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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# Ottawa-Carleton District School Board Trillium Elementary School

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Report Cards go home on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> for all students. Please ensure that you sign the signature page, and return the slip back to the school. Please advise your child's teacher if you would like to discuss the Term 1 report card. Report cards are an excellent opportunity for you to discuss with your child what they did well and what their goals are for Term 2.

## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



The OCDSB Community of Character Wheel focus for the month of February is **Empathy**. Our Character Wheel offers the following message on empathy: *I am compassionate, caring and kind. I am a true friend. I will walk in your shoes in order to understand you. I am slow to judge and quick to forgive.*

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Feb 5-9: Valentine Basket Viewing and Ticket Sales
- Feb 5-20: Elementary and Secondary Transfer Application Period**
- Feb 7: Middle French Immersion Information Night 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Feb 8: School Council 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 9: Valentine Family Dance, Dinner, and Basket Raffle 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Feb 12-20: Middle French Immersion Registration Period
- Feb 14: Report Cards go home
- Feb 16: PA Day – no school for students
- Feb 19: Family Day – school closed
- Feb 27: Toonie Tuesday for the Education Foundation. Wear a hat and donate a toonie.



## 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!

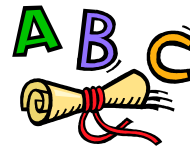
## REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER PERIODS:

### **Middle French Immersion Registration Period:**

Monday, February 12 to Friday, 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 Friday, February 20, 2018.



## KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION:

**Registration is on-going.**

Kindergarten registration for Junior and Senior 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



## BUSING INFORMATION:



### **Bus Cancellations and Delays:**

Bus cancellations are announced at 6:15 on the day of the cancellation. Listen to your local radio station.

You can also find bus cancellations and delays on the OSTA website [www.ostaschoolbus.ca](http://www.ostaschoolbus.ca). Subscribe to this site and you can receive instant emails regarding cancellations and delays.

## **NEW! SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**

### **School Cash Online – Now Available at Trillium ES!**

The OCDSB has started rolling out [School Cash Online](https://ocdsb.schoolcashionline.com), an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents/guardians to pay for their children's school fees, including milk programs, yearbooks and class trips etc. Say goodbye to writing cheques or sending your child with cash? Sign up today! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. <https://ocdsb.schoolcashionline.com>



### **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 complement 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.



## **SPRING CONCERT AND ART SHOW**

Mark your calendars! Our spring concert and art show will be held on Wednesday, April 25th. As usual, the band and choirs will perform. Stay tuned to find out if your child's class will be performing!

## **PRIMARY CHOIR**

This month, the primary choir will begin practising on Thursdays during the second recess, in preparation for the spring concert. If your child is in grades 1, 2, or 3, you may wish to talk to them about joining.

## **LOST & FOUND**

This time of the year, our lost and found bin, located in the Activity Room, is FULL of student items. If something has gone missing, please encourage your child to take a look. Also, be sure to label everything!

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



Please join us on **Friday, February 9th** for Trillium's Annual **Valentine's Day Dinner, Dance and Basket Raffle.**

Pizza Dinner: Begins at 5:00pm  
Dance: 5:45-7:45pm  
Basket draws: Begin at 7:45pm



There will be a photo booth available to take some candid shots or an opportunity for a family photo.

Please remember this is a family event and all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



The Trillium Hot Lunch program is available Mondays (rotation of pita and subs) and Tuesdays (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**.



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 through-out 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.

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). We are looking for volunteers for the upcoming Valentine’s Dinner, Dance & Basket Raffle. Please email [chair@tesc.ca](mailto:chair@tesc.ca) if you are interested in helping.

- Little Caesars Frozen Pizza (Feb 19-Mar 2)
- Spring Book Fair (April 23-26)
- Family Movie Night (May 11)
- Dance-A-Thon (May 11)

**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!

- 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](mailto: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.*

**Winter Walk Day – February 7, 2018**

**Gear up Ottawa – its Winter Walk Day**

Join thousands of families across Canada for Winter Walk Day on February 7, 2018. Let’s celebrate being active. Just because its cold doesn’t mean we have to stay in!

Being active is one reason why walking to school is great. Did you know it also makes for safer streets? The more people there are walking, the safer it is for our children. Less cars also means less smog around schools. Let’s keep our air clean. Walking to school is the best way to start your child’s day off right for school. Kids, who walk to school, arrive happier and more ready to learn. It also gives them, and you, some social time before school.

Tips to keep children safe and warm during your walks this winter include:

- Wearing a hat that fully covers the ears
- Using a neck warmer instead of a scarf
- Layering clothing to ensure warmth
- Drinking warm fluids
- Bringing extra dry clothing to change into at school

For more information on how to protect yourself against cold weather in Ottawa, go to:

<http://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-topics/cold-weather-everyone.aspx>

To learn more about Winter Walk Day and how to get your school moving, go to:

<http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/winter-walk-day>

### **Capital Jumpers**

The Capital Jumpers are a jump rope team coached by two nationally ranked jumpers. The team has competed across Canada and internationally and performs at various events throughout OttawaGatineau.

The Capital Jumpers also offer a recreational program! This program is great for kids ages 6-14 and will teach single rope, double dutch, long rope, and more! Each jumper will also be given a rope of their own. Winter Session 2018: Mondays @ Francojeunesse Starting January 22, 2018 Wednesdays @ Charlotte-Lemieux Starting January 24, 2018 Both sessions run for 8 weeks from 6:00-7:00pm and cost \$50. To learn more, contact us at [capitaljumpers@gmail.com](mailto:capitaljumpers@gmail.com)

### **Menard Safety Courses**

BABYSITTING COURSES AGE 10-16

- MARCH BREAK – Thursday March 15th 2018- English or
- Saturday May 12th 2018- English or
- Saturday May 26th 2018- French

Orleans Library, 1705 Orléans Blvd. from 10am to 4pm – \$60 includes an information package and a certificate.

Babysitting siblings, becoming a mother's helper, interviews, responsibilities, playtime, mealtime, emergency situations, keeping children safe, infant/child CPR, choking & more.

Register online: [www.menardsafetycourses.com](http://www.menardsafetycourses.com)

or for more information call Elaine Ménard at 613-443-2027

### **Babysitters Training**

We are excited to be offering more **Canadian Red Cross** Babysitting Courses in your area over the next few months.

Feb 16 PA Day Gloucester

Mar 14 March Break Orléans

Mar 16 March Break Gloucester

Use promo code HHFIRSTAID to save 10%.

**Helping Hands First Aid Training**

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