

November is Cooperation Month



School Motto

Every student,
every day,
a success in our
community.

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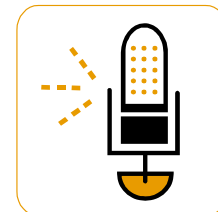


Principal's Message

We'd like to thank everyone who donated food, clothing and gift cards to our two families who were affected by the tornado. The support and generosity of the GG community is exemplary, and your assistance was greatly appreciated.



Parent-teacher interviews are taking place this month, and it is very important that you take the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to discuss their progress. We would like to have all parents attend the interviews and we have made arrangements for your children to be



watched in the gym while you are at your meeting. There will also be a Scholastic Book Fair in the gym during the interviews.

GOVERNING BOARD

We continue the search for a parent representative for the governing board. If you are interested please contact the chair-person Isabelle Richard at isabelrichr@gmail.com

Events at School

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday, November 7th at 10:30 a.m., we will be having our Remembrance Day Ceremony. We are inviting all parents to attend. We would be pleased to have any parents who are/were part of the military, police force or fire department to attend our ceremony in uniform. All members of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides are encouraged to wear their uniform as well. We are asking all staff and students to wear red or white.

For students who do not participate for religious reasons a room will be available for other activities.



ENGLISH BAY COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Our Cookie Dough Fundraiser orders will arrive on Wednesday, November 14th, 2018. Parents must pick up their orders between 2:45 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. We do not have any freezer

room so all orders must be picked up.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

It is important that all parents visit your child's teacher to discuss the progress that he or she has made during the first term. Your attendance at this interview is vital to your child's success so please take time to sign up. Interviews will be held on Thursday, November 22nd from 3:00 to 8:00pm and Friday November 23rd from 8:00am to 12:00pm.



On Sunday, November 4th, 2018 daylight saving time ends. So please remember at 2:00 a.m. to turn your clocks back one hour.

Events at School

H&S BOOK FAIR

Annual Book Fair will be held during parent teacher interviews on Thursday November 22nd and Friday November 23rd just in time for the holidays! Be sure to stop by and see our great selection of scholastic books.

If you don't have a babysitter for your children during parent/teacher interviews you can drop

them off in the gym to watch a movie and do some activities with Home and School volunteers.

ORIENTEERING

We are very lucky to have Mr. Alan Earwaker (Outdoor Education Consultant) joining our Grade 4 students in exploring how compasses work and how we can use them for orienteering.

The orienteering activities will be held on the following dates: Mrs. Plue's class November 27th, Ms. Cusin's class November 28th, Mr. Dooling's class November 29th. Students should be dressed appropriately for outdoor weather on their "Orienteering Day."



Parents Please Note

INTERVIEW TIMES

On Thursday, November 1st, 2018 we will send home the sign-up sheets for your parent/teacher interview times. Interviews will be made on a first come first serve basis so please return the forms as soon as possible.

However, all forms must be returned no later than Monday, November 12th.

PHONE NUMBERS & HEALTH INFORMATION

We ask all parents to please make sure that they keep the office advised of any changes in their home, work or cellular phone numbers. It is extremely important that our files are kept up-to-date should an emergency arise and we need to get in touch with you right away.

LICE AND RASH CHECKS

We ask that parents check their child's head at least once a week or more if their child has had a case of lice. If you discover lice, please call the school so that we can follow appropriate procedures. Also keep an eye on your child's skin for rashes or red bumps. If you discover anything please take them to the doctor.

Monthly Assembly

Our next assembly will be on Friday, November 30th, 2018, where we will give awards to students who have shown the chosen virtue throughout the month.

Please remember to wear pink to all of our monthly

assemblies. This colour represents anti-bullying and creates a sense of community at school.

November is **COOPERATION** month. We hope to see students making an effort to work together as a team.



COOPERATION

Appreciations

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WQSB

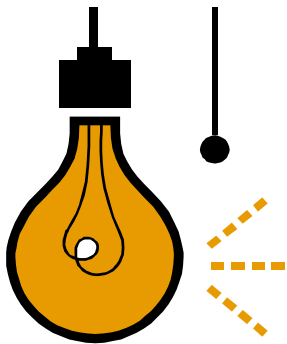
"Teaching is one of the most important and influential career paths in the world. The responsibility to develop future generations of contributing members of society rests in the hands of educators. Having experienced a lifetime career in education, I am proud to be associated with the teachers of the Greater Gatineau School. In every teachable moment you truly make a difference."

-James Shea

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

Congratulations to Mrs. Moleman for being selected as **2018 RHFSF Difference Maker of the Year**. See the link on our website to the article.

<https://www.rickhansen.com/schools-communities/school-program/impact-stories/renai-moleman>



For Your Attention

SCHOOL FEES

We would like to remind you that if you have not been in to pay the 2018-19 school fees please do so as soon as possible. All fees must be paid by Wednesday, November 21st, 2018.

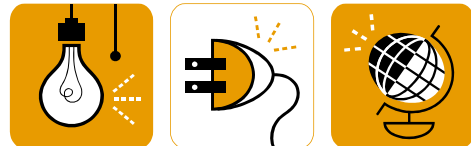
The Western Quebec School Board (WQSB) will soon be sending outstanding fees to

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Thank you to Ms. Given and Mr. Lemaire for taking the time out of your busy schedules to practice with our touch football team. As well we thank the students for their dedication and determination. Let's Go GGS! Good luck at the tournament on November 2nd.

TERRY FOX RUN

We are pleased to announce that we raised \$2528.15 for our Terry Fox fundraiser. Congratulations everyone!



collections. So please make every effort to come in and pay them. As well, the office will be available in the morning of November 23rd during parent teacher interviews to take payments.

REPORT CARDS

First term report cards will be going home to parents/guardians on Wednesday, November 21st, 2018.

LOST AND FOUND

We have many items in our "Lost and Found" area (bottom floor, near washrooms). If your child is missing any clothing, please come in and have a

look or send a note to your child's teacher and they will help them look for it. Parent/Teacher interviews would be a great opportunity to check. We have many good quality items.

Please write your child's name on their clothing; it will help us to return it to the owner.

Home & School

Thanks to everyone who attended the Halloween Dance. It was a record breaking attendance. We saw some awesome costumes and dance moves. Thank you to everyone who helped with the cleanup, it was greatly appreciated.

New this year! GGHS is partnering up with the Samko & Miko Toy Warehouse for another fundraising activity. You shop, we raise funds! All the details will be sent home this week.

On **November 16**, we will host our first Movie Night of the year. Put your pyjamas on and bring your favorite stuffy to watch "Incredibles 2". Look for the invitation in your child's backpack next week.

This year's Scholastic Book Fair will be held on **November 22** (3 to 8 pm) and **November 23** (8 am to noon). Come shop and help school gain scholastic credits for each classroom. Returning this year is the wish list wall from teachers. Offer a book to your child's classroom. The Grade 6 students will also be there selling baked goods, coffee and tea to raise funds from their graduation.

Make sure to mark **December 7** on your calendar and reserve some time to discover local businesses and artisans at this year's Holiday Fair. Santa will make a special appearance. Come take a picture with him or deliver your Christmas list. Be sure to follow our Facebook page to get the list of vendors attending.

The Greater Gatineau Silent Auction is coming back in **May**. We are looking for ideas of businesses we can approach for donations. If you have any ideas, please don't hesitate to share with us. Let's work together to make this auction even more successful than the last one.

The next H&S meeting will be held **Tuesday, November 6th** at 6:30 p.m. in the staff room.

As always, follow our Facebook page (Greater Gatineau Home and School) to keep up-to-date with all the information regarding our events. For questions, comments, and suggestions please email us at gghomeandschool@gmail.com or reach out through our Facebook page.

Daycare

There are three PD days this month. November 8th and 9th, and November 23rd.

These days are open to all Greater Gatineau School students. There is a deadline for registration. Students who have requested the registration forms will receive them shortly.

We have some open spots at the daycare. If you require care please contact us. Should you

have any questions about our program or if you would like to receive the registration forms for our PD days, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer by phone at (819) 643-6365 or e-mail jpaxton@wasb.qc.ca.



Cyber Tip

ON CYBER BULLYING

Hiding behind anonymity is something to talk to your children about. Often on the internet people do not use their real names and think that others don't know who they are. It can make them think that it is ok to bully others by saying mean things about them or threatening them. A good rule of thumb is: **If you wouldn't say it to their face, don't write it on the internet.**

Talk to your children about treating others with respect, either in person or on the internet.



Tribes at Home

How well does your child know their information about home or how well do parents know information about their child's school?

Parents/guardians can sit on the floor in a circle and pass the ball to one another and asks them the

following questions:

- Who is your/my teacher?
- Who is your/my French teacher?
- Who is your/my Gym Teacher?
- What is the name of your/my bus driver?

- What is your/my bus number?
- What is your address?
- What is your phone number?

These are just a few very important pieces of information that parents and children should know

about their home and school.

We have noticed that this information is not known by some parents and students and thought it would be a good exercise for everyone to learn this information.

Special Notes

CONNECTIONS: PARENT CHAT

On November 6, 2018 at 7pm there is a Support Group for parents with children with special needs.

It is held at Connexions Resource Centre, 80 Daniel-Johnson St, Gatineau (East-side entrance of Hadley-Philemon Wright High School)

RSVP at 819-777-3206 or at info@centreconnexions.org Refreshments provided. Free Parking.

Join us as we talk about available health & social

services in the Outaouais for our families while we create a mental health first-aid kit for our child.

RUNNING GROUP

The girls' grade 6 wellness group has been running twice a week at lunch since the beginning of September.

Providing a wellness program to the girls in grade 6 is allowing them to learn about, and discuss, issues that are important to them.

Our goal in running this program is to instil confidence and build

positive behaviours, as well as health and leadership skills. While they warm-up, as they run, and when they cool down, we discuss issues such as positive self-talk, healthy body image, standing up for oneself and others, and understanding unrealistic media images and messages.

The final 5km run will take place on November 3rd as part of The Cookie Run, presented by Bushtukah.



GGSRREMINDERS

Please don't forget to sign up for our GGSReminders. It is a great way to keep on top of important announcements.

All you have to do is check out our website and follow the details on how to sign up for important updates from Mrs. Link.

Special Notes

FOOD DRIVE FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be collecting canned food, pickles, pasta, rice, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and any other non-perishable items from **Wednesday, November 21st, 2018 to Wednesday, December 12th, 2018**. Please make sure that you check the expiration dates on the items. Please give generously so we will have enough items to help out some families in our school.

FOOD DRIVE

ANGEL TREE

You can choose an angel tag which would have "boy" or "girl" marked on it with their age. You would purchase an age appropriate gift valued at approximately \$20.00. You wrap the gift and send it back to the school with the angel tag taped onto the gift so we can make sure it gets to the right person.

If you are interested in an Angel Tag, please drop by the office or Daycare and take one off the tree. If you are unable to drop by the school you can call the office at 819-663-4842 and we will be happy to send one home with your child.

We ask that you write your name, phone number and the angel tag number on the sheet that is provided beside the tree. This will help us keep track of who has the Angel Tag and ensure that all children receive a gift.

Please make sure that all gifts are returned to school no later than Wednesday, December 12th, so they can be organized. Christmas is for children and we hope you can help us put as many smiles as we can on the faces of Greater Gatineau students.

