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January 2020

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

Kindergarten Registration Week and Info Night

Kindergarten registration is happening now for the 2020-2021 school year. Our kindergarten parent information night is coming up on Thursday, January 16 at 6:30 pm in the library. 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. The official registration week for the next school year is **January 20 – 27th, 2020**. If you know of any parents whose child will be turning 4 years old by Dec 31, 2020 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

**March 25 from 5:30-6:30
6:30-7:30 pm at Goulbourn Middle School**

PLEASE JOIN Goulbourn Middle School staff FOR AN INFORMATION SESSION TO DISCOVER ALL OF THE **ENGAGING** AND **DYNAMIC** LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES GOULBOURN HAS TO OFFER!!

Transfer Application Period

The application period for cross-boundary applications is from Monday February 3rd to Tuesday, February 18th, 2020.

Middle French Immersion Program registration period

The Middle French Immersion Program registration period is from Monday, February 10 to Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Middle French Immersion starts in grade 4. If your child has completed the grade 3 English/Core French Program, together you can choose to enter your child in the Middle French Immersion Program which is located at A. Lorne Cassidy ES. Please let your child's teacher know if you are choosing that program for your child.

Stittsville PS receives a donation of a "Tower Garden"

Stittsville Public School is Growing (vegetables)!

Thanks to a generous donation from local business owner Rob Manship, Stittsville Public School is the recipient of a Tower Garden. Mr. Manship owns a local garage, R&R Auto, and he wanted to give back to the community. He has a young niece who attends SPS, and a family member who works there, so he thought that this would be a perfect fit. A Tower Garden is an indoor, aeroponic garden with a water-cycling pump, and grow lights. It requires very little growing medium and increases the rate of growth of the plants. Two of our kindergarten classes, the Monkeys and Koalas, will be starting the first growing cycle in the new Tower Garden and they are hoping to grow all of the ingredients to make green salads for the two classes, including kale, Bibb lettuce, tomatoes, and sweet bell peppers. This exciting adventure in aeroponic gardening will lead to some great opportunities for science, math, literacy, and art as they document the process from start to finish. Please follow the school Twitter Feed, @StittsvillePS for updates on the Tower garden. Thank you to Rob Manship of R&R Auto for his wonderful gift!



Bus Safety

As part of our Safe and Caring work (student wellness plan) on Thursday, January 16th we have arranged for school bus safety presentations. The programs were designed to provide Primary (JK-Grade 3) and Junior/Intermediate (Grade 4 – Grade 8) students in Ontario with training on how to be safe in and around a school bus. The training is designed to actively promote and support appropriate student behaviour and contribute to a positive school climate.



#Math4every1

A great book for parents who are interested in knowing more about math in school is “Adding Parents to the Equation: Understanding your Child’s Elementary School Math” by Hilary Kriesberg and Matthew L. Beyranevand.



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 all of our families using School Cash Online –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.schoolcashonline.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@schoolcashonline.com