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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The focus of most staff professional learning this year has been on mathematics and numeracy instruction. Our focus includes a refinement of the adoption of a balanced math approach as well as establishing a growth mindset in our community of learners. Some of the fun math activities for students we had in February and up to the March break were the interactive math showcase, and the weekly math challenge questions for all grade level divisions. If you had the opportunity to visit the school during the interactive showcase, you would have seen classes working on the floor in the main foyer with math manipulatives, chart paper and markers using critical thinking skills to solve challenging math problems. Their work was then displayed throughout the school for other classes to look at and discuss each problem solving approach. As a staff we will continue to explore numeracy and find ways to excite and engage our student learners.

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.

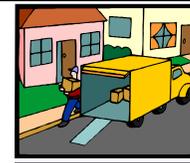
VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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.

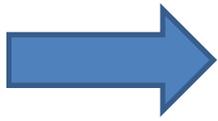


ARE YOU MOVING?

We are beginning to make plans for the 2017-2018 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 4: Grade 8 Graduation Picture Day
April 6: School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
April 11: Talent Show Auditions
April 14: Good Friday – School Closed
April 17: Easter Monday – School Closed
April 26: Spring Concert
April 28: Spirit Day-Classy Spirit Day and Intermediate Dance

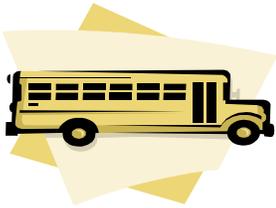


EQAO – Provincial Assessments

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 23rd to June 5th**. **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!**

IMPORTANT CHANGE:

CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION POLICY FOR CROSS-BOUNDARY STUDENTS



OSTA (Ottawa Student Transportation Authority) has implemented a number of changes in some policies and/or procedures and we are **alerting you to these changes.**

OSTA will be responsible for managing all applications, approvals and assignments for **empty seats** (courtesy seating) as of **1 April 2017**. The application form and procedures will be available on OSTA's website: <http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/policies-procedures/empty-seat-seat-availability-provision/>.

Students applying for an empty seat after 1 April and for the 2017-18 school year, should send their forms directly to OSTA via email at emptyseat@ottawaschoolbus.ca, or fax their form to 613-224-8840. If parents cannot access email or fax, the school will be happy to send your completed form to OSTA on your behalf. All other parameters remain the same:

1. Annual application process.
2. Any student not eligible for motorized transportation may apply for an empty seat.
3. No new stops, or route changes, will be created.
4. In the case where the number of applications exceeds the number of available seats, priority will be given: 1) to youngest students at farthest distances, 2) to those with challenging daycare issues, 3) to siblings of students on the bus and, 4) to students on cross-boundary transfers.
5. Only available on yellow school buses.
6. Students on empty seats may be displaced by other eligible students throughout the year.

7. Each student will only be assigned to ONE empty seat.
8. OSTA will process any applications for the current 2016-17 school year as soon as they are received (providing there is room on the bus).
9. OSTA will begin assignment for the 2017-18 school year as of October 1 2017. **Schools have been advised not to place students on buses until OSTA has officially assigned them, for the safety of your child.**
10. Final seat assignments may be viewed on the Bus Planner Parent Web Portal.

More information is available for parents at www.ottawaschoolbus.ca



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

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

NEWS FROM THE EARS

April is Earth Month and the students at Trillium would like to highlight this month by doing the following:

Participating in the "Plastic Bag Grab" event: send in the plastic bags that you have at home, and we will make certain they are recycled into small pellets, which in turn, will be used to make a variety of new products. Last year, 419 schools across Canada participated in this event and collected more than 2 million plastic bags, that potentially could have gone to landfill! Plastic bags will be accepted until Friday, April 28th.

During the week of April 24th to April 28th, all class garbage cans will be turned over and the students will be encouraged to take to school a "litter-less lunch".

The EARs will be busy cleaning our school yard, as part of the "Tim Hortons Clean the Capital" event.

Throughout the month of April, classes are invited to display their "love for our planet" initiatives and activities on the large bulletin board next to the activity room. Come have a peek!

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

SPRING CONCERT

Trillium's annual Spring Concert will be held on Wednesday, April 26th at 6:30 pm. There will also be an afternoon dress rehearsal for students and family members who cannot attend the evening concert, at 12pm. 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. We hope you will be able to come out to the show!



Dance-A-Thon

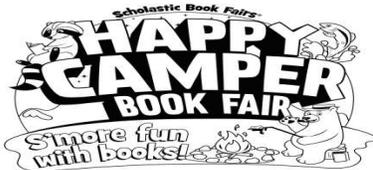
Our annual Dance-A-Thon will be held on Friday **May 12**. Please watch for the communication and pledge forms to come home the beginning of April.



It's never too late to order with the Trillium Hot Lunch program! We are happy to offer a 3 week rotation – pita, pizza and subs.

Find the links to order at www.TESC.ca or go to www.tesc.hotlunches.net (Trillium access code TESH).

THE TRILLIUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL (TESC) SECTION:



Please join us the week of **April 24 to 28** for our Spring **Scholastic Book Fair** and help us promote the joy of reading. We will be offering English books from pre-school to adult, as well as a selection of French books. More information will be available in the April backpack mailer and the school council website at www.tesc.ca.

We are looking for volunteers for set-up, working at the book fair and tear down. If you are interested, please contact us at events@tesc.ca. The volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted on www.tesc.ca shortly. Feel free to pass this along to any family members (grandparents, etc.) who may also be interested in volunteering.



Labels for the Stuff Kids Lose!

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

Please visit www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for "Trillium Elementary School" under the "School/Organization" drop down to place your order and support our fundraiser.



QSP Magazines

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 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



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**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:6138415497)

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.

Royal City Soccer Club

The Royal City Soccer Club is excited to host Summer Soccer Camps to residents of the Ottawa region. Six locations in Ottawa, including Kanata, Nepean & Orleans (see website for details).

- Soccer Camps will be held in July and August
- Boys and girls aged 5 to 13
- Camp soccer ball, t-shirt & medal
- Full days, mornings or afternoons
- FREE early drop off/late pickup

For more information call 1-800-427-0536 or go to www.royalsoccer.com

Bike Summer Camp

Actiplus is offering a bilingual bike summer camp from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Before and after care available.

- Boost energy and self-esteem
- Raise awareness on the environmental issues
- Develop physical abilities
- Share knowledge of safety

Call 613-276-1243 or send an email to info@actiplussummercamp.ca