



**W.O. Mitchell E.S.**  
**“Learning together, together to learn”**  
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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

### **Principal's Message**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are starting the administrative work necessary to prepare for the 2017-18 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 28**. 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.

Thank you for your generous support of the Education Foundation and Kindness Week. We raised \$ 1561.65 for a grand total of \$15,319.31 over the past 6 years. The Education Foundation does incredible work to support children and families in our district who need financial assistance. The Education Foundation of Ottawa (EFO) was established as a registered charity in 2005 to help meet the socio-economic challenges which many students in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board face on a daily basis. The EFO's mission is "removing economic barriers to successful learning". Thank you for caring about our community!

Sometime in the next two weeks we will be practicing another lockdown procedure in the school with the assistance of our School Resource Officer, Constable Paul McCormack. While we hope that we never have to use this procedure, it is a good idea to practice all drills when it is a bit of a surprise. All educators will ensure that the children know what to do in all classrooms and this drill will occur during instructional time. Thanks for your support of our emergency procedures so we can keep everyone safe at WO Mitchell!

WOM will be celebrating the International Day of Pink on Wednesday, April 12. Please see <http://dayofpink.org/> for details. Staff and students are encouraged to wear pink to show support on a day where communities across the country, and across the world, can unite in celebrating diversity and raising awareness to stop homophobia, transphobia, transmisogyny, and all forms of bullying. The message is clear: anyone can bully, any can be victimized by bullying, but together we can stop it. Thanks in advance for your support.

Happy Spring everyone!

Sincerely,

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.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Kanata Scouts Annual Mother's Day Fundraiser**

Welcome to Bridlewood and Emerald Meadows Communities from 3<sup>rd</sup> Kanata Scouts:

Please join 3<sup>rd</sup> Kanata Scouts for their Annual Mother's Day Fundraiser, Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. at St. Anne School, 500 Stonehaven, Kanata.

Featuring: Take part in Scouting activities, free bounce castle and face painting, silent auction, baking, kids' fun, barbeque, and more...

Ask Scouts (youth) and Scouters about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Kanata Scouts Program and how to register.

(Beavers: age 5-7, Cubs: age 8-10, Scouts: age 11-14, Venturers: age 15-17, Rovers: age 18-25)

Pre-order Mother's Day flower baskets from Richmond Nursery and seeds/bulbs from Vesey's:

Order from April 1 – April 21. Delivery on May 13 at the Mother's Day Event.

Call or e-mail Sharon for information and order sheets: [sharonleal52@gmail.com](mailto:sharonleal52@gmail.com) or [613-316-4756](tel:613-316-4756).

### **A Look Ahead**

The 2017/2018 School Calendar has been tentatively released. Please see the link for next school years schedule or you can visit [ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca) and click on the 'School Year Calendar' tab.

<http://www.ocdsb.ca/calendar/Pages/default.aspx>

### **MOBILE EYE CLINIC (MEC)**

**MEC** is an initiative of the Canadian Council of the Blind in conjunction with local Lions clubs, which brings a licensed optometrist to schools to perform Ontario Health Insurance Program (OHIP) covered comprehensive eye exams for children. The program will be offered at **W.O.**

**Mitchell Elementary School** for students who have not had an eye exam in the last 12 months.

**MEC** will be at WOM on **May 4 & 11, 2017**.

Children 19 years of age or younger are covered by OHIP for **ONLY one (1)** comprehensive eye exam per year.

All children need regular comprehensive eye examinations to determine if they have healthy eyes and optimal vision. Statistics show that at least 1 in 6 children have a vision problem, which in most cases would otherwise go undetected. An eye examination will be conducted by a licensed optometrist.

If you would like your child to participate in MEC, please complete the form that was sent home and return it to the school by April 21, 2017.

**Earth Week** is a week-long celebration of the Earth and the environment, in order to get environmental sustainability into the hearts and minds of people in our communities, and to have a ton of fun at the same time.

Earth Week 2017 runs April 18th through 21st.

The WOM EcoSchools Team has come up with a fun and challenging way to celebrate Earth Week this year.

### WOM ECOSCHOOLS GREEN CHALLENGE

The challenge will focus on some green initiatives; such as promoting recycling, and reducing waste. The more people that participate in the challenges, the greener and cleaner our school, community and planet will be.

The 4 DAY GREEN CHALLENGE will be held from Tuesday April 18 to Friday April 21. The challenge will consist of the 4 daily challenges listed below.

- Tuesday April 18 - **EAT Green** - When packing school lunches, please try to keep with our “reduced litter lunch” initiative and reduce as much litter as possible. You can do this by using reusable lunch bags and packing food in reusable containers. Litterless lunch today!
- Wednesday April 19 - **BE Green and LEARN Green** - Let’s wear green to show we care about our school, our community and our planet. Learn about recycling at our Earth Week Assemblies.
- Thursday April 20 - **DRINK Green** - Pack a lunch without single use bottles such as juice boxes, water bottles, and soda pop cans. Instead use reusable drink containers.
- Friday April 21 - **SEE Green** - Let’s keep an eye out for lights and computer monitors that are not switched off when not in use. Think of all the energy we save when remembering to switch off.

Let’s all work together and help make a difference in our community.



## DATES TO NOTE

- April 13 Intermediate Intervention Convention – Gym 1:10-2:30 (all gr 7 & 8's except the 7's of R78A)
- April 14 – 17 Easter Weekend/*No School*
- April 18-21 Earth Week
- April 18 Swim to Survive – EF3A & EF34A  
Intermediate Invention Convention – Richcraft Recreation Complex
- April 19 Scientist in Schools – gr 6's
- April 24-28 Bookfair
- April 25 Grade 8 Grad Retake photo  
Swim to Survive – Ef3A & EF34A
- April 27 & 28 Intermediate Badminton Tournament –gym all day
- May 2 Swim to Survive – EF3A & EF34A

