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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year to you and your family!

We are off to a great start of another 9-week block of learning until the March Break. All staff members have been working hard this term to make math more visual in all areas of the curriculum as part of our School Learning Plan. I am pleased to say that great gains were made in this area in all classrooms from the pre-test to the post-test. The teachers who teach academic math worked in tandem with language/social studies/science/arts teaching staff to make math a priority and to represent it visually. Educators report an increased use of visuals/manipulatives in the classroom for math. We also are encouraged that children are seeing the application of math in all areas of academics and the real world. Congratulations to staff and students for a tremendous effort in term one.

In the upcoming term, we are focussing on well-being. Plans are underway to develop our School Learning Plan for term two. Sarah Bowen (teacher representative) and I will be speaking with School Council on February 7 about the "Zones of Regulation" work that we hope to do as part of our learning plan. Feel free to attend at 7 pm in the library.

The Kindness Month kick-off assemblies start on February 16 with our keynote speaker, Lindsey Barr, World-Changing Mom who facilitates the organization World Changing Kids. <http://worldchangingkids.ca/> Our Social Justice Club and a group of teachers, Tigra Fried, Lisa Villeneuve, Sarah Bowen and I are in the process of planning a month of great initiatives and this kick-off assembly. Our goal is to promote kindness and well-being throughout the WOM Community, but we also fundraise for the Education Foundation, a very worthy organization. <http://www.educationfoundationottawa.ca/> The K- grade 4 assembly is at 11:15 am - 12:15 pm and the gr.5-8 is from 1:20-2:20 pm. You are welcome to join us for either assembly.

Many thanks to all of you who have ordered from the School Council Hot Lunch Program. Money raised continues to support the purchase of resources to enhance student learning here at WOM. This is truly a win-win situation. WOM gets resources through this program, and you save time by not having to make lunches! What are you going to do with all that extra time?

Our Family Movie Night is Friday, January 20. It isn't too late to attend and see "The Secret Life of Pets". My dog, Mulligan, gives this one two paws up! We did ask people to pre-order tickets and food, but we do welcome last minute attendees. Join us for this great community

event this Friday, and thanks to School Council parent facilitators, Amanda Taillon and Kristi Muir, for their leadership!

Thank you for your partnership in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Heather Graham  
Principal  
#WOMrocks!

**Kindergarten Registration**



### **Junior Kindergarten/Senior Regular and Early French Immersion**

Registration for Junior Kindergarten will take place at the school from **Monday, January 23, 2017 until Friday, January 27, 2017**. By registering during this week, you assist us in our planning for the next school year. You can, however, register for kindergarten at any time.

Children eligible for Junior Kindergarten must be four years old by December 31, 2016. Children eligible for Senior Kindergarten must be five years old by December 31, 2016. To register, please bring proof of age in the form of a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, registration of birth card, or passport. Registration cannot be completed without one of these forms of identification.

If your child is already in Junior Kindergarten, you do not need another registration form. However, you will have to make a decision as to whether your child should stay in the Regular English program or change to the Early French Immersion program for Senior Kindergarten. Please let us know if you require another form.

### **Kindergarten Parent Information Night**

A parent information night for both the Junior and Senior Kindergarten programs, Regular and Early French Immersion, will be held on **Thursday, January 19th at 6:00 p.m.** in the library.

### **Elementary/Secondary School Transfers**

The application period for a cross boundary transfer to another elementary school is from **February 8 through February 19, 2017**. Applications can be obtained from school office staff.

Guidelines for the transfer process can be found on our web site and you may receive a hard copy here in the office. Please see the OCDSB Parent Guide to Transfers.

### **Middle French Immersion Registration**

The application period for Middle Immersion is from Tuesday, February 16 until Monday, February 22, 2016. Middle French Immersion in the OCDSB begins in grade 4. Grade 4-6 MFI students receive up to 80 per cent of their instruction in French. Generally, all subjects, with the exception of English Language Arts and Mathematics, are taught in French. In grade 7 and 8, the program is up to 70 percent French and 30 percent English instruction.

Students promoted to grade 4 who are not already in French Immersion are eligible for enrolment in the Middle French Immersion program. Bridlewood Community Elementary School offers the MFI program (serving South Kanata) at Bridlewood Community Elementary School, and invite interested students and parents to join them on **Thursday, February 18, 2017 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** in their school library, for an information meeting. If you, as a parent/guardian of a student in grade 3, wish to learn more about the Middle French Immersion program at Bridlewood Community Elementary School, please join them on February 18th or contact them at the school ([613-591-3683](tel:613-591-3683)). If you have a student in grade 3 in the English Program this may be of interest to you. Registration forms can be obtained from any school office.



### **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

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.**

### **Council News**

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us with another successful popcorn day. November's Popcorn Day was our best ever! In total WOM students ate over 700 bags of popcorn!! It was a fun day and we can't wait to do it again in May. Thank you for supporting the school council initiatives.

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.

## **Council Corner**

### **Current Events**

#### **Term 2 Lunch Orders**

WOM School Council is excited to announce our brand new Hot Lunch Program which begins on January 30th and runs until the end of the school year!

**ORDERING FOR TERM 2 STARTS JANUARY 10TH AND RUNS UNTIL FRIDAY JANUARY 20TH. LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PAYMENTS (cheques made payable to W.O. Mitchell School Council) MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE HOT LUNCH BIN (LOCATED IN THE OFFICE) BY TUESDAY JANUARY 24TH.** 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	Coming soon!		
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. 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). The access code to order is WOMHL

Thank you for supporting this school council fundraiser!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### MOVIE NIGHT

Featuring *The Secret Life of Pets*- will occur on **Jan 20**. Reserve your seat as space is limited. Do you think that your pets just wait around all day for you to come home? Think again! Come out and see what REALLY goes on. This promises to be a fun night for all ages. Doors open at 6:00pm, movie starts at 6:30pm. Volunteers needed, please contact [movie@womschoolcouncil.com](mailto:movie@womschoolcouncil.com)

**Our next council meeting will be Feb 7, at 7pm in the Library. All are welcome!**

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

January 19 – Kindergarten Information Night 6pm in the library  
 January 20 – Dental Screening: JK/SK and grade 2 and Movie Night  
 January 24 – Ontario Skills Competition at Longfield Davidson Heights  
 January 30 – PD Day, no school for students

