



OTTAWA-CARLETON  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# Ottawa-Carleton District School Board Trillium Elementary School

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring is here but the weather that goes with the season seems to be sporadic. The yard is full of puddles and mud, which is something children are always drawn to, including many of our teenagers. Please send in extra mitts, socks and a change of clothes so your child can stay dry and comfortable. The weather can be very cold in the morning and warm up by the end of the day, so dressing in layers is a good option for students. Also, if the warm weather does start, please make sure that bare knees are covered with pants for recess, as the yard is full of gravel, which is used on top of the ice during the winter to prevent slipping. We will try to get the gravel swept up as soon as possible, but in the meantime it poses a risk to students wearing shorts outside for recess.

## VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The OCDSB Community of Character Wheel focus for the month of April is *Integrity*.



Our OCDSB Character Wheel offers the following message on integrity: *I behave ethically and honourably. I am honest, loyal and trustworthy. I am truthful and courageous. I stand up for what is right, even when it is hard. I am a person of my word and*

*people who know me understand that.* This message is shared during morning announcements, discussed in classrooms and recognized at monthly divisional assemblies. We encourage you to engage your children in a discussion on integrity.



## ARE YOU MOVING?

We are beginning to make plans for the 2018-2019 school year. If you know that your child(ren) will not be attending Trillium Elementary School next September, please send a written note to the office as soon as possible. Thank you!

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 2: Easter Monday – School Closed
- April 12: School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- April 13: Spirit Day-Fancy Day
- April 13: Intermediate Dance
- April TDB: Talent Show Auditions
- April 17: Grade 8 Graduation Picture Day
- April 23 to 27: Litterless Lunch Week
- April 25: Spring Concert and Art Show (12:00 and 6:30)



## EQAO – Provincial Assessments

Assessments for our Primary and Junior grades 3 and 6 students are coming soon. If your child is in **Grade 3 or Grade 6**, please note that the following dates will be used for assessment purposes: **May 22<sup>rd</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>**. **Please try to avoid scheduling any appointments during these days.** Thank you all for your co-operation. Our message to the participating students is simple: **always do your best!**



## **KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION:**

**Registration is on-going.**

Kindergarten registration for Year 1 and Year 2 Kindergarten students who will be beginning at Trillium in September of 2018 is ongoing. Please register your child as soon as possible to ensure a smooth start in September.

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

Parents are responsible for notifying the Health Department of any immunizations their children have received.

### **NEWS FROM THE EARS**

#### **Earth Month**

April is Earth Month and the students at Trillium will be highlighting this month by doing the following:

**Plastic Grab Bag Challenge (sponsored by Wal-Mart):** If you have accumulated plastic bags at home, and do not need them, please send them to school (room 5) and Wal-Mart will make certain they get recycled into small pellets, which in turn, will be used to make a variety of new products. Last year, 541 schools across Canada participated in this event and more than 2 million plastic bags, which could have potentially landed in our landfills and oceans, were recycled. Plastic bags will be accepted until Wednesday, April 25th. **Please note that only "carry out plastic shopping bags" will be collected.**

**Litterless Lunch Week:** During the week of April 23rd-27th, all class garbage cans will be turned over and the students will be encouraged to take to school a litterless lunch.

**Earth Day:** EARTH DAY is Sunday, April 22nd. Families are encouraged to show environmental awareness by going outside in their community and picking up garbage items that seem to be everywhere, once the snow melts. This is a great opportunity for us to teach our children a sense of community.

**Compost Bin Liner Sale:** The EARS group is continuing their "Compost Bin Liner Sale". You may order at any time by seeing Mme Sylvie in room 5.

They can be purchased at the cost of .10¢/liner, \$2.00/25 liners or \$5.00/60 liners. All monies collected from these sales will go towards funding environmental initiatives at Trillium ES.

**Tim Horton's Clean the Capital:** Our school will, once again, be participating in this event.

**Thank you for being good to the Earth and for working with us to make a better tomorrow for our children!**

### **SPRING CONCERT and ART SHOW**

Trillium's annual Spring Concert will be held on Wednesday, April 25th at 6:30 pm. There will also be an afternoon dress rehearsal at 12 pm for students and family members who cannot attend the evening concert. The concert will include performances by the primary and junior/intermediate choirs, the band as well as some classes. There will also be a display of student artwork. A donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family is encouraged. All funds raised will go towards supporting the arts at Trillium. We hope you will be able to come out to the show!

### **NEW CLUB for GRADES 3 to 6: HOCKEY CLUB**

Bring your hockey knowledge, cards, memorabilia, and stories to share with the club, and be prepared to answer tricky questions in hockey trivia games! Hope to see a good crowd in room 34 (Madame De Quoy's classroom) on Fridays at 10:30!

### **INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL**

The Intermediate Girls and Boys Basketball teams finished up their seasons this past month. Throughout all their games both teams played hard and showed great sportsmanship.

Mr. Dangerfield would like to thank all the girls and boys for their strong commitment to their teams and representing Trillium well during all the games.

Girls team members are: Addy, Alicia, Talia, Hannah, Halle, Sarah, Clara, Jessica, Monica, Kaitlyn H., Aila and Katelyn T.

Boys team members are: Khatak, James, Nathan, Rohain, Luke, Matt, Ty, Jack, Alastair, Phoenix, Rahim, Aaron and Reese.

Great job to all the girls and boys!!

## PARENTING THROUGH THE STORM

Avalon Public School is hosting an evening with Ann Douglas "Parenting Through the Storm".

Parents can make a difference when it comes to children's mental health. That's a powerful and reassuring message if you're a parent and you've been alarmed by recent newspaper headlines about anxiety, depression, and other mental health difficulties in children and adolescents. In this practical and idea-packed workshop, parenting author Ann Douglas will share some highlights from her latest book, *Parenting Through the Storm: How to Handle The Highs, The Lows, and Everything In-Between* — a book for parents who have a child who is struggling with a mental health, neurodevelopmental, or behavioural challenge. The workshop focuses on parenting strategies, advocacy skills, and stress management and coping skills. Topics to be discussed include self-care, self-compassion, creating your own support network, and lifestyle matters (nutrition, fitness, sleep, and making time for fun). This presentation is based on interviews with more than 50 parents who have walked this walk and who are eager to share their best advice with other parents.

The presentation will be held at Avalon PS, 2080 Portobello Blvd, Orleans, ON on Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

### THE TRILLIUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL (TESC) SECTION:



#### PAWS 4 BOOKS BOOK FAIR April 23 - 26, 2018

It is time to "PAWS for Books," according to this Spring's Scholastic Book Fair theme. Come check out the absolutely "critter-ific" selection of good reads in the school activity room between 8AM and 2PM daily. The Book Fair will also be open during the Spring Concert on the evening of April 25th. Come, stay, pick-up a great "tale"!

If you can't make it to the school, keep an eye-out for the catalogue and order form in your child's backpack mail during the week of April 16th.



## Dance-A-Thon

Our annual Dance-A-Thon will be held on Friday **May 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please watch for the communication and pledge forms to be sent home in early April.



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](http://www.tesc.hotlunches.net). Click on the "register" tab and enter access code **TESHL**.

## Lunch Lady



The Lunch Lady delivers every Thursday. To view menus and place an order please visit [www.lunchlady.ca](http://www.lunchlady.ca).



### REMINDER:

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

## QSP Fundraiser



QSP will accept orders for magazine subscriptions throughout the year. If you have a renewal coming due or are looking to begin a new subscription, please visit [www.QSP.ca](http://www.QSP.ca) to shop an extended list of magazines.

Visit [www.QSP.ca](http://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](http://www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and search for **Trillium Elementary School** under the School/Organization drop down to place your order.

### 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](mailto:chair@tesc.ca).

Family Movie Night (May 11)

### TESC School Council Meetings



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

- April 12, 2018
- May 10, 2018
- June 14, 2018

Should you have any questions, please send an email to [chair@tesc.ca](mailto:chair@tesc.ca)



**GLOBAL CHILD CARE SERVICES**

[www.gccs.ca](http://www.gccs.ca)

**EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM  
TRILLIUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SPACES AVAILABLE**

At Trillium Elementary School, the Extended Day Program is delivered via a partnership with **Global Child Care Services**. Global's Trillium School Age Program offers before and after school care to kindergarten (JK/SK) and school age children (gr. 1-6).

**Hours of Operation:** 7:05 a.m. to 5:55 p.m.

The rate is a blended one, and in addition to before and after care on all regular school days, includes child care for all PD Days, March Break and the summer period.

### **Subsidy:**

Limited fee subsidies administered by the City of Ottawa may be available for families who qualify.

**For more information about Global's Trillium School Age Program, contact:**

**Krista Johnson at [\(613\) 841-5497](tel:(613)841-5497)**

### **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.*

### **Touch Football League**

The Capital Competitive Touch Football League is a new league in Ottawa that is introducing a new Touch Football League to the city. There is so much press right now in regards to concussions in not only football but may other sports that in the USA they are starting to keep Contact Football out for Children under 14 years of age.

We are offering football to everyone, with worries of concussions, so they can play the game, gain confidence and be part of a team.

The CCTFL offers everyone an opportunity to enjoy the game of football. Sponsorships are offered for those who are unable to afford to play the game.

Spring Touch Football for girls and boys ages 8 to 21.

- Rookie (ages 8, 9, 10)
- Junior (ages 11, 12, 13)
- Senior (ages 14, 15, 16)
- Varsity (ages 17 to 21)

For more information please contact [www.cctfl.ca](http://www.cctfl.ca)