



**W.O. Mitchell E.S.**  
**“Learning together, together to learn”**  
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## **W.O. MITCHELL IS A NUT AND SCENT RESTRICTED SCHOOL**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Currently, all staff members are working on our School Learning Plan with our focus on numeracy across the curriculum. Numbers are everywhere, not just in academic math classrooms. We are working with children to help them to make visual representations of their thinking in math ie: using number lines, charts, graphs etc... Teachers are looking to highlight numeracy in the arts, social studies, and science to model that numbers are very important in every subject. Our hope is that students will improve their numeracy skills through this work. This work has been supported through our partnership with EOSDN (the Eastern Ontario Staff Development Network) and Instructional Coaches from the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB). Thanks to Brad Sokalski, our VP, for his instructional leadership in this area.

Support from home is key to a child's success at school. Please check out the OCDSB's presentation on [Supporting Your Child in Math](#) from this year's School Council Parent Conference. This session explored ways to increase parent engagement in children's mathematics learning. This link above has many rich resources for you to use with your child at home.

We are only a few short weeks away from our winter holiday from December 24-January 8. All the best for a wonderful holiday, a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas and a wonderful Kwanzaa!

Sincerely,

Heather Graham  
Principal

**Bus Cancellations**

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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.**

If your child takes the bus please DO NOT call in the absence

### **Skating**

Once again this year, WOM is sharing an outdoor skating rink with the City of Ottawa. It is located beside the school. Classes will soon begin to use the skating rink as part of their physical education program.



#### **Please ensure that your child:**

- is wearing a CSA (Canadian Standards Association) approved helmet, that fits properly and will help prevent head injuries. It should be snug and comfortable. Helmets (including hockey and snow sport) are mandatory for all students and adults. Wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads help prevent wrist fractures, and bruises on knees and elbows.
- is wearing proper fitting skates that give good support around the ankles. Please use skate guards or place the skates in a sturdy cloth bag when transporting skates to school (especially on the school bus).
- is wearing proper clothing (e.g., gloves, neck warmer, waterproof jacket and pants, etc.) appropriate for the weather conditions. Please note that skating will be cancelled if there is inclement weather or if the ice is in poor condition.

## **COUNCIL CORNER**

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 nearly 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.

For those who have ordered wreaths and poinsettias, pick up for these items will be December 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-6:00 pm in the school foyer.

There will be no December school council meeting but please join us January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Library for our first meeting of the new year. Be in the know and hear what great things are coming up in 2017!

Looking for gifts this month? Have some shopping to do? Use our invitation code UXVFW3 at <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group> and WOM will benefit. Proceeds from each gift card

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purchase go directly to W.O. Mitchell School Council and contribute to great things at our school. Great stores that you probably already shop at are included on the supported retailers list. The best part is you can check another errand off your list without going out in the ice and snow!

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.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

### Dates to Remember

Tumble Day - Monday Schedule	Wed. Dec. 7
Grade 8 Elective Day going to A Y Jackson SS 8 - 12:30	Tues. Des. 13
EOSDN Coaches Visit	Wed. Dec.14
Intermediate Girls Volleyball - Earl of March SS 2:30	Thurs. Dec. 15
Winter Break	Dec. 24 - Jan. 8
Dental Screening - JK, SK & gr. 2	Fri. Jan. 20

Seasons Greetings