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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to let you know that there will be a change to the distribution date for report cards for students in grades 1-8, and students in year 2 of the kindergarten program. Elementary report cards will now be released on February 22, 2017. The change in dates was necessary due to District-wide network issues that delayed the production of report cards. My apologies for any inconvenience.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to share with you a link to the [OCDSB Parent Guide to Elementary Assessment and Evaluation](#). The guide has excellent information about how teachers approach assessment and evaluation which could be helpful in understanding your child's report card.

As we have done for the past 5 years, we are excited to kick off Kindness Month and the Toonie Tuesday Fundraiser for the Education Foundation on Thursday, Feb 16. There will be two assemblies and you are welcome to join us for either:

Kindergarten -grade 4 - 11:10-1210  
Grade 5-8 - 1:20-2:20.

I am delighted to tell you that a parent from Alta Vista Public School and the facilitator of a kindness organization called World Changing Kids, Lindsey Barr, will be our keynote speaker. <http://worldchangingkids.ca/> Chris McGarvey, from the Education Foundation and a WOM parent, will speak to us at the assemblies, and the Social Justice Group students will be facilitating the assemblies. Many, many thanks to Lisa Villeneuve, Sarah Bowen, and Tigra Fried for their leadership on this event. We plan to demonstrate some of the great examples of kindness that we already show throughout the school and will highlight the new group headed by Mrs. Poirier, Kindness Inc. Lindsey will also get us started on a WOM Kindness Challenge.

WOM is one of the leading Ottawa-Carleton District School Board Elementary Schools over the past 5 years in fundraising for the Education Foundation. We do hope to continue this trend over the next month as we kick off fundraising from February 16-March 10. More information will be coming home in the coming weeks and our big bake sale event will happen on February 28 - the actual date of Toonie Tuesday. The Education Foundation is a fantastic support for many students in our school district. Please check out the great stuff that Chris and his team do at <http://www.educationfoundationottawa.ca/>

If you are interested in contributing a nut-free baked item to the bake sale for Feb 28, please email Sarah Bowen at [sarah.bowen@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sarah.bowen@ocdsb.ca) We ask that you please send in servable (in portions) baked goods. We also have a cake raffle and invite bakers to send those in as well. The cakes do raise quite a lot of money. Of course, if you have any specialty item such as gluten-free or dairy-free treats, we would love to have those as well. Please ensure that they are labeled so we can get

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them to those children who would enjoy a special treat. Thank you for considering making a difference for the children who need the services of the Education Foundation. Remember - WOM Rocks!

As always, I am committed to being a partner with you in your child's education. Please contact me anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Heather Graham  
Principal  
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### **Vacation**

Please be sure to notify the office if you will be taking your child/children out of school for a vacation. By doing this, it will stop all the phone calls and messages on your cell phones and home phones.

### **Elementary School Transfers**

The application period for a cross boundary transfer to another elementary or secondary school is from **February 6 through February 17, 2017**. Applications can be obtained from school office staff. Guidelines for the transfer process can be found on our web site. Please see the OCDSB Parent Guide to Transfers.

### **Lost and Found**



We have many items in our Lost and Found. Please take a few moments to look through and take home what belongs to you and your family. All unclaimed items will be donated to a Charitable Organization. Click on below link to view lost items.

[https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipNTdWkUSehLVsZS6riRSi6Q3eC1RNfXkLhleHMIoYGiw4wJzz\\_qVFbuAuae-rmQkq?key=cDhkeW9oVmRyS0xiYmFIUWtxbjBaYmo3anp6N3p3](https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipNTdWkUSehLVsZS6riRSi6Q3eC1RNfXkLhleHMIoYGiw4wJzz_qVFbuAuae-rmQkq?key=cDhkeW9oVmRyS0xiYmFIUWtxbjBaYmo3anp6N3p3)



### **Appropriate Outdoor Clothing**

Cold weather is here! It is expected that if your child is well enough to come to school, then they are able to go outdoors for recesses. Fresh air and exercise are important to a child's growth, and provide a much needed release time for excess energy! Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately with a warm jacket, pants, mitts, hats, and proper footwear so they can enjoy the outdoor weather.



### **Bus Cancellations**

In the event of a major snow or ice storm, the Board will have bus cancellations announced by 6:15 a.m. This information will be posted on the Board Website at: [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca) and [www.ottawaschoolbus.ca](http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca) and announced on the following local radio stations:

CBC 91.5 FM	CFRA 580 AM	CHEZ 106.1 FM
KISS 105.3 FM	MAJIC 100.3 FM	CHRI 99.1 FM

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When the buses are not running and the schools remain open, teachers and staff will be in attendance. **PLEASE NOTE: If the buses are cancelled in the morning, they are cancelled in the afternoon. If parents choose to drive their children to school, they must also pick them up by 2:30 pm or earlier if the weather conditions worsen.**

If your child takes the bus and is NOT coming in, you DO NOT need to call in their absence.

### W.O. Mitchell Food Drive

From Dec. 13 to 22 our intermediate students worked tirelessly to achieve their goal of collecting 1000 non perishable food items to donate to the Kanata Food Cupboard and help those who needed it. They practiced life skills such as teamwork, communication, organization and marketing over a couple of weeks. Everyone had fun packing up the food donations after school on Dec. 21. In the end they surpassed their goal, handing over 1,249 food items in 64 boxes and \$380 in cash donations. Our showcase never looked so full! This was a huge success for the food drive team! The students who volunteered are looking forward to helping out more in their community some time soon. The food drive committee would like to thank everyone for their thoughtful donations.

Thank you and a big shout out to Mme Sévigny for coordinating, and the following students for their time and commitment to the success of the food drive: Nour, Hanan, Willa, Darrius, Maia, Jillian, Nicole, Isha, Ayden, Jad, Andrew, Jack, Hadriano, Leith, Emma, Luke, Meg, Abby, Miriam, Bryan, Sarah, Isabelle, Cameron, and Kyle.

### Council Corner

#### Current Events

##### Term 2 Lunch Orders

WOM School Council has launched a brand new Hot Lunch Program which began on January 31st and runs until the end of the school year! The Hot Lunches are a great way to help enrich our school programs and eliminates the need to plan lunches for the days you order on! WIN-WIN!!!! Please carefully note the change of day for Pita Pit this term.

Day of the Week	Supplier	How to Order	Info*
MONDAYS	Lunch Lady	<a href="https://order.lunchlady.ca/Home.aspx">https://order.lunchlady.ca/Home.aspx</a>	Flexible ordering
TUESDAYS	Domino's	<a href="https://womitchell.hotlunches.net/admin/">https://womitchell.hotlunches.net/admin/</a>	Entire term
WEDNESDAYS	Pita Pit	<a href="https://womitchell.hotlunches.net/admin/">https://womitchell.hotlunches.net/admin/</a>	Entire term
THURSDAYS	Mazzola	<a href="http://www.mazzola.ca/">http://www.mazzola.ca/</a>	Flexible ordering
FRIDAYS	Lunch Lady	<a href="https://order.lunchlady.ca/Home.aspx">https://order.lunchlady.ca/Home.aspx</a>	Flexible ordering

\*For Lunch Lady: order as often or as little as you wish. Order up to 3 days in advance online (by Wednesday at midnight for Monday orders and Tuesday at midnight for Friday orders).

For Mazzola: order as often or as little as you wish. Order up to 7AM online Thursday mornings.

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For Domino's and Pita Pit, ordering is for the full term running from January 30th – June 29th.

If you have questions, please contact [lunch@womschoolcouncil.com](mailto:lunch@womschoolcouncil.com). Thank you for supporting this school council fundraiser!

### **THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS:**

THANK YOU to all who came out to support our The Secret Life of Pets Fundraiser! We hope you all enjoyed yourselves. A special thank you to all of the parents and students volunteers who helped make the event a great success!

### **BRAINSTORMING COMMITTEE**

Have an idea to help with fundraising? Want to take part in a brainstorming session? Let us know what day you're available by filling out the quick survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N8B2WHN> and stay tuned to the website and facebook group for more information.

### **FEBRUARY DATES TO NOTE**

February 16 – Superhero Day and Education Foundation Kick Off Toonie Tuesday  
February 17 – PA Day no school for students  
February 20 – Family Day no school  
February 22 – Pink Tee Shirt day and Report Cards go home  
February 28 – Education Foundation Bake Sale

