

December is Inclusion Month



School Motto

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

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Principal's Message

The holidays are a wonderful time of year, but sometimes there are families that are in need of assistance to help them through this time of year. Please help out some Greater Gatineau families by donating some food items or by requesting an angel tag from our angel tree to buy a gift for a child.

We will be delivering food baskets and gifts to 24 families from our school. We are working

with St. Aloysius Church on this Christmas project.



With winter upon us, there is the possibility of "Snow Days" or bus cancellations. You can sign-up for the free "Remind" app to receive notice of any snow days. You will



receive a text immediately if school or buses are cancelled. Please also see information to sign up for the WQSB app for notifications of individual bus delays.

See our website for more details.



I'd like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!

Events at School

PLAY PERFORMANCE

Students in the drama club have been working hard to prepare for their upcoming play, "Beauty is a Beast" by D.M. Larson.

The play will be presented for the school during the day on Tuesday, December 4th and Wednesday, December 5th at 1 p.m.

There will also be an evening performance at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5th.

Admission for the evening performance will be by donation at the door.

VIP PROGRAM

Starting in December, our school will be working with the Service de police de la Ville de Gatineau. The "VIP Partners" program aims to support current educational initiatives and raise awareness for our school community about the prevention of

violence, intimidation and bullying. Facilitated by school staff in collaboration with our police educator Constable Marie-Eve Saindon, this program targets all age groups and includes several activities that will be undertaken during the year.

The Kindergarten students will have the first part of the program on December 5th in the afternoon.



*We hope you all
have a wonderful
winter holiday
season. We look
forward to sharing
2019 with you.*

Events at School

PIZZA PROGRAM

The current pizza program runs until Wednesday, December 19th.

Registration forms for our next program will be going home early December and must be back in the office no later than Friday, December 14th, 2018.



NEW TO YULE

The children will have a chance to visit the New to Yule room to pick items to give as gifts to a person of their choosing.

If you have any items that you wish to donate (*coffee mugs, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, novelty gifts, etc.*) please send them in to school before Friday, December 7th.

PAJAMA DAY

It will be pajama day on Friday, December 21st. Please wear your favourite pajamas.

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

On Friday, December 21st at 10:30 a.m. we will have a Christmas Sing-a-Long in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

Parents Please Note

PROPER DRESS

With the weather turning colder, we want to remind you that children must be dressed appropriately for the weather. Hats, mittens/gloves, warm coats, snow pants and boots are needed so they can play outside during recess.



CHANGE OF CLOTHES

We would like to ask parents to please send a complete change of clothes in with your children. Some students come in wet from recess and have to stay that way for the day.

LICE CHECKS

We ask that parents check their child's head regularly or daily if their child has had a case of lice. If you discover lice, please call the school so that we can follow appropriate procedures.

LOST AND FOUND

The "Lost and Found" area is full. Please check the lost and found before the last school day in December. We will deliver what is left to the needy in the area.



Monthly Assembly

Our next assembly will be on Tuesday, December 18th, 2018, where we will give awards to students who have shown the chosen virtue throughout the month.

Please remember to wear pink or white to all of our monthly assemblies. This

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

December is **INCLUSION** month. We hope to see students making an effort to include others who are left out.



Appreciations

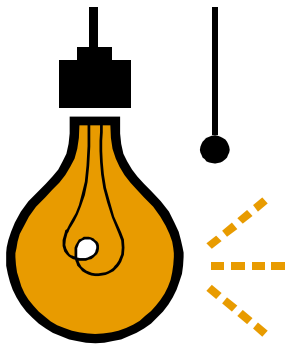
REMEMBRANCE DAY

We would like to thank all those who took part in our Remembrance Day ceremony. Once again our staff and students did a wonderful tribute to all of the past and present soldiers who have done so much for our country. Thanks to Mr. Birch for organizing the ceremony.



COOKIE DOUGH

Thanks to Ms. Cusin, Mrs. Baruffa, Mrs. D-V, and Mrs. Plue for organizing the teacher cookie dough fundraiser.



For Your Attention

WINTER CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL BUSES

If you want to know if school busses are cancelled you will receive a text immediately if you have signed up for the "Remind" App. You can find out how on the school website. Remind updates are posted directly on the website as well.

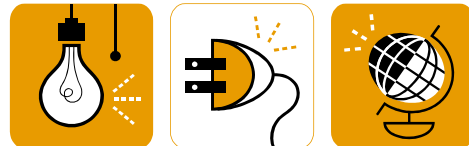
The information is also posted on the School

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We also had a great turnout for our Parent/Teacher Interviews. If you have any questions about how your child is doing, please e-mail their teacher for an up-date.

BOOK FAIR

Thank-you to the Home & School for hosting the Book Fair.



Board website at:
<http://wasb.qc.ca>.

If you do not have a computer, please listen for the announcements on the radio. You should be listening for Western Quebec School Board.



LATE STUDENTS

Parents, we would like to ask you again, to please make sure that our students start getting to **school by bell time at 7:55 a.m.**

Remember that 'lates' are recorded on a daily basis and do reflect on your child's report card.

As well, make sure that they check in with Katharine at the office on their way in. This way they are recorded as present for the day.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We request that if your child is going to be late or absent, **it is very important that you report their attendance** to Katharine Andriano by contacting the school at (819) 663-4842 ext.0 no later than 8:30 am. Or send an e-mail to kandriano@wasb.qc.ca



Home & School

November was an activity packed month. First, we had an amazing time at the **Movie Night**. Then, we had the **Book Fair**. We finished the month with our pilot **Hot Dog Lunch**. We want to say a big thank you to all that participated and to all the volunteers. We also want to thank all those who submitted their **Samko & Miko** Toy Warehouse receipts.

In December, It's all about the **Holiday Fair**. It is just around the corner. Be sure to visit our 30 vendors to find a multitude of gift ideas on December 7, from 4 to 9 pm. Don't forget Santa will make a special appearance from 6 to 8 pm. Come take a picture with him or deliver your Christmas list. There will also be a bake sale and a craft sale, made by GGS students. We are also hosting the **New to Yule** program at the school on December 11th and 12th.

We are still looking for ideas of businesses we can approach for donations for the **Silent Auction**.

The next **H&S meeting** will be held Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the staff room.

We have a few new activities in store for you in the New Year. Follow us on Facebook (Greater Gatineau Home and School) to keep up-to-date with all the information regarding our events. For questions, comments & suggestions please email us at gghomeandschool@gmail.com or reach out through our Facebook page.



Daycare

Our upcoming PD day is immediately following the holiday on Monday, January 7, 2019. It will be a day of free choice activities and for the children to share their new toys with their friends.

The deadline for registration will be Friday, December 14, 2018.

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

Identity Theft is a crime. Impersonating others on the internet by writing content and claiming that someone else wrote it is wrong.

Pretending that you are one person and writing mean things about another is defamation and impersonation at the same time. This behaviour can spill over into the real world and cause problems for both the person you are

pretending to be and the person you are writing mean things about.

Did you know? As of age 12, people can be arrested, charged with a crime and have to go to youth court.



Tribes at Home

Here is a quick and fun energizer you can do at home with your whole family.

It's called "**Do After Me**" Sit in a large circle. One person begins by entering the circle and

making a gesture, sound, or movement (the more ridiculous, the more fun), and then points to someone else in the circle to succeed him. This person makes the same gesture,

sound, or movement as the proceeding person made, and then adds their own performance. They then choose the next person, and this person need only repeat the preceding

action and add one before choosing someone new.

The game is over when everyone has had a chance in the circle.

Special Notes

ANGEL TREE

We still have Angels left on our Angel Tree. So if you would like more information or you are interested in receiving an Angel, please call Katharine Andriano at the office at 819-663-4842 ext. 0.



FOOD DRIVE

FOOD DRIVE FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be collecting canned food, pickles, pasta, rice, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and any other non-perishable items from now until **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.

WQSB APP

Have an iPhone?

Use Safari to go to westernquebec.ca/ios. Tap **Open**, and then **Get**.

On Android instead?

Visit westernquebec.ca/android from your Android device, and tap **Install**.

Or go to the WQSB website and follow the links there.

This app will target parents by schools and send relevant notifications directly to their pocket. They also loaded the app with features like staff resources and the Western Québec Virtual Library.



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

PALS

Our **Playground Activity Leaders in Schools (PALS)** program is up and running!

In November, Grade 5 and 6 student volunteers received training to plan and lead a variety of fun and safe activities to engage students of all ages at recess. They also learned about opportunities to build inclusion as well as conflict resolution to support our students.

The PALS program aims to provide leadership roles in our school and to

encourage physical activity and reduced conflicts during outdoor play time.



PD DAY REGISTRATION

We would like to stress the importance of the PD day registration deadline. There are many parents who call after the date to try and make changes to the registration. We form our groups in advance so that the children have the

best experience possible. Once the registration is finalized that process begins and making changes after the deadline is not always as simple as adding someone to a group.

There are often as many as 20 children who do not attend daycare on a regular basis who sign up for the PD days. The groups can change drastically from day to day.

We would like to accommodate everyone if they need the service but the deadlines must be respected.