



OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I wish you and your family a very happy and restful holiday!

VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



The OCDSB Community of Character Wheel is a valuable tool for practising citizenship. The focus for the month of December is Appreciation. Our OCDSB Character Wheel offers the following message on appreciation: *I am grateful for all that I have. I am thankful for the support that others give me. I am generous in recognizing the contributions of others.*

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and/or Happy Holidays!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Dec 1 Spirit Day – Hat Day
Dec 4-15 Trillium Food Drive
Dec 7: School Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Dec 8: Family Movie Night 6:30 p.m.
Dec 13: Holiday Concert at 11:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Dec 14: Junior Math Day (Grades 4, 5 & 6)
Dec 19: Kindergarten Concert at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Room
Dec 21: Teachers vs Students Volleyball
Dec 22: Spirit Day - PJ Day
Dec 22: Grades 6-8 Dance – 12:00-3:00
Dec 25-Jan. 5: School is closed for the Winter Break
Jan 8: Return to school after the holidays
Jan 22-29: Kindergarten Registration Period begins
Jan 24: Kindergarten Information Evening at 6:30 p.m.

CLASS RE-ORGANIZATION

Effective Monday December 4th, Mrs. George's Grade 2/3 English class will become a multi-grade 1, 2 and 3 English class.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION PERIOD

Monday, January 22 to Monday, January 29, 2018.

At the time of registration please bring the following:

- ✓ Proof of age (birth/baptismal certificate, registration of birth, passport)
- ✓ Proof of residence (current utility bill)
- ✓ Your child's Ontario Health Card

If you are aware of families in the community who have children of JK/SK age in our attendance area, please share the information and dates for registration. We look forward to welcoming new families to Trillium Elementary School.



KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT:

Kindergarten Information Night, for the parents of Kindergarten students who will be beginning at Trillium in September of 2018, will be held in the school on Wednesday, Jan 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. This is an evening for parents to come and meet the teachers, ECEs, Principal and Vice-Principal and ask any questions applicable to next year's kindergarten program. Mark it on your calendar!

REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER PERIODS:

Middle French Immersion Registration Period:

Monday, February 12 to Tuesday, February 20, 2018. Trillium Elementary School will be hosting a Middle French Immersion (MFI) evening for parents on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. You are welcome to bring your Grade 3 child to the information session. Should you have any questions about the program please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Spearman.

Elementary/Secondary Transfer Application Period

Monday, February 5 to Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

HOLIDAY CONCERT



We'll be rockin' around the Christmas tree at our annual Holiday Concert! Many students will be performing with their class or as part of the choirs or band. We hope you will be able to join us on Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm. Friends and family who are not able to join us for the evening performance are welcome to attend our daytime concert at 11:45am.

SHOEBOXES FOR THE NORTH

Indigenous communities along the James Bay coast will receive gift-filled shoeboxes courtesy of Trillium's primary students. The students brought in colouring books, markers, small toys, warm socks, toothbrushes and stuffies and filled 17 shoeboxes! We would like to thank the parents for their support of this initiative, as we aim to develop appreciation and empathy in our young students. A special thank you goes out to one of our evening custodians Frances, who knit 14 hats to include in our shoeboxes.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are **still looking for parent volunteers** to help with different tasks in the library, on a regular basis. In the past, we've relied on our dedicated parent volunteers, and hope to do so again this year.

If you are able to volunteer for an afternoon or a few hours per week, please contact Mrs. Habibi in the library by calling the school at 613-841-7393 on Monday mornings, or all day Wednesday and Friday or email her at neda.habibi@ocdsb.ca. Any help on any week day would be greatly appreciated.



FRIGID WEATHER AND OUTDOOR CLOTHING:

We keep students inside at recess when the temperature outside is -25 degrees Celsius or colder with the wind chill.

In any event please have your child dress warmly. I must compliment our students in grades JK-6, as they are generally well dressed. Our intermediate students would benefit from being more warmly dressed for school. Winter boots are certainly a good idea, as they provide better traction for the students, and decrease the likelihood of falling outside and injuring themselves. The added benefit is that their feet stay warm.



THE TRILLIUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL (TESC) SECTION:



Please join us for a fundraiser dinner on **December 6th from 5-8 PM** at Boston Pizza (Innes Road location).

Feel free to bring along extended family, friends etc. There will also be a draw for a \$25 Boston Pizza gift card. The draw will take place December 7th at our TESC meeting. The winner will be contacted December 8th.

Did you know anytime you visit Boston Pizza Orleans, TESC can accumulate a percentage of all sales? Just write Trillium Elementary on the back of your receipt and place it in the box at the hostess desk at Boston Pizza. Every penny counts ☺



Join us for a **FREE** family movie night!

Friday **December 8th** at 6:30 PM
Wear your PJs!

Favorite blankies and stuffies are welcome.

Proceeds from the canteen will go to the playground fund.

Note: This is a family event and children must be accompanied by an adult.



The Lunch Lady delivers every Thursday. To view menus and place an order please visit www.lunchlady.ca.



The Trillium Hot Lunch program is available Monday's (rotation of pita and subs) and Tuesday's (pizza) every week.

To sign-up, go to www.tesc.hotlunches.net. Click on the "register" tab and enter access code **TESHL**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following is a list of upcoming TESC events. Further details will be shared with you closer to each event.

If you are interested in helping to support any of these events, please send an email to chair@tesc.ca

- Family Movie Night (December 8)
- Little Caesars Frozen Pizza (2018)
- Valentine's Dinner & Dance (February 9)
- Spring Book Fair (April 23-26)
- Family Movie Night (May 11)
- Dance-A-Thon (May 18)



Fall Scholastic Book Fair

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. Over \$1350.00 was raised towards the Kindergarten play structure.

The Trillium Elementary School Council would like to thank all the students, parents, teachers and school staff who helped us reach our book fair fundraising goal. A round of applause goes to the volunteers who made this all possible. It is exciting and rewarding to see such wonderful support for the promotion of literacy.

OSP Fundraiser



OSP will accept orders for magazine subscriptions through-out the year. If you have a renewal coming due or are looking to begin a new subscription, please visit www.QSP.ca to shop an extended list of magazines.

Visit www.QSP.ca

1. Select "Parents & Students" and register your child
2. Our school code is 3727724 and begin shopping

Labels for the Stuff Kids Lose!

Mabel's Labels are dishwasher, microwave and laundry safe personalized labels.



Visit www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for **Trillium Elementary School** under the School/Organization drop down to place your order.

TESC School Council Meetings



School Council Meetings are held monthly in the school library from 7:00-9:00. Below are the TESC meeting dates for this school year. You are invited and welcome to attend at any time!

- December 7, 2017
- January 11, 2018
- February 8, 2018
- March 8, 2018
- April 12, 2018
- May 10, 2018
- June 14, 2018

Should you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to chair@tesc.ca

COMMUNITY NEWS

From time to time, the school is asked to distribute information about activities in the community that may be of interest to some parents/students. This information is provided for your consideration only and should not be viewed as an endorsement by the school or its' staff of any particular organization or activity.

Free Parenting Workshops

Ontario Early Years Centre Ottawa-Orléans
Winter 2017-2018
240 Centrum Blvd. Unit 105, Orléans

*Registration is required for all workshops:
613-830-4357

Getting Through the Rough Spots in Your Day (for parents and caregivers of children under the age of 6)

Do you have trouble getting your children out of the house in the morning? Getting them to sit at the table and eat? Taking them shopping? Moving them from one activity to the next? Giving them a bath? Brushing their teeth? You're not alone. In this workshop, we'll explore tools you can use to engage children's cooperation and help your family life run more smoothly.

Childcare offered during this workshop! Register today!

Wednesday December 6

9:00-11:00 am

Facilitator: Betsy Mann, Certified Canadian Family Educator

Location: RJ Kennedy Arena, 1115 Dunning road, Cumberland

Setting Consequences (for parents and caregivers of children under the age of 6)

Children learn self-discipline when they have to experience the consequences of their actions. But what consequences should be imposed and when? This workshop will discuss at what age to start using this way of teaching self-discipline and will help you set and maintain reasonable consequences. Consequences don't need to be severe to work, just inevitable.

Wednesday January 24

7:00-9:00 pm

Facilitator: Betsy Mann, Certified Canadian Family Educator

Terrific Toddler (for parents and caregivers of children aged from 11 months to 3 years)

2-part series: Learn about toddler development and how it relates to your toddler's behavior. Explore topics such as developing good sleep habits, healthy eating, encouraging cooperation, and implementing positive discipline and communication strategies.

Wednesday January 31 and February 7

7:00-9:00 pm

Facilitator: Joanne Boyd, RECE BSc-Local Parent Coach and Educator

For more information about our programs and services, please visit our website: www.crcoc.ca

Babysitting Courses

Helping Hands First Aid will be running the Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Courses over the Christmas break. Visit helpinghandsfirstaid.ca or call 613-323-0469 for more information.

Course info:

Gloucester Loblaws: Dec 29, 2017 8:30 - 4:30

Orleans Real Canadian Superstore: Jan 3, 2018 8:30 - 4:30

Cost is \$55 per participant

Promo Code HHFIRSTAID saves 10%

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