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W.O. MITCHELL IS A NUT AND SCENT RESTRICTED SCHOOL

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

We are a little early on the April newsletter, but we do have some time-sensitive items that really should get out this week. Maybe the spring season will follow suit.

We are starting the administrative work necessary to prepare for the 2016-17 school year for our students. We want to select the most appropriate placement for your child for next year. If you have some academic or social/emotional information regarding your child that you would like to share with us to help with this placement, please send the information in writing to my attention **no later than April 30**. Teachers will meet with administration to determine class placements for the children. Although we would like to accommodate every parental concern, we will not be able to do so in all cases. **The student placements are finalized in September. Only in extreme circumstances would there be changes made to these placements.** Please know that we will do everything we can to ensure that your child is placed appropriately. Thank you in advance for your feedback.

Congratulations to Shelley Potvin, a longtime teacher at WOM, on her appointment as Vice-Principal at Bridlewood Community Elementary School. Shelley was one of the first staff members here when the school opened in 1998 and is an active Bridlewood Community member. Many of you will know Shelley as your child's classroom teacher, as the head of our special education department, or as Darcy McRae's favourite "roadie" as a champion for the Children's Wish Foundation. She has had a very positive impact in our school community over the years. We know she will do a fantastic job in her new role at BCES but, as you can imagine, she will be dearly missed here by all at WOM. All the best to you, Shelley!!

Let's hope spring is on the way soon!

Sincerely,

Heather Graham
Principal

3rd Kanata Scouts Registration

Saturday May 7th 10am – 2pm at W.O. Mitchell Elementary School

3rd Kanata Scouts annual event:

Spring Registration for Beavers (ages 5-7), Cubs (8-10), Scouts (11-14), Venturers (15-18) and Rovers (18-25). Affordable programming for boys and girls ages five through 25. Weekly meetings at local schools from the end of September through May, plus opportunities for optional extra weekend and outdoor activities, community involvement and exciting, age-appropriate challenges and unique experiences.

The registration event also includes:

Silent Auction

Craft Fair

Bar-BQ

Plus raffles, baked goods, kids' fun, bike safety and more



Happy Birthday!

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Use the gift cards instead of your debit or credit card. When you do, a percentage of the gift card purchase comes

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Purchase gift cards for upcoming birthdays at many stores including;

Toy's R' Us

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Chapters

and many more

Set up an account and purchase between **April 1 and April 30th** and stock up on gift cards for upcoming birthdays. Go to fundscrip.com and click support a group and enter WOM'S

invitation code **UXVFW3**. More information as well as information on payment methods and shipping is available at womschoolcouncil.com

Happy Shopping!

SPEAKER SERIES EVENT Inspire and Motivate Learners to develop Resiliency and Advocacy Skills through Technology with D.J. Cunningham Thursday, April 7, 2016 — 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m, Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School, Auditorium 149 Berrigan Drive
Learn how assistive technologies can open a door to independence and academic success for your child. DJ Cunningham's passion and expertise grows out of a deep personal understanding of learning disabilities. He has been a user of assistive technologies for the past 10 years and has trained hundreds of students and led numerous training workshops. DJ Cunningham , CEO of LEARNstyle says, "I have come to embrace challenge. Challenge, is what make me feel alive. Being diagnosed with a learning disability and ADHD in grade 4, I have experienced challenge all of my life. Dealing with this life of challenge has resulted in me becoming a master of resiliency. No challenge is too big. Be challenged, live life large." No registration required Free Admission, Free Parking

Guest Speaker Dr.Santor: at Roch Carrier School Library - Wednesday, April 13, 7:00pm

Media Smarts: Best Practices for Managing Excessive Screen Time use by Students

By age 10, almost 1 in 2 students has a cell phone. By high school, students report that they spend on average 25 hours/week outside of school time, in front of a screen. In this one-hour workshop, I will review the most recent research finding on the frequency of excessive media use or screen time, its impact on student well-being, academic success and development, as well as our current understanding of risk and protective factors for excessive screen-time use. However, the bulk of the workshop will focus on best-practices and strategies for managing excessive screen time use by students, both at home and at school. Some of the practical issues addressed in this workshop. Attached to this newsletter is the full information.

OTTAWA CHILDREN'S CHOIR AUDITIONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The Directors of the **Ottawa Children's Choir**, Allison Prowse & Jamie Loback, invite you to audition for the upcoming season. Auditions are open to students ages 8-15 (as of September 1, 2016). Auditions will be held the mornings of **Saturday, April 30th, 2016** and **Saturday, May 28th, 2016**.

For more information or to book an audition please email info@ottawachildrenschoir.ca or call [613 233-4440](tel:6132334440)

DATES TO NOTE

School Spelling Bee – Grades 5-8 10:40-12:10 Gym	Thursday, March 24
Scientists in School – Grade 5	Tuesday, March 29
Immunization Grade 7's HEP B and Grade 8 girls HPV	Monday, April 4
Grade 8 Grad Photo – AM Only	Wednesday, April 6
Vision Screening – All Grades	Thursday, April 7
Scientist in Schools – Grade 6	Friday, April 8
School Council Meeting – Library 7:00 PM	Tuesday, April 12
PA Day – NO SCHOOL	Friday, April 15
Tumble Day (Friday Schedule)	Wednesday, April 20
Dental Screening - JK, SK & Grade 2	Tuesday, April 26
Grade Eight Leaving Ceremony	Thursday, June 30

