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

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

If you have not given your input for the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board Secondary School Review, this consultation will close on May 18th. If you have not already done so, please provide your feedback. Committee of the Whole will consider staff recommendations on June 7th. Information can be found at:

<http://www.ocdsb.ca/sch/as/Secondary-School-Program-Review/Pages/default.aspx>

Please join us on Wednesday, June 8 at 2:30 for our Annual Parent Volunteer Appreciation Tea. Please join us in the library at 2:30 pm for coffee, tea, juice and light snacks. You may drop your children off with supervisors in the foyer at this time as well. We would love to thank you in person for all the work you do as a volunteer to make WOM such a great place for our children.

Thank you for your popcorn purchases last week. School Council raised \$1191.89 in one day! That is amazing and goes a long way to reach our fundraising goal.

Happy Spring!
Heather Graham
Principal



If you are moving out of our school boundary for the next school year, please give the office a call to let us know this information. This will help when setting up classes for next year. Thank you so much



Calling All Gardening Enthusiasts

Did you know that WOM has earned 3 gold Eco School awards? A gold Eco School award indicates the highest standard of environmental stewardship and is a very prestigious OCDSB award. As part of this year's Eco plan, our Eco team is working on a garden improvement plan. If you have a background in landscaping or just love being outside in the garden, we need you! Our goal is to improve the existing garden beds at WOM. The first stage of our garden improvement project is to prune and dead head all existing foliage. We are looking for parent volunteers to work in small groups to prune the nine different flower beds, identify existing plants, turn soil and help plant new plants into the garden. If you are able to assist with light pruning, branch trimming or heavy shovelling during the school day or after school hours, during the weeks of May 9-13, please contact Gaye Ansell-Gosselin at gaye.ansell-gosselin@ocdsb.ca or by phone at [613-271-1806](tel:613-271-1806). Leave your name and number and I will call you back when I am not teaching. Donations of seeds, bulbs, annuals, perennials, soil or compost would be greatly appreciated. Please note that we are trying to be careful to use plants and seeds that are not treated with insecticides such as neonicotinoid pesticides as these will kill the pollinators (bees, butterflies and hummingbirds) that we are trying to attract. When in doubt, ask your store's garden representative if their seeds and plants are neonicotinoid free. I have a list of Ottawa area stores that sell non-GMO seeds and plants if you would like some guidance in this area. As you begin to work on your own gardens, please consider the possibility of splitting your perennials and donating them to the school for planting during the week of May 16-20. We will be looking for some parent volunteers at this time to help classes plant two consecutive days, weather permitting.

Father's Day and Teacher Appreciation!
Fundscrip, Shopping is Fundraising!!

W.O. MITCHELL NEWSLETTER

How it works: Purchase gift cards; raise money for WOM

Use the gift cards instead of your debit or credit card. When you do, a percentage of the gift card purchase comes back to WOM and is used to enhance student learning for all students.

Purchase gift cards for dad's at many stores including;

Home Hardware

Home Depot

Canadian Tire

Golf Town

Sport Chek

Foot Locker

Don't forget the school year end is fast approaching. Want to thank your child's teacher?

Why not give a gift card.

Ideas include:

Laura Secord

Variety of Restaurants

Chapters

Indigo

Coles

and many more!!

Set up an account and purchase your cards between **May 15-Jun 10** to **ensure sufficient time for delivery** and say thanks to some great people in our lives! 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 Summer!

MAY DATES TO NOTE

Swim to Survive -R23A 12:30-2:30	May 17, 24 & 31
WOM Track Meet - Grade 6-8	Wednesday, May 18
Upper Canada Village EF8A	May 19 & 20
Jump Rope for Heart Grades 1-6 1:00-2:30	Thursday, May 19
Carleton University Sports Day - EF7A & R7A	Friday, May 20
True sports Day at Deevy Pines Ball Diamond- EF2A & EF2B	Friday, May 20
EQAO	May 25- June 8
Hudson Sergent Relay	Thursday, May 26
Kindergarten Information Night	Thursday, May 26
Canadian Museum of History - Grade 2's	Thursday, May 30
Track and Field for Intermediates	Friday, May 31