



## STITTSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### October 2019

#### Message from the Principal

As you know, Stittsville is going to have a public high school in the near future! As part of that process the OCDSB consults with stakeholders to plan for a successful transition to a new school in the system.

In March 2018 the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board received capital funding from the Ministry of Education for the construction of a secondary school to serve grade 7 to 12 students in the Stittsville area.

At its Committee of the Whole meeting of 15 October 2019, Trustees considered a report to approve a public consultation process to determine the program, attendance boundary, and opening grade structure for the New Stittsville Secondary School, and make other associated changes. The consultation process will include the following schools: A Lorne Cassidy ES, Stittsville PS, Goulbourn MS, South Carleton HS, Glen Cairn PS, AY Jackson SS, Castlefrank ES, Katimavik ES, and Earl of March SS.

Trustees were also asked to exempt the schools involved in this consultative process from a Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR). A PAR is required when the Board is planning the relocation of 50% or more of a school's enrolment. Staff does not foresee any accommodation plan which would result in that level of student movement therefore this study does not require a PAR under Policy P.118.PLG Public Accommodation Review.

The study will follow a public consultative process typically used by the Board when establishing a program, attendance boundary, and grade structure for a new school.

We are excited for a public high school in Stittsville!

## Islamic Heritage Month

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) recognizes Islamic Heritage Month in October. Islamic Heritage Month provides an opportunity for all citizens to learn about the history, culture and contributions that Ontarians of Muslim heritage make in our communities. It is a time to reflect, celebrate and learn about these contributions together.



## Upcoming Parent Conference

### Parent Conference

The OCDSB 2019 Parent Conference is being held on Saturday, November 9th! The keynote speaker is [Dr. Laura Markham](#), and the event will feature engaging workshops. This year, following the keynote session and parent focused workshops, round-table discussions will be held specifically for school councils to discuss those issues and topics of greatest interest with OCDSB experts.

The day is designed to encourage discussion, embrace new ways of doing things and provide an opportunity to network with other parents and community members.

### [Register Today!](#)

## "Me to We" Food Drive – Oct 28<sup>th</sup> to Nov 1st

During the week of Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> the SPS *Me to We Group* will be collecting donations of non-perishable goods for the Stittsville Food Bank.

Students and families who wish to donate are kindly asked to bring healthy non-perishable good(s) to school during those days and representatives of the group will come to collect them daily from their classes.

*We kindly ask that you please check the expiration dates on the bottom of the cans before sending them into school **"Please check the date before you donate."***

Thank you very much for supporting the Me to We Group and our local Stittsville Food Bank.

The SPS Me to We Group

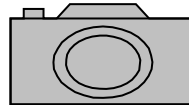
Some gently suggested items from the Stittsville Food Bank are:

28 oz. Canned Tomatoes,  
Chunky soup/Stew,  
Canned juices,  
Fruit cups,  
School snacks,  
Apple sauce,  
Toilet paper,  
Hot Chocolate,  
Jam,  
Chilli,  
Hamburger Helper and Sidekicks.



Photo Retake Day is November 1st

Our photo retake day is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> in case your child was absent on photo day or, after receiving your photo proofs, you would like a retake.



Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

## **Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week**

Ontario has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday of November as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment. During Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week – November 17-23, 2019 – Ontario students, school staff and parents are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being.

Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

Parents can learn more at the Ministry of Education's Parent page:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/prevention.html>

### On-line Interview Booking coming in November

SPS uses an on-line interview booking system for the parent/teacher interviews being held on the evening of Thursday, November 14th and the morning of Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. A notice with information about how to access the booking system and if an interview is being requested will be included with the progress reports that go home on November 7<sup>th</sup> and a link sent to parents on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The on-line system is only for booking interviews that have been requested by the teacher(s). If an interview was not requested by the teacher(s) you can still arrange for an interview by emailing the teacher directly.

### Free French Homework help

With Voila Live, every Monday to Thursday evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. students have online access to live teachers, and are able to get homework help in French, English and Math. Your child can also practice their French and play live games in French. Learn more on their [website](http://voilaliving.com/en/free-online-tutoring/). <http://voilaliving.com/en/free-online-tutoring/>



### Treaty Recognition Week

Treaty Recognition Week is held on the first full week of November (November 4-10, 2019) to promote public education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. All students, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, are enriched by learning about the histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people in Canada. For more information about Ontario treaties click on the link below:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>

### Lost and Found

Check out our lost and found collection the next time you are in the school. Several times a year we set out the lost and found items (and if items are labelled we can connect the item to the owner).



## School Communication with Parents

School news is communicated in a variety of ways – through Twitter, the school newsletter, our school website, the OCDSB website, our school council website, occasional flyers, school council newsletters, school emails, announcements to students, teacher communications and the school calendar on the website. Checking some of these options should keep you up to date on the “happenings” at school.



## Mabel's Labels

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/>

## “Gotcha” Awards

Congratulations to ....

Zoey SK (Ma/Gunther)

Jasneet Grade 1 (O'Brien)

Abigail Grade 1 (Castonguay)

Jake Grade 2 (O'Brien)

Liana Grade 3 (Doherty)

Kobe Grade 4 (Kupo)

Dexter Grade 6 (Goodyear)

Gavin Grade 5 (Carruthers)

Billie Rose Grade 5 (Labelle)

...for being Gotcha winners for September. Way to go!!! Thank you to parent volunteer Sarah Arbour for coming in each month to support the program.

## Remembrance Day

We invite you to join us for our Remembrance Day ceremony being held on, Monday, November 11 at 11:30 am.



**Kindergarten:**

Our butterflies emerged throughout this month and they were sent on their way to Mexico!

The **Terry Fox Walk** at SPS was very successful and we as a school community raised \$1280!

**Inuit presentations** Inuit Games, visual arts, myths and legends - and possibly a booking for a reading in Inuktitut and/or English - will be happening at the end of October and in January. The presentations are always well-received by the students, and we are lucky to have the presenters back this year.

**Field Trips:**

The Grade 3's went to Bill Mason to explore plants and soils!

Grade 1/2 Pantalone and O'Brien classes went to the Richmond Fair in September and the children had a wonderful time with all the agricultural hands on learning opportunities!

Several grade 1 classes attended Valleyview farm to learn about pumpkins and seasonal change.

The Grade 4 students enjoyed a field trip to Bill Mason Centre learning about Habitats in September. They played the ever-popular Predator and Prey game, fun for kids and adults alike! Students also looked for animals in the forest and caught quite a few frogs, salamanders, beetles and a toad.

The Grade 1 and 2 classes had a presentation on mindfulness called "Mindfulness Rocks" in October. Many teachers will be using mindfulness videos in class over the next few weeks to help promote introspection, reflection and self-regulation.

**Cross Country:** Students in Grades 3-6 have been meeting on Mondays and Tuesdays during second lunch and recess to practice their running skills. There are approximately 125 students participating. The Region 6 meet was on October 21<sup>st</sup> - a beautiful day at the Kanata Recreation Complex in Kanata. The coaches Mlle Tessier, Mr. Currah, Mlle Castonguay, Mme Reed, Mrs. MacDonald and Ms. O'Halloran congratulate all of our runners on a great success in their competition and in pursuing their personal fitness goals.

Mme Castonguay and Mrs. Archambault are volunteering to run **Student Council** again this year. Two students per grade five and six class represent and help out with some exciting stuff at SPS throughout the year. The first big 'task' is helping with the Remembrance Day ceremony. Please keep your eyes peeled for a new bulletin board display going up in the main foyer SHOWCASING our student council members for the 2019-2020 school year! It has been very exciting in the junior classes with candidate speeches and in-class elections.

**Virtual Ventures-** Virtual Ventures (through the faculty of Engineering and Design) offers a wide range of workshops in Science, Technology, and Engineering. They are free until

December and are amazing! Last year, they came into classes and did coding workshops circuit building and lego robotic workshops such as “Hold the solar system in the palm of your hand with the help of the Merge Cube. Learn about the different planets and how they rotate around the sun!”

**The Humane Society** has been in doing various presentations in various classes, for example, “Co-existing with urban wildlife.” Often they bring furry friends with them!

Junior girls and boys **soccer** was a success. Both of the tournaments went well! Thank you to the coaches Mrs. Doherty and Mr. Quinn for volunteering their time to make the teams happen.

**Me to We** is up and running and will be hosting a food drive at the end of the month.

### 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.

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](http://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](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com)