would be happy to connect!

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to another great year of learning and fun!

Kindergarten registration is happening now for the 2019-2020 school year. While you can register for Kindergarten anytime, it is extremely helpful if registration takes place early (January or early February is ideal) so that the OCDSB can ensure there are the appropriate number of classes, teachers and early childhood educators in place for September. If you know of any parents whose child will be turning 4 years old by Dec 31, 2019 please let them know they can register on-line or come by the school to register. We look forward to welcoming our new students!



GOULBOURN MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

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Wednesday January 30, 2019
5:30-7:30 pm at Goulbourn Middle School

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING TO DISCOVER ALL OF THE **ENGAGING** AND **DYNAMIC** LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES GOULBOURN HAS TO OFFER!!

Save the date! Stittsville School Council FAMILY SCIENCE and MATH NIGHT

School Council hopes families can join them for a fun family event on February 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. *Scientists in School* is very excited to be working with Stittsville Public School to organize a Family Science Night! There is no cost to attend this event as the funding for this program has been generously supported through a *Parents Reaching Out* grant and the Stittsville Public School Council.

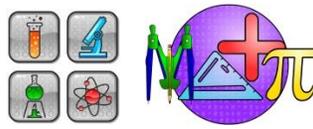
The Open House style allows families to come and go as their schedule permits. Come as a family to explore, discover and participate together in a variety of fun science and math activities. All of the activities use everyday materials so the learning can easily extend beyond the workshop into your home. Discover some nifty ideas for incorporating science and math into baking, backyard explorations, neighbourhood excursions and play.

Date: February 28, 2019

Location: Stittsville Public School – Gymnasium

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

A registration form will be coming home soon!



Scooter ball Intramurals

Thanks to Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. O'Halloran, Mr. Currah and Mme Tessier intramural scooter ball will be happening for our grade 3 and 4 students. Come out and have fun - no experience required!



#Math4every1

Share in our school learning plan successes and more by joining the SPS twitter feed!

Here is a short, 3 minute, video about supporting your child at home with building math skills. It is from Marion Small, a leading expert on how children learn and understand math.

<https://vimeo.com/136761936>

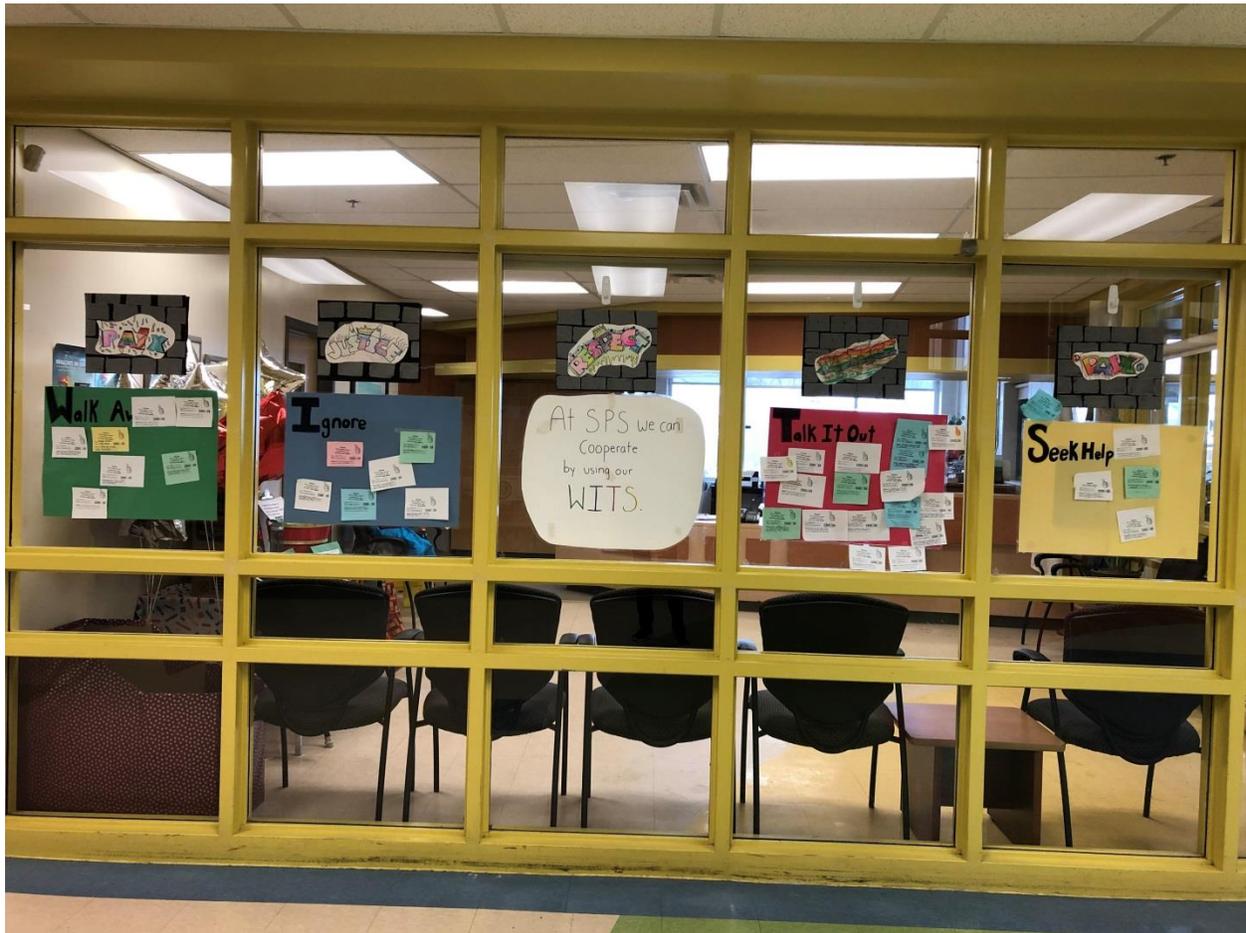


Mathletes at SPS!

On December 6 and 7th, the gym was full of energy and enthusiasm as grade 2 to 6 students participated in Mathletes. The goal for all students involved in MATHLETES is that they will take away a greater self confidence in themselves and in their math abilities and that the coaches also gain confidence in their leadership abilities. The grade 2 to 5 students completed a **WHOPPING 12,660 MATH QUESTIONS** and the grade 6 students were fabulous role models while demonstrating excellent leadership. A huge thank you to SPS School council for fully funding this event. Mrs. O'Halloran.



Safe and Caring: January/February “Gotchas” celebrate Cooperation and W.I.T.S.!



Bus Cancellations

Because of the inevitability of inclement winter weather, school buses may run late at times. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they do not run after school.** Therefore, [if you drop your child off at school in the morning, you must come and pick them up at the 3:00 p.m. dismissal.](#) The school remains open. Please listen to local radio stations after 7 a.m. for cancellations or check the OCDSB website or OSTA website.

Snow Days Dismissal Procedures



All students will gather in the gym at 2:55 pm. Students will sit in a line, by grade or by after school program. At 3:00 students who normally walk to and from school will be dismissed and then parents who walk their children home or pick them up can enter the gym and pick up their

child(ren). We ask for your patience while the classes make their way into the gym – parents can wait in the lobby area until the bell on snow days.

Please note: if parents drop off students in the morning they must be back to the school in time for our 3:00 dismissal.

Mabel's Labels

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A great solution to reducing “lost forever” items is to label, label, label! Stittsville PS is registered with Mabel's Labels as a fundraiser. You can order a wide variety of label items which makes it so much easier to locate lost items and for items to make it back to their original owners. You can order through the link below:

<https://mabelslabels.com/support-a-fundraiser/>

School Cash Online



A quick and secure way to pay for student items online

We are pleased to inform you that the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board will now be offering School Cash Online as its preferred method of payment for all school fees, including everything from field trips to yearbooks. **Our goal is to have over 90 percent of our families using School Cash Online – we are at 58% percent right now – help us reach our goal – register today!**

School Cash Online helps parents and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly and easily. By using School Cash Online, you help increase efficiency and security at schools by making payments directly into your school's bank account. This allows teachers and office staff to focus on helping students, and not counting cash. Plus, you get to stay informed of your child's activities and needs!

You are now able to register – a simple task that takes less than five minutes – by visiting <https://ocdsb.schoolcashionline.com>. Visit www.ocdsb.ca if you'd like more information and to view Frequently Asked Questions. Should you encounter any difficulties, you can use the Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or email: parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com