



OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Ottawa-Carleton District School Board Trillium Elementary School

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www.trilliumes.ocdsb.ca

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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 three new staff members: Mme Bernard, Mme Lopez, and Ms. Winters.

Our roof is presently undergoing repairs and should be completed within the next week or two. My hope is the weather stays dry so the completion date is soon.

Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday September 26, 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 continue to explore 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

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 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 26** - Picture Day (Don't wear green)
- Sep 26** - Family Celebration 4:30-6:30 pm
- Sep 26** - Meet the Teacher Evening 6:30-7:30 pm
- Sep 28** - Terry Fox Walk/Run
- Oct 3** - 11th Annual Trillium Cross Country Meet
- Oct 10** - Cross Country (Rain date)
- Oct 5** - PA Day - no school for students
- Oct 8** - 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 2018-2019

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

Brenda Spearman	Principal
Aaron Hawley	Vice-Principal/ LRT/Intermediate Student Success Teacher
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
Amy Bernard	Kindergarten
Margaret George	1/2/3 English
Leah Corrigan	1 EFI
Sylvie Chilibeck	1/2 EFI
Diane Larose	2/3 EFI
Sarah McMullen	3/4 EFI
Angela Lopez	4 MFI
Danielle DeQuoy	4/5 EFI
Priti Thaker	4/5 English
Jason Boyer	5 MFI, Rotary P.E.
Karen Kenney	5/6 English
Danielle Richardson	5/6 EFI
Dana Clarke	6/7 MFI
Cathy Ayotte	7/8 English
Christina Racozi	7 EFI
Carole Fortin	7/8 MFI
Jo-Anne Mainwood	8 EFI
Marc Lepage	Junior General Learning Program
David Heijdens	Intermediate General Learning Program
Dan Blacker	Rotary English/Math/P.E.
David Farlinger	Rotary Music and LRT
Joel Dangerfield	Rotary English/Math and Music
Cathy MacLean	Rotary English/Math
Bill McMullen	Rotary English/Math
Jessica Winters	Rotary Math
Tabatha Sarault	Education Assistant
Joan Carpini	Education Assistant – Jr GLP
Will Jamieson	Educational Assistant
Julie Wright	Educational Assistant – Int GLP
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 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). **All applications will be reviewed by OSTA.** 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 over 150 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 October 3rd and be a responsible student. October 3rd is our 11th 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 junior team will be attempting to win for a record 10th 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 team practices will be starting soon. 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

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, we 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 some 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.

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.

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

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!

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are 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. Any help on any week day would be greatly appreciated.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:



The Trillium Hot Lunch program will be kicking off soon. Details will be sent home with your child.



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



Did you know that 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 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.

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.

MEET THE TEACHER

(September 26 activities from 4:30 to 6:30 plus class visits from 6:30 to 7:30)



To celebrate the start of a new school year TESC will be hosting a pre-meet the teacher event from 4:30-6:30 where you can come for dinner, catch up with families and friends and where the children can enjoy a bouncy castle obstacle course.

The following food vendors will be present from 4:30-6:30:

Grill Master Express: Menu and Prices



Hamburger & Veggie burger	\$4.00
Chicken burger	\$5.00
7" Hot Dog	\$3.00
Fresh Cut fries	\$3.00
Assorted beverages (soft drinks, bottle water & fruit juices)	\$1.00

Mr. Sundae: Menu and Prices

Soft Ice Cream (Vanilla, Chocolate, Twist)	Prices range from \$3.50 to \$7.00
Sundaes	
Milkshakes	
Cartwheel Ice Cream Sandwich	
Chocolate Covered Cheesecake	
Slush, Shaved Ice, Popsicles	



If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to chair@tesc.ca.

We look forward to seeing you!

TESC

Jump2Math

Jump2Math is a day and evening interactive math learning experience coming to Trillium ES on November 28th. More details to come!

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

TESC School Council Meetings



Our first School Council Meeting was held on September 13th in the school library from 7:00-9:00. If you are interested in becoming a member of council or simply would like to hear what's discussed, please feel free to join us at our next meeting on October 25th.

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

City of Ottawa IMMUNIZATION CATCH-UP CLINIC

Tuesday, September 25, 2018
Collège catholique Mer Bleue
6401 Renaud Rd, Orleans

Appointments are made by calling the Ottawa Public Health Information Centre at 613-580-6744

Vaccines Available: DTaP-IPV-Hib, HB, HPV-4, HPV9, Men-C-ACYW135, Men-C-C, MMR, MMRV, Tdap, Tdap-IPV, Var

Note: There is a 15 minute waiting period after receiving vaccination.



**GLOBAL CHILD
CARE SERVICES**

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.