

January is Perseverance Month



School Motto

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

Principal's Message

Thank you to all of those who have helped us out with both the Food Drive and Christmas Angel Tree.



Your generosity is much appreciated, and will greatly benefit some of our less fortunate families.

As the colder weather sets in, please remember to send your child to school with warm clothing.

If you have any mittens or gloves to donate to the school, we can ensure that they will be put to good use.

We are excited that the work on our school expansion has started. Construction



has begun and will be ongoing throughout the year.



Happy Holidays!

On behalf of Greater Gatineau School, I'd like to wish everyone a family-filled, relaxing Christmas holiday.

All the best to each and every one of you in 2019.

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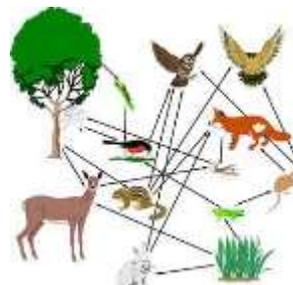
ECOLOGY GAMES

Our Outdoor Education Consultant Mr. Alan Earwaker will be working with our Grade 3 students in January this year. He will be doing ecology games and activities with the classes.

They will learn about the interdependence of all species in the food web.

Mrs Baruffa on January 8th
Mrs Schindel on January 9th

Mrs D-V and Ms Weir on January 21st



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

We will have an official ground breaking ceremony on January 29th at 9:00 to

commemorate the start of construction on our extension.

The Kindergarten, grade one and two classes will participate in the ceremony and our MNA Mathieu Lévesque will attend as well. Parents are welcome to attend.





FROM THE STAFF OF

GREATER GATINEAU

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Events at School

WINTER FUN DAY

On **Tuesday, January 29th** the grade 3, 4, 5 + 6 classes are going to have a Winter Activity Day at Lac Beauchamp, from 8:30 - 2:00.

The kindergarten, grade 1 and 2 classes will have their Winter Activity Day on **Wednesday January 30th** from 8:30 to 11:30.

Activities at Lac Beauchamp including

tubing, skating, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing will be available for all students.

If you plan on being a volunteer for either day, please make sure you have a current security check with the school. Security checks are valid for two years.

Students must wear a helmet for skating and bicycle helmets are

satisfactory. Skates must be brought on the bus in a zippered bag.



Parents Please Note

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY – SCHOOL BUS

In the event of inclement weather Mrs. Link will send a "Remind" message to all parents who have signed up. Parents can also visit the School Board Website: (www.wasb.qc.ca) for daily updates on school bus transportation and school/center closure.

Normally the School Board will contact the

principal between 6:15 a.m. and 6:30 a.m., prior to busses starting their routes.

Depending on weather conditions (snowfall, freezing rain) the School Board will assess the road conditions with the assistance of various bus transporters, several municipalities (public works) and French School Boards.

Thereafter, a decision is

made whether or not to cancel transportation.

School buses may also be delayed as a result of road and weather conditions.

Parents are responsible for their children prior to boarding and after departing the school bus.



Monthly Assembly

Our next assembly will be on Thursday, January 31st, 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. These colours represents anti-bullying and create a sense of community at school.

January is **PERSEVERANCE** month. We hope to see students who are always working hard and not giving up.



Appreciations

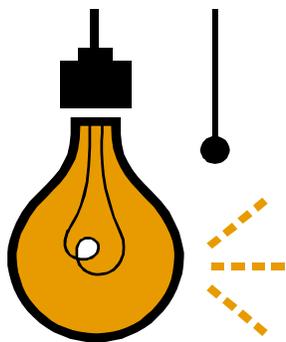
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Thank you to students, parents and staff who contributed food and gifts for the Christmas baskets and Angel tree organized by Greater Gatineau School and St. Aloysius Church.

Many families will have a good holiday because of your contributions.

Thank You

**FOOD
DRIVE**



For Your Attention

FAMILY LITERACY DAY SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH

ABC CANADA Family Literacy Day is a National initiative that promotes the importance of reading and learning together as a family. Remember to plan a special reading activity to enjoy as a family that day.

A Family Literacy Bingo sheet will be sent home with each student on Monday, January 21st and if you participate your child will have the opportunity to win a

\$10.00 Chapter's gift card.

Make sure that the sheet is completed and returned to school by Monday, January 28th. The four winners will be announced at lunch.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS 2019- 2020

The Kindergarten registration will be held at the Western Quebec School Board from 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-6:30.

- Monday, February 4th
- Tuesday, February 5th

Your child must be turning 5 years old before September 30, 2019 to register and

attend Kindergarten.

You can register directly at the school after those dates by appointment only. Contact Debbie Stafford-Turcotte at 819-663-4842 ext 1.

You will require

- Certificate of eligibility of the child, parent or sibling declared eligible
- Child's long form birth certificate with both parents names
- Canadian Citizenship for parent who will render the child eligible
- Quebec drivers licence, lease/deed and utility bill
- Child's last report card if applicable

Home & School

Thank you to all who took the time to visit us at the Holiday Fair to do some local shopping and meet Santa.

We also want to give a big thank you to all the volunteers who help with this year's New to Yule.

On January 11, we will be hosting our first event for 2019. Come to our second Movie night and watch "Smallfoot" with us. Door open at 6:30pm and the movie will start at 7pm.

We have a few new activities in store for you in the New Year. More information will be coming later in January.

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

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

January 7th, 2019 is the first day after the holidays and it is a PD Day. The school is closed but Daycare is open for the students who have already registered to attend. The children can bring toys from home to share with their friends.

We are looking forward to the start of 2019 and we have some fun activities planned for the children.

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 Plaxton by phone at (819) 643- 6365 or e-mail jplaxton@wgsb.qc.ca.



Cyber Tip

Is Cyberbullying a Crime?

Cyberbullying can be a crime, depending on the situation and the type of bullying. Here are a few examples of when cyberbullying might be a crime:

Someone sent you dozens of mean emails. This person is harassing you, and you are afraid for your safety. This behaviour can be considered criminal harassment.

Your friend is spreading lies about a teacher to ridicule him and ruin his reputation. Since it is on Facebook, all of the students can read it. This behaviour can be the crime of defamatory libel.

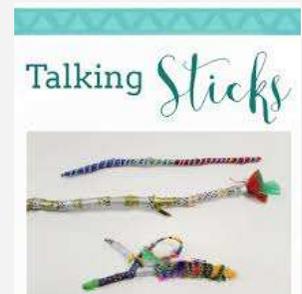
Your cousin receives a text message saying that she will be in danger if she goes to the end-of-year school party. The message said, "We'll break your legs if you show up!" This behaviour can be considered a threat.

Tribes at Home

A great strategy to ensure that everyone is able to participate in dinner conversations is to use a "Talking Stick".

Use any object to pass around the table, and only the person holding the object is allowed to speak.

This will help to ensure that everyone gets a chance to speak about their day.



Special Notes

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our school is proudly associated with the Breakfast Club of Canada. This partnership allows us to provide access to healthy food for all students every morning.

Thanks to the contribution of partners, but also of the community and parents, the Breakfast Club of Canada can accomplish its mission to nurture the potential and grow healthy

students by giving them an equal chance of success. Please consider the possibility of making a voluntary contribution.

For more information about the voluntary contribution, please contact the school and for more information about Breakfast Club of Canada, visit:

www.breakfastclubcanada.org

We would also like to thank our coordinator Veronica Yuill and the parents and students

who volunteer to keep the program running smoothly.



GGsREMINDERS

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

NEW REMIND APP FOR DAYCARE

Never miss a registration deadline again! Sign up for the Daycare Remind App.

It's not just for regular daycare families.

There will be reminders for upcoming activities at the daycare, payment due dates and the registration deadlines for PD days.

If you already have the school Remind App you just need to join the class at **ggdaycare**.

You can go to the

