

October is Responsibility Month



School Motto

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

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Principal's Message

An appreciation goes out to all parents who attended our Open House in September. We were very pleased with the turnout but if you were unable to attend, please be sure to read all of important information that was distributed from your child's teacher. Parents' help and support with your child's homework and reading are necessary in ensuring your child's success.

We have been practicing "Code Red" and "Fire Drills"

this month, and the students have been doing a great job. The Fire Department may come within the next few weeks to conduct a practice at the school.

We have two families that are in need of help after the storm. We are accepting food donations, gift cards (Grocery Stores, Walmart, and Canadian Tire) and clothing, girl's size 7-10 months, girl's size 8-10, men's size large, pants 38/32, and women's size large/XL. Please send in



any donation by Wednesday, October 3rd.

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

This year we will be having a cookie dough fundraiser because the school is now paying for all field trips and busing. Forms will come home on Friday, October 5th and are due back on Thursday October 18th. Your child is encouraged to sell to family and friends. Please do your best to sell as much as you can and make this our most successful fundraiser yet.

Events at School

PROJECT ACTIVE

Several students from our school will be taking part in Project Active – Ninja Warrior Challenge at Philemon Wright High School on October 4th. This event is an exciting opportunity to promote an active lifestyle, celebrate inclusion for students from across the board with special needs, and most importantly, to have fun!

GRADE SIX CAMPING TRIP

Grade 6's will be going on an overnight outdoor education field trip to the WQSB outdoor education center.

The dates will be as follows: Monday, October 22nd & Tuesday, October 23rd will be Ms. Fama's class.

Thursday, October 25th and Friday, October 26th, will be Mr. Birch's class.

Monday, October 29th and Tuesday, October 30th will be Mrs. Paré's class.

The planned activities that students may participate in revolve around team-building and outdoor life skills including: hiking, teamwork challenges, Inuit games, building survival shelters, stream study, playing ecology games, campfire and a night walk, singing songs, cooking and preparing food. Weather conditions will determine the final outcome of activity choices.

Most of all, it is an experience the children will never forget.



From all of us here at
Greater Gatineau



and



Events at School

LISTENING EAR

Starting this month, we will have a "Listening Ear" room for students to visit during the lunch hour from 11:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. If students have a problem, they can talk to one of the following Listening Ear Teachers:

Monday – Mrs. Geiger
Wednesday – Mme. Alana
Thursday – Mrs. Baruffa

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our breakfast program is running well, thanks to our grant from the Breakfast Club of Canada. We are accepting cash donations to go towards the program if you are interested.

Our milk program from the School Board will be starting this month.

VACCINATIONS

October 30th for grade 4.

HALLOWEEN DAY

Students are invited to wear their costume to school on Wednesday, October 31st. For safety reasons, students are asked to **leave props or weapons at home**. If your child has a costume with a mask, they can wear it during the parade, but must leave it in the class during outdoor play.

The Halloween parade in the school will start at 9:00.

Parents Please Note

ALLERGIES

We have a few different types of allergies in our school. Specific letters were sent home to those affected classes recently.

However, our school still remains a peanut/nut free school.

SCHOOL FEES

If you have not been in to pay the 2018-19 school fees, please do so as soon as possible. First reminder

notices will be going out later in October, so please make sure you visit us before then.

SECURITY BACKGROUND CHECKS

All parent volunteers that plan to help out in our school or on field trips require a security background check.

You can come into the office to see Katharine Andriano and fill in the security check form and

provide us with your driver's license and health card.

If you do not have one of these pieces of ID the website has a list of alternative ID that can be used. There is no cost to the parent volunteer, it is paid by the WQSB.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports go home on October 12. You will see how your child has been doing in the first part of the year.

Monthly Assembly

Our next assembly will be on Wednesday, October 24th, 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.

October is **RESPONSIBILITY** month. We hope to see students showing us how responsible they are. You can show this by doing

what you say you are going to do, taking care of yourself and your belongings, and being reliable.



Appreciations

GOVERNING BOARD

On Wednesday, September 12th, the Governing Board had their General Assembly. We would like to welcome this year's elected parent members: Patrick Karpat, Bronia Sussmann, Isabelle Richard, Yan Racette, Kelly-Anne Trempe, and Samantha Csontos-Robertson.

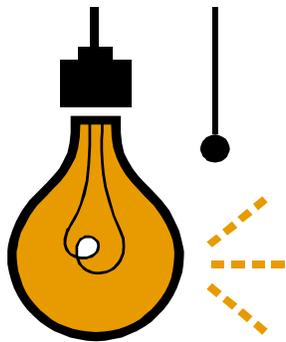
A special thank you goes out to our outgoing members; Anastasia Poulin and Nadine Dumoulin.

The next governing board meeting will be on October 16th at 6:00 p.m.

SOCCER

We would like to thank Ms. Given and Mr. McClelland for taking time to work with our soccer teams this year. They will be representing our school on Thursday,

October 4th, 2018 at the Quyon Fairgrounds in Quyon, Quebec. LET'S GO GGS, LET'S GO!!!



For Your Attention

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We ask that parents/guardians please take a minute to call the school and advise us if your child is going to be late or absent. You only need to call the school. Daycare is advised of the absences each day.

We have close to 500 students in the school and it is very helpful when parents call the school.

You can reach Katharine Andriano at (819) 663-4842

ext. 0 or email;
kandriano@wqsb.qc.ca
Please try to make your call before 8:30 a.m.

If you are sending a note or an e-mail to your child's teacher about an absence or picking them up early, please ensure that Katharine receives a copy so she can remind the teacher and have your child waiting at the office upon your arrival.

CHANGES TO PICK UP ROUTINE

Parents of all students are reminded that calls regarding attendance at school or an early pick up at or before 2:30 should be directed to **Katharine Andriano** at the office (819) 663-4842 Ext. 0

Calls regarding a **change in**

who will pick up your child at daycare (between 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.) should be directed to **Jennifer Plaxton** at the daycare (819) 643-6365.

To help us out, please make sure that we always receive a note or a phone call before picking up your child. It is very important that we receive the calls **before 1:30 p.m.**

Our list for the day's changes has to be compiled and sent out to the teachers and daycare before 2:00 p.m., so please respect our cut-off time.

Home & School

Thanks to everyone who attended the Corn Roast, we had fun and hope you all did too. Thank you to all the parents who came out to help, it was greatly appreciated.

A Halloween dance will be held Friday, October 26th in the gym! As always the playlist will include special requests from students. You can also submit your requests on our Facebook page. We are looking for a parent volunteer to be our DJ for the evening. If you are interested, please e-mail us.

If you are interested in joining the H&S, the next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the staff room.

As always, for questions, comments & suggestions please email us at gghomeandschool@gmail.com or reach out through our Facebook page.



Daycare

Our third PD day is Friday, October 19, 2018. Any Greater Gatineau student can participate in the PD activities by registering for the day. The rate for PD days begins at \$17.40, sometimes extra fees are charged for outings or activities.

The October 19th day has a \$3.00 activity fee to cover the cost of bowling, which is our planned activity for the day.

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 jlaxton@wasb.qc.ca.



Cyber Tip

Talking to your children about what they share on the internet is a good idea. Remind them that once they share something on the internet it can never be truly erased.

A good rule of thumb for sharing photos or other content is that if you would be embarrassed for your grandmother to

see it, then you shouldn't share it. This goes for parents too!



Tribes at Home

When sitting around the table for dinner, families can play "That's Me!" to learn about everyone's day.

Taking turns, each person says one thing about their day. If anyone else had the same thing happen in

their day, they raise their hands and say, "That's Me!" This can promote further discussion on replies.

Sample statements that parents can use:

"I read something interesting today."

"I learned something new today"

"Someone told me something today that made me laugh.

"Someone gave me/I gave someone a compliment today".



"THAT'S ME!"