



OTTAWA-CARLETON  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# Ottawa-Carleton District School Board Trillium Elementary School

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Office Assistant: Elizabeth Brooks  
Superintendent: Mary Jane Farrish  
Trustee: Keith Penny

## PRINCIPAL'S SECTION

It has been an exciting and wonderful start to our new school year. The school is in beautiful shape after a summer of cleaning and polishing by our exceptional custodial staff. This year we welcome one new staff member: Mme. Sabih.

### Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday September 27, we have our Meet the Teacher evening. As a convenience to families, School Council has arranged to have food trucks here starting at around 4:30. The two food trucks are Grill Masters and Mr. Sundae. Families who wish to purchase their meals through the food truck are welcome to do so. There will also be an inflatable obstacle course for the children to play on. The formal portion of the evening will start at 6:30 in the classrooms. The evening will end at 7:30.

### School Organization and Staffing

Class placements are always tentative in September. Final staff allocations are given to schools during the middle of September. Should there be a change in staffing at any point in September, there will be movement of students and teachers. We ask for your patience when these situations occur.

Brenda M. Spearman

## VICE-PRINCIPAL'S SECTION

Welcome back! We have held our first assemblies of the year, high expectations have been set, and routines are in place. Valuable information pertaining to school routines, the dress code and our school code of conduct can be found within the student agenda.

Over the course of this school year we will be exploring the concept of mindful awareness. Mindfulness is all about attending to the here and now: the people around you; the environment; and, the situation and your role in it. We make a positive impact by being courteous and respectful to those around us, by focusing on how we are learning and how we are interacting with those around us, and by using our mindful awareness to make the best choices possible.

At Trillium E.S., we reference the OCDSB Character Wheel on a daily basis and I encourage you to look at the monthly character traits also listed in the student agendas. As part of our character development program during the month of September, we have been focusing on **Cooperation**. *I work with others to make a peaceful community. I am willing to listen to others' ideas and suggestions. I compromise and negotiate to solve problems and differences of opinion.*

### School Newsletter Distribution

Our monthly newsletter can be found on our school website [www.trilliumes.ocdsb.ca](http://www.trilliumes.ocdsb.ca) or you may choose to follow us on Twitter @TrilliumES. If you provide our office with your email address, we can direct the newsletter and calendar to your mailbox. If you prefer a paper copy, please send a note to the office attention: Elizabeth Brooks.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- Sep 21** - TESC (School Council) Annual General Meeting
- Sep 22** - Picture Day (Don't wear green)
- Sep 27** - Family Celebration 4:30-6:30 pm
- Sep 27** - Meet the Teacher Evening 6:30-7:30 pm
- Sep 28** - Terry Fox Walk/Run
- Sep 29** - 8th Annual Trillium Cross Country Meet
- Oct 2** - Cross Country (Rain date)
- Oct 5** - Terry Fox Walk/Run (Rain date)
- Oct 6** - PA Day - no school for students
- Oct 9** - Thanksgiving – no school for students

### **Our School Day Schedule:**

- 8:15 Yard supervision begins
- 8:30 Entrance Bell
- 8:30-10:30 Instructional Time
- 10:30-11:15 Recess/Nutrition Break
- 11:15-1:15 Instructional Time
- 1:15-2:00 Recess/Nutrition Break
- 2:00-3:00 Instructional Time
- 3:00 Dismissal

Our students follow an adjusted Monday to Friday timetable. Please see the back of the student agenda for more details.



**Trillium Staff List 2017-2018**

The following is a list of our staff and their current assignments:

Brenda Spearman	Principal
Aaron Hawley	Vice-Principal/LRT
Ruth Gabie	Office Administrator
Elizabeth Brooks	Office Assistant a.m.
Neda Habibi	Library Technician
Michael Laurin	Chief Custodian
Jeremy Romeo	Learning Support Teacher
Angela Tavares	Kindergarten
Jessica Lajoie	Kindergarten
Margaret George	2/3 English
Leah Corrigan	1 EFI
Sylvie Chilibeck	1/2 EFI
Diane Larose	2/3 EFI
Sarah McMullen	3 EFI
Jason Boyer	4 Middle French Immersion (MFI), Rotary, P.E.
Danielle DeQuoy	4 EFI
Priti Thaker	4/5 English
Ena Sabih	5 EFI
Karen Kenney	5/6 English
Danielle Richardson	5/6 MFI
Jocelyne Vallee	6 EFI
Dana Clarke	6/7 MFI
Cathy Ayotte	7/8 English
Jo-Anne Mainwood	7 EFI
Carole Fortin	8 EFI
Christina Racozi	7/8 MFI
Marc Lepage	Junior General Learning Program
David Heijdens	Intermediate General Learning Program
Dan Blacker	Rotary English/Math/P.E.
David Farlinger	Rotary English/Math and Music
Joel Dangerfield	Rotary English/Math and Music
Cathy MacLean	Rotary English/Math
Bill McMullen	Rotary English/Math
Tabatha Sarault	Education Assistant
Lili Miller	Education Assistant
Joan Carpini	Education Assistant – Jr GLP
Will Jamieson	Educational Assistant – Int GLP
Julie Wright	Educational Assistant – GLP
Lili Miller	Educational Assistant
Jamie Kelley	Early Childhood Educator
Kate Paquette-Mousley	Early Childhood Educator

**REMINDER:**

Please remember to return any school forms you may have received. Communication between home and school is very important to us. Please do not hesitate to contact staff if you have a concern or require clarification.

**Bus Safety**

This is a reminder that at dismissal time, there are hundreds of children exiting the school. As the buses are loaded at the front of the school, we ask that cars in this parking lot remain stationary and that no one should walk in between the busses. We appreciate your patience.



**Busing Parent Inquiries and Requests for Change**

The best way for parents to stay informed and to request changes is through OSTA Parent Web Portal. We ask parents to complete a Transportation Issue Form to:

- Request a bus stop change
- Report a walking hazard
- Report a service issue like delays
- Discuss eligibility and alternate service, etc.

Transportation Issues Forms will be prioritized over general emails, and also prioritized based on safety concerns, urgency and volume of requests.

We also recommend that parents subscribe for email notification of service delays, cancellations and other messages. Parents can also follow OSTA on Twitter and Facebook.

**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). **This includes all applications for September and October of 2017.** The application form and procedures are available on OSTA's website: <http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/policies-procedures/empty-seat-seat-availability-provision/>

### OSTA Busing Updates

Please see the attached file for more information.

### Trillium Athletics

Our Trillium Cross Country team is back to work! We have 130 students signed up from grades 3 to 8. We are practicing every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All students are also practicing during their Physical Education classes. Students can still sign up if your child has not done so yet. The criteria for being on the team is simple: attend practices, be able to run your distance by September 29th and be a responsible student. September 29th is our 9th annual Trillium cross country run from 11:15-2:50. All parents and guardians are welcome to come and watch on the soccer field. The intermediate regional meet will be on October 11th, the junior meet on October 12th and the rain date for both meets will be October 13th. We look forward to another great season. The junior team will be attempting to win for a record 9th year in a row. Thank you to Mr. Boyer, Mr. Blacker, Mrs. McMullen and Mrs. Richardson for preparing the students.

The grade 5-6 soccer teams will also start practicing this week. Mr. Romeo is the coach for the boys and Mrs. Kenney is the coach for the girls.

Touch football tryouts for grades 7 and 8 will be starting soon. Mr. Heijdens will be coaching the teams once again.

### Head Lice



Parents/Guardians are reminded to check their child's hair for head lice. Head lice can show up at any time; therefore, it is important to keep checking on a routine basis. Check the hair carefully for nits or lice by looking close to the scalp, particularly around the ears and at the back of the neck. If your child has any head lice, please contact the school. Your child cannot return to school, until a first treatment has been made, with a follow-up treatment in 7 days. Your child will receive forms to take home and have filled out.

### Attendance Line and Early Pick Up

Thank you to parents who have already called and left messages regarding your child's absence from school. Remember to include your child's full name, his/her homeroom teacher's name, and the reason for the child's absence. We are trying to minimize interruptions to classes and, as such, we would ask that should you be picking up your child before the end of the day that you send a note to their



homeroom teacher. They would then meet you in the office for you to sign them out upon your arrival.

**For updates, visit our website:**

[www.trilliumes.ocdsb.ca](http://www.trilliumes.ocdsb.ca)

**or Twitter: @TrilliumES**

### Contact Information

Should a situation require us to contact you through the course of the school day, we need to ensure that we have the correct contact information. If you have moved, have changed work numbers or have a new caregiver, please remember to update this information through the office.

### **\*\*\*Child Safety Allergies\*\*\***

In order to keep all students safe, I would like to remind all families that dogs are not permitted anywhere on school grounds. I thank all those families who walk their dogs to and from school, for remembering to keep the dogs off school property.

We have many students with severe allergies to nuts and other food items. Please ensure that when packing or bringing your child a lunch at school, it is **nut-free**. Teachers have sent home information about all allergies in your child's class, so you can plan lunches accordingly.

Please be aware that several staff members at the school have a severe scent allergy, and are sensitive to even minor exposure to scent including cigarette smoke. **We are asking that perfumes, scented lotions and colognes not be worn in the school.** Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

### Student Accident Insurance

Creating a caring and safe environment for our students is our top priority. Unfortunately, despite all reasonable precautions being taken, accidents can still happen. Some injuries may result in medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent/guardian, you become responsible for these expenses.

Student accident insurance is available for purchase, on a voluntary basis, through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Forms can either be picked up from the school office or you may apply online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com).

The OCDSB encourages all parents/guardians to consider purchasing this insurance. If your child is involved in school related sports activities or is

participating in any field trips out of the province you may wish to seriously consider the coverage options. This coverage is for the entire calendar year and also applies outside of school hours. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-463-5437.

### **EARS News!**

Trillium's green club, called the EARs (Environment Action Representatives) will be up and running soon. We hope that every class in the school will be represented. Our main goal, this year, continues to be the following: Let's get all students and staff composting to 100%. Our green bin program has been in effect since January 2014 and since then, the **equivalent of 8 green bins** (the 80L type that you have at home) is put out **every week!** That is an ENORMOUS amount of garbage that Trillium's students and staff have been able to keep out of the landfill. Kudos to all of us! In order for this program to continue being successful, we need more newspapers to make our bin liners. The large type of newspaper such as The Citizen, The Globe & Mail, etc. is what is needed. If you receive these newspapers at home, please save them for us and drop them in the labelled box, in our school foyer...or send them with your child. This is VERY MUCH appreciated!

The EARs will continue with the compost bin liner sales this year. All monies earned will go towards new environment initiatives such as purchasing more plants & bulbs for the school yard, gardening tools, materials for bird feeders, etc. Bin liners can be purchased anytime throughout the year. The costs are as follows: .10¢ per liner, \$2.00/25 liners or \$5.00/60 liners. Cash only please. Orders may be sent to room 5.

Take care of the Earth...it's the only one we have!

### **Dental Screening**

A registered dental hygienist with Ottawa Public Health will provide a dental screening using a tongue depressor on October 30, 2017\*, for grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 6 & 8 and any other children as necessary. If your child's grade is not selected, but you wish for the dental hygienist to see him/her, please advise the school. Only children identified as having dental needs will bring home a form. Follow-up school visits by the dental hygienist for individual children may be done. **THIS DOES NOT REPLACE REGULAR DENTAL VISITS WITH YOUR FAMILY DENTIST.** \*Some dates may be subject to change.

This dental screening is offered in accordance with the Ontario Public Health Standards from Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. Personal Health Information is collected in compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Personal Health Information Protection Act and will be used for the purpose of dental assessment, treatment and oral hygiene instruction, and

for statistical purposes. Questions concerning the collection and use of this information should be directed to the Supervisor of Dental Health Promotion, Ottawa Public Health, 400-1580 Merivale Rd., Ottawa, ON. Phone 613-580-2424 ext. 26376.

### **Ottawa-Carleton District School Board**

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board is looking for parent involvement committee members.

- Are you a parent of an OCDSB student?
- Are you interested in public education, student achievement and well-being?
- Do you want to volunteer your time to make a difference in public education?

Why not apply to be a member of the OCDSB's Parent Involvement Committee?

Please complete the application found at:

<https://goo.gl/KUbjei> by Thursday, October 12, 2017.

For more details about the Committee and the responsibility of members please visit:

<https://goo.gl/s4xdii>

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

### **Trillium Hot Lunch Program**



TESC is pleased to announce that we have expanded our lunch program to include Mondays and Tuesdays! We will be offering a rotation of pizza, subs and pitas.

**Order now!**

**Our first delivery is September 25th!**

Please see the attached flyer for more details. To get started, go to [www.tesc.hotlunches.net](http://www.tesc.hotlunches.net).

Click on the "register" tab and enter access code:  
**TESHL**



### 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.



### QSP Fundraiser – COMING SOON!

The QSP fundraiser will run from September 22<sup>nd</sup> to October 5<sup>th</sup>. A package will be sent home soon.

QSP offers 100s of magazine subscriptions (for adults and children), premium gift wrap, flower bulbs, gourmet treats, jewelry, kitchen gadgets, eBooks, customized photo products and more. Start your...dare we say it...holiday shopping early!



### Tasty Batters Frozen Cookie Dough – COMING SOON!

The Tasty Batters Frozen Cookie Dough fundraiser will return and begin October 6<sup>th</sup>. Delivery has been booked for **November 29<sup>th</sup>** (additional information will be provided closer to the delivery date). Backpack mail will be sent home early October.



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 ☺

For information on council activities, check our website at <http://tesc.ca>. Everyone is welcome!



## GLOBAL CHILD CARE SERVICES

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

**The Trillium School Age Program** is located within the school and is a non-profit program offering high quality licensed care for school aged children.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, please call Krista at (613) 841-5497 (option 1).

### 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.*

#### Capital Jumpers

Jump Rope 2017-2018. The Capital Jumpers are pleased to offer recreational and competitive opportunities to the Ottawa-Gatineau region.

- Fall programming starts the first week of October.
- Competitive Team open house are Mondays and Wednesdays Sep 18 to Oct 4
- Jumping in the Capital Workshop is September 30

To register or find out more information contact the Capital Jumpers at [capitaljumpers@gmail.com](mailto:capitaljumpers@gmail.com) or [capitaljumpers.weebly.com](http://capitaljumpers.weebly.com)