

February is Caring Month



School Motto

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

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Principal's Message

Report cards will be going home later this month, and teachers will be requesting interviews for some students. If you would like an interview and the teacher does not request one, please feel free to contact the teacher.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration is also happening this month, so if you know of anyone who is thinking of registering, please pass this news on to them. Details on page 5.

Great News – this summer our existing student bathrooms will be renovated.



The construction is going well for our expansion and is on schedule at this point. Check out some photos on the website in the photo gallery under "Construction Progress".



Events at School

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY CAMPAIGN

February is Bus Safety Month. The theme will be "My Bus Driver, My Super Hero".

Trainers will be visiting our school in February and meeting with all grade levels to discuss bus safety rules and procedures. The presentation will review: safety practices, bus evacuation, and bullying and teasing prevention.

As well, our school will be participating in the School

Bus Safety Contest.

Classes will be choosing from one of the following choices:

1. Banner
2. PowerPoint/slide show
3. Video (skit, puppet show, instructional video, movie trailer, etc.)

Each school will submit their winning class projects to the Western Quebec

School Board and three finalists will be chosen from all the schools across the board and the class from the winning school will receive one (1) free local trip (maximum \$250.00) provided by the bus companies.





HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY



Events at School

QUINZEE BUILDING

From February 4th to the 6th the Grade 5 classes will be snowshoeing and building snow shelters in a nearby reserve. Students will take a short hike from the school to the reserve.

This is a hands-on study where the students will learn how to build a Quinzee (snow shelter) and other winter skills to use in the outdoors.

The outdoor education specialist, Alan Earwaker, will be joining us for these activities.

GENDER AND SEXUAL DIVERSITY PRESENTATION

On February 4th the grade 6 classes will participate. See details on page 3.

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Monday, February 4th, to Friday, February 8th, is Staff

Appreciation Week. Students are asked to remember to appreciate their teachers and staff at Greater Gatineau School.

100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

On Friday, February 8th we will be celebrating the 100th Day of school. Kindergarten and Cycle 1 teachers will be doing activities with their students.

Parents Please Note

REPORT CARDS

Your child will be bringing home their second term report card on Tuesday, February 26th.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, February 27th from 2:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please note that teachers will be sending out an interview form only to parents they would like to meet.



If you receive one of these request forms, please return it back to school by Wednesday, February 13th so that scheduling can begin.

If you do not receive a form but would like to meet with the teacher, please contact the teacher to book an appointment.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Everyone is invited to wear red or pink on Valentine's Day – February 14th.

GRADE SIX POPCORN DAYS

The Grade 6 students are raising funds for graduation by selling bags of popcorn. The popcorn will be from Kernels and will be delivered to those that have ordered on **Wednesdays** at recess from January 30th to February 27th.

Monthly Assembly

February is **CARING** month. We hope to see students making an effort to be caring towards one another.

Please remember to wear pink or white, our anti-bullying colours, to all of our monthly assemblies.



Our next assembly will be on Wednesday, February 27th, 2018, where we will give awards to students who have shown caring behaviour throughout the month of February.



Appreciations

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

We would like to thank Mr. Birch and Mme. Dragomir who are practicing with our volleyball team preparing them for the Eastern Volleyball Tournament to be held at Chelsea School on Tuesday, February 19th. LET'S GO GG, LET'S GO!!

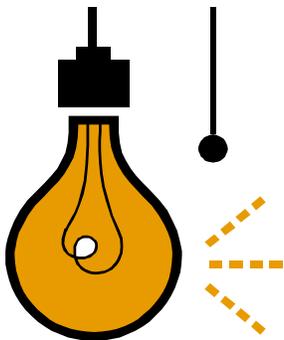


DESTINATION IMAGINATION

We extend a big thank-you to Mr. Everson and Mme. Alana who are working with our team to prepare for their competition on March 1st. They have been working during lunch hours and after school to get ready.

Destination Imagination is an event where student teams solve open-ended challenges and present their solutions at tournaments. In working to solve the challenges, the teams learn important life skills like time management, collaboration, conflict resolution, and creative and critical thinking.

Our team the "The Cosmic Dreamers" will compete at Hadley/Philemon on March 1st. This team has shown a lot of initiative and independence in preparing for this competition and we wish them well.



For Your Attention

FREE PARENT INFORMATION SESSION ON CANNABIS

Join us for a presentation on the new Cannabis laws and statistics on youth and use, with tips on how to talk to your kids about drugs. We will also welcome special guests from the Sûreté du Québec and the Canadian Center on Substance Abuse.

Wednesday, February 6
from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Western Quebec School Board (Council Chambers)

15, rue Katimavik, Gatineau (Aylmer sector). With guest facilitators, Erica Tomkinson and Kelly Connolly from the WQSB Drug Awareness Resource Team (DART). RSVP at 819-777-3206 or info@centreconnexions.org

For more information, visit www.centreconnexions.org

GENDER AND SEXUAL DIVERSITY PRESENTATION

The grade 6 students will be having a guest from The Canadian Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity visit our classrooms.

This guest will facilitate a workshop for each of the three grade 6 classes on

anti-bullying. The workshop will explore and define: diverse families, discrimination, sexism, racism, homophobia, and transphobia in an age appropriate and interactive manner. We are excited to have this opportunity as the workshop aligns well with WQSB's policy on Anti-Discrimination and Gender Identity.



Home & School

We had 2 successful activities in January. Thank you for everyone who came to watch "Smallfoot" with us and/or attended our very first Paint Night. With the great responses we received for Paint Night, we are looking at organizing a spring edition.

On February 8th, come out and enjoy an amazing night of dancing at our annual **Sweet Heart Dance**. Doors open at 6:30. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

We will be having our second **hotdog lunch** on February 21st. Forms will be sent home to sign up. We are looking for volunteers to help. Email us if you are interested.

We are finalizing the details for the **babysitting** course as well as the "**Home Alone**" course that we will be having at school. Eligible students will receive all the information soon.

We are still looking for ideas of businesses we can approach to donate for the **Silent Auction**. Think about your hairdresser, your physiotherapist, your massage therapist, your nail technician, your trainer at the gym, your dance school, your Zumba teacher, your yoga school, your garage, your seamstress, your favourite restaurant or coffee shop. These are all places that could make a small donation and it would make a big difference! Email us with their contact information.

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

The upcoming PD days are on Monday, February 11th and Tuesday, February 12th. We are planning two exciting activities for these days. On Monday we will have a casual day here at school and on Tuesday we will be at "Domaine de L'Ange Gardien" tubing hill. Registration forms went out the week of January

21st. The deadline for registration is Friday, February 1st.

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@wqsb.qc.ca.

Cyber Tip

Even When It's Not a Crime, Cyberbullying Is Serious

When cyberbullying hurts someone, the bully can be held responsible in the courts. Being held responsible in this way is called **civil responsibility**. For example, there can be civil responsibility for ruining someone's reputation. Here are examples of actions that can lead to civil responsibility:

- If you post pictures of people on Instagram

without their agreement, you are not respecting their right to control images of themselves.

- If you post personal information about people on Facebook, you are not respecting their right to privacy.
- If you say things about someone and they damage that person's reputation, honour or dignity, you can be held responsible for the damage to the victim.

Tribes at Home

"**Now I Am**" is a game to explore our feelings and recognizing those feelings in others.

- Whisper a feeling or emotion into a participant's ear
- have them act out that feeling or emotion without using words
- other participants try to guess the feeling
- talk about the nonverbal cues we can see in others so we know how they are feeling
- talk about a time that you experienced that feeling or emotion



Some examples of feelings;

- fear • nervousness • frustration • itchy • tired
- stubborn • surprise • embarrassed • love • anger • happiness • hope
- soreness • uncomfortable or you can choose your own

Special Notes

WINTERLUDE 2019

This year, Winterlude will run from February 1st to February 18th.

The Snowflake Kingdom, located in Gatineau's Jacques-Cartier Park, is definitely North America's snow paradise. Three weeks filled with exciting activities await you. You'll have a great time on the giant slides, stand awestruck before the snow sculptures of the National Snow Sculpture Rendezvous that will be lit up at night, boogie to the rhythm of the shows and DJ music, and enjoy the entertainment. Join the

party in Gatineau during Winterlude, and come meet the mascots, the popular Ice Hogs. Free winter fun for the whole family!

SPORT ETUDES AT HADLEY-PHILEMON

The Western Quebec School Board is working on offering a Sport-Etudes program at Hadley-Philemon for the school year 2019-2020.

Sport-Etudes is a partnership between the Ministry of Education, an accredited provincial sports federation and our school board. It is designed

for high performance athletes and allows them to balance academics studies and the rigorous demands of training in order to achieve excellence in both spheres.

Student athletes will be provided with supportive learning environment which will enable them to succeed academically while pursuing their athletic careers.

For more information

www.westernquebec.ca/sportetudes

sport-etudes@wqsb.qc.ca

819-776-3158 ext#2304



IMPORTANT UPDATES

Please don't forget to sign

up for the **FREE remind**

app for school (@gggr)

and daycare

(@ggdaycare). It is a

great way to keep on top

of important reminders

and announcements.

Download the app or

check out our website and

follow the details on how

to sign up.

Special Notes



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS 2019-2020

Our kindergarten registrations for will be held:

At the **Western Quebec School Board** at 15 rue Katimavik, Alymer on Monday, February 4th, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Your child must be 5 yrs. old as of September 30, 2019 to attend Kindergarten.

ITEMS NEEDED TO REGISTER

- Certificate of Eligibility of the child, parent or sibling declared eligible (if available)
- Child's original long-form birth certificate bearing parents' names
- Canadian Citizenship of the parent who will render the child eligible
- Québec driver's license of the parent/guardian responsible for the child or Lease/House Deed and a utility bill
- Copy of the child's Vaccination Record (Kindergarten age students

only)

- Child's last report card (if applicable)

LITERACY BINGO

Congratulations to our winners of the Literacy Bingo contest:

Kindergarten = Zachary M

Cycle 1 = Caitlyn R

Cycle 2 = Sorya K

Cycle 3 = Simon G

They each received a Chapter's gift certificate.

Thanks to Mrs. Baruffa for organizing the Bingo.