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

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Grade 1-8 progress reports will be sent out to you on Thursday, November 10. This is a brief snapshot of how your child is progressing this term in individual subjects and in their learning skills. Kindergarten students do not receive formal reports at this time, but they will get reports in February and June at the end of each term. We are pleased to offer parent-teacher interviews on the evening of November 17 and the morning of November 18 to K-8 parents.

Communication between home and school is important. We know that this has a very positive influence on student achievement. This year we are testing a program using an online booking service for parent-teacher interviews to be held on November 17/18. Information will be sent to you next week about how to access this service. Many thanks to Scott Blythe for his great work to get this organized. We hope this new program will be useful for both you and the WOM staff. We may even save a tree or two in the process! If for some reason you are unable to book online, please send a note or call the teacher directly to ensure that you have a face to face or phone interview in the coming weeks.

We look forward to continuing our work together with you and your child this term. Here are some excellent resources from the Ministry of Education and the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board regarding the role of parents and student assessment, evaluation and reporting:

Supporting your child's learning - The Ontario Ministry of Education:
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reportCard.html>

The OCDSB Parent Guide to Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting: <http://www.ocdsb.ca/med/pub/Publications%20%20Updated/Parent%20Guide%20to%20Assessment%20Evaluation%20and%20Reporting%20Elementary.pdf>

Parental Engagement in Schools - The Ontario Ministry of Education:
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/involvement/>

Friday, November 11 at 10:50 am, our school will come together for our Remembrance Day Ceremony. You are welcome to attend this ceremony at this time. Please sign in at the office and join us in the gymnasium as we honour the brave Canadians who have served and continue to serve our country.

Finally, a reminder that "no scent makes good sense". Several members of the WOM School Community are sensitive to strong perfumes and colognes. Please refrain from wearing these when in the building as it has caused illness this year. Thanks in advance for your cooperation, everyone!

Sincerely, your partner in education,

Heather Graham
Principal

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 after parent interviews on Nov. 18th.

Appropriate Outdoor Clothing



Cold weather is fast approaching! 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.

Emergency Closing and Inclement Weather



In the event of a major snow or ice storm, the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board will ask the following radio or television stations to announce the cancellations of bus routes by 6:15 am:

CFRA 580 News
CHRI 99.1FM

Virgin – CKQB - 106.9 FM
CJMJ – FM - Majic100

CKBY – FM - Y101.1
CISS – FM – KISS 105.3

CBC Radio 91.5 FM

KOOL FM 54.9

CFG0– AM – Team 1200

CHEZ – FM – Classic106.1 FM

CIHT – FM – Hot 89.9

CIWW – AM – News 1310

CKKL – Bob FM – 93.9

CJET – Jack - FM – 92.3

When school buses are cancelled in the morning, they are cancelled for the whole day but the schools remain open. ***If you choose to drop off your child (who would normally be on a bus), Please be aware that you will need to return to pick them up at either 10:30 for kindergarten or 2:30 for pm kindergarten and grades 1 - 8.***

As well, please send your child with a lunch as all food programs are cancelled when buses are cancelled.

Parents are also reminded that in the event of a bus cancellation, absenteeism must be called in for all 'walking' students. Please call **613-271-1806**.

Dates to Remember

Remembrance Day – Assembly 10:50 AM	Fri., November 11
Immunization - HEP B - Grade 7's HPV Grade 8 Girls	Mon., November 14
Fire Safety: Kindergarten and Gr.1	Tues., November 15
Parent/Teacher Interviews – 5:00 – 7:30 PM	Thurs., November 17
Parent/Teacher Interviews – 8:00 – 11:10 AM No School	Fri., November 18
AY music for intermediate students – gym	Tues., November 29
Popcorn Day	Wed., November 30

COUNCIL CORNER

November Edition

School Council is in full swing and we look forward to bringing more fun and exciting events this year! We hope you all enjoyed movie night, and thank you to all who attended and/or volunteered to make the event a success. Thanks again to all our wonderful WOM staff for their continued enthusiastic support.

UPCOMING

Nov 8 will be our next **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**. We meet at 7pm in the library. All are invited to attend. We're always seeking more input.

Nov 25 all **REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST** submissions are due in the office by end of day to ensure delivery to the Legion. Lest we forget. Nov 25 Last day to order for our POINSETTIA and WREATH Fundraiser. We will be selling Red and White Poinsettias; and decorated or undecorated White Spruce Wreaths to brighten your home for the holiday season! (Order forms to be sent home soon!)

Nov 30- POPCORN DAY- Popcorn will be available in 3 varieties- regular, parmesan, and cinnamon. Always a popular event! Mark your calendars so you don't forget to send your child with \$2.

WANT AD

Council is still seeking to fill 2 positions within the council.

1. **Ottawa Carleton Association of School Council (OCASC) Representative**. Duties include attending the OCASC meeting once a month and reporting back to our local school council. This position helps us to discover what other schools are doing, generates new ideas for our council, and keeps our school current, board-wide. Please contact chair@womschoolcouncil.com if you're interested or simply attend the Nov 8 meeting.

2. **Movie Night Coordinator** for Jan 20. LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! We're seeking an individual who wants to coordinate this event. Duties include picking a movie and coordinating the evening and volunteers. If you're interested in filling this vacancy, please contact chair@womschoolcouncil.com or simply attend the meeting Nov 8.

There will be no December meeting for school council.

