

April is Respect Month



School Motto

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

Principal's Message

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents/grandparents who take time out of their busy lives to volunteer at the school. It is truly appreciated by students and staff alike and we are very grateful.



During the last few months of school, a number of

exciting activities are planned and we are hoping once again to have the support of parent volunteers to make these events successful.

Our construction project for the expansion is going well, and to date they are on schedule with the work. The work is scheduled to be completed for the start of the 2019/2020 school year. Please visit our school website to find pictures of the progress of the construction.



NATIONAL ART GALLERY

On April 15th and 24th volunteers from the National Art Gallery will be visiting students from grade 1 to 6 to talk about various artists, artwork, and exhibits that can be found at the gallery.

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HADLEY/PHILEMON BAND

On Wednesday April 3rd at 10:30 the band from Hadley/Philemon will be performing for us. We are excited to see some former students in the band. Parents are welcome to attend.

CODING WEEK

Greater Gatineau will be participating in its first ever Robotix Week. Students will learn how to "code" digital instructions and program robots to execute those commands. Grades K-1 will

be learning "human coding" and will explore programmable Beebots. Grades 2-4 will build Wedo 2.0 Lego robots and program them to perform simple tasks. Grades 5 & 6 will be tasked with EV3 Lego robotix challenges. Robotix Week will take place between April 8th and 15th.

MAPLE FEST 2019

The Kindergarten grade 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 students will be going to Proulx Farm on Wednesday, April 10th for a sugarbush experience.

Activities will include a wagon ride through their maple forest and a guided tour of the maple syrup production. There will be small farm animals, a giant slide, several play structures and walking trails for the students to explore.

Students will be eating a traditional luncheon of pancakes & syrup, ham, potatoes, maple beans and juice. Taffy on snow will be served for dessert. This will be a great start to the spring season!



BUS SAFETY PRIZE!!!

Ms. Boersma's class won the School Board Bus safety contest with their powerpoint, and have won a free bus for a local field trip.

Events at School

VACCINATIONS

Grade 4 students will receive the second round of vaccinations on Wednesday, April 24th. If your child is absent that day you will need to make arrangements with the CLSC to get the vaccination.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

We are raising money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Online

donations are strongly encouraged. If you do collect money the envelopes are due back to school by Thursday, April 18th.

We will be having our "Jump Day" events during the week of April 29th to May 3rd. Children will be divided by grade and on their day they will be encouraged to skip for the whole lunch recess!

Our PALS student leaders

will be assisting with some skipping related games for the children.

All who participate will get to add a heart with their name to the "Wall of Fame" in the gym. The days are as follows:

- Monday = Grade 6 and Grade 2
- Tuesday = Grade 5 and Grade 1
- Wednesday = Grade 4 and Kindergarten
- Thursday = Grade 3

Grade Six Workshops



VIP PROGRAM

The grade 6 students will be welcoming Constable Frederic Bock to their classrooms on April 4th. Constable Bock will be sharing a presentation on Bullying and Violence Prevention as part of our

VIP (Violence & Intimidation Prevention) program at Greater Gatineau.

DART

On April 8th the WQSB Drug and Alcohol Technician will be meeting with our Grade 6 students to give a presentation on drug and alcohol awareness.

WORKSHOPS WITH GREATER GATINEAU ALUMNI

On April 18th we will be welcoming the Hadley/

Philemon Wright Student Life and Community Leader, Shayne Cowan along with several former Greater Gatineau students.

The team will be sharing information about Hadley as well as running exciting and interactive workshops on cyber-safety and other relevant topics with our grade 6 students to support their transition to junior high school.

Monthly Assembly

April is **RESPECT** month. We hope to see students demonstrating respect throughout the month. You can show this by using the Tribes agreements each day. They are; mutual respect, attentive listening, appreciations, and participation.

Our next assembly will be on Monday, April 29th, 2019, where we will give awards to students who have shown our chosen virtue throughout the month.

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

colours represent anti-bullying and create a sense of community at school.



Appreciations

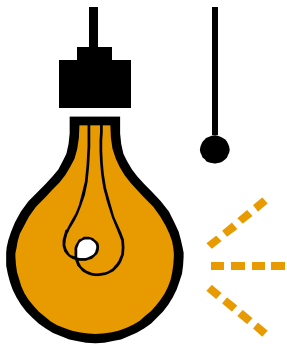
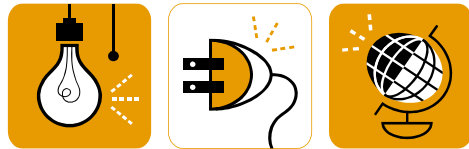
ADMINISTRATION PROFESSIONALS DAY

We extend a huge thank-you to Debbie and Katherine for all their hard work in the office. They keep things moving smoothly in the school, make sure all the students are accounted for each day, support the principal, vice principal, teachers and other staff, take care of sick and injured children, communicate with parents, and make sure all the students get where they need to be at the end of the day; just to name a few of their daily tasks. Special mention also goes to Melissa and Kelly who each work a few hours a week in the office. Thank-you for your dedication to our school community!



VOLUNTEER WEEK

We would like to say thank-you to all the people who take the time to volunteer at and for our school. Whether in the classroom, supporting students, helping with our food programs, attending trips and other school activities, serving on the Governing Board or working with Home & School, it wouldn't be the same without you. Your commitment is much appreciated.



For Your Attention

MUSICMAKERS

On Wednesday, April 17th at 5:30 p.m. our school choir will attend the Music Makers Concert at the Palais des Congrès, 50 Boulevard Maisonneuve in Hull. The students have been working very hard during practices and are excited about their performance!



BASKETBALL

Ms. Given and M. Lemaire are proud and excited to be coaching the basketball teams this year. They have been practicing since early March, learning new skills, improving their game and learning the importance of good sportsmanship.

We are grateful to have this group of student athletes representing GGS at the tournament on Friday, April 5th at Symmes/D'Arcy!

DEBATE COMPETITION

Congratulations to our 12 all-star debaters who attended the board wide debate competition on March 29th. Abbey M, Max

M, Feris S, Ben B, Herbert M, Leila S, Darcy M, Danica B, Angelika M, Sofia S, Joella L, Alex M, and alternates Hardi P, and Kayla M.

CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE

Thank-you to all the grade 5 students who participated in the French Concours Oratoire. The following students gave fantastic speeches: Mélik St, Samuel L, Xavier L, Simon G, Abbey M, Kaylla M, Abigail H, William L'I, Siobhan P, and Arianne M.

Congratulations to Simon who went on to represent our school at South Hull for the School Board Finals on March 22nd and won 1st place! We are so proud of your accomplishment.



Home & School

In April, we are getting ready for the **Online Auction** happening in May. Our goal is to gather over 3,000\$ in prizes. We are halfway there. To reach our goal, we are issuing a challenge to the GG Community. We are offering the chance to win coupons for the year end Carnival. For every lead we receive, you will get a ballot. If your lead makes a donation, you get a second ballot.

Think about all the businesses you deal with on a regular basis. Your hairdresser, your physiotherapist, your massage therapist, your nail technician, your trainer at the gym, the dance school your child attends, your Zumba/yoga teacher, your garage, your seamstress, your favourite restaurant or coffee shop. Email us with their contact information and we'll do the rest!

A series of **Home Alone** courses will be given at school during the week of April 1.

Since our first **Paint Night** was such a success, we will be hosting a Spring edition on April 12. Registration is open until April 5. Register early as spaces are limited.

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 daycare students will be participating in the "Health Challenge" during the month of April. This program encourages people to be more active, focus on nutrition and relaxation or self-care. There will be a weekly theme and different challenges to complete each week. To find out more check out DefiSante.ca

Our Sheltoons Cartooning club is wrapping up and

we are moving on to Mad Science for the month of April and May. These programs were offered to the daycare community and have separate costs and registrations.

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

True or False?

"I'm allowed to say whatever I want. Nobody can stop me because I live in a free country!"

False. You cannot always say whatever you want.

There are limits to your freedom of expression, whether it's on the Internet, in a newspaper, on the radio or in the schoolyard. Freedom of expression is a very important value in our society, but the right to express yourself or give your opinion about a person has its limits.

The main limits to freedom of

expression are other people's rights: The right to privacy, to control images of themselves, to their reputations, to security. In other words, although your right to express yourself is very important, this right might conflict with someone else's rights. If you don't respect other people's rights, the law could get involved.

For example, your right to freedom of expression does not let you encourage other people to commit a crime or spread rumours about other people.

Tribes at Home

CHAIN REACTION

This activity can be done with as few as two people and as many as you want.

Sit in a circle, the first person asks the second person a question. The second person answers

that question and then asks the next person a different question. You continue until everyone has had a chance to ask and answer a question, or until you run out of questions.

This can be used to study for a test by asking specific

questions about the subject. It can also be used as a get to know you activity with new friends and family. It also works as a good dinner time conversation starter and so that everyone at the table gets a turn to talk.

You can be as creative as you like with the questions. Have fun!



Special Notes

OUR SCHOOL SURVEY

The grade 4, 5, and 6 students will be participating in an on line school survey called "Our School Survey" in April. The survey allows students to share their feedback anonymously on their experiences, environment and programs at school. The survey includes topics such as behaviors and attitudes linked to the student success, emotional and social well-being and physical health. The results of the survey will be analyzed by staff to adapt or make changes for improvement; and then are presented to our Governing Board.



DAYCARE 2019-2020

At this time we would like to determine the Daycare needs for next year. It is important for us to know how many children will need regular after school care, early morning care, PD programs or occasional morning or afternoon care. Please consider your need for childcare, complete the Daycare Survey and return it to school so we can properly plan for next year.



ESPACE OUTAOUAIS

One of our community organizations, Espace Outaouais will be visiting your child's classroom this month with a focus on preventing all forms of violence.

AUTISM AWARENESS

World Autism Awareness Day is April 2. Every year, autism organizations around the world celebrate the day with unique fundraising and awareness-

raising events. How will you celebrate? Students are asked to wear blue clothing on Tuesday, April 2nd.

Use **#LIUB** (Light It Up Blue) to share your experience across social media and help light the world up blue this April!

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism/world-autism-awareness-day>



This also gives you a chance to have your child's name on the list for PD days. All students at Greater Gatineau School can attend PD days even if they don't attend daycare on a regular basis.



EARTH DAY

Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22nd. It is one of the largest events in the world. We would

encourage parents to do something with their children to show them how to respect and protect our environment. It could be something as simple as going outside and picking up garbage on your sidewalks or in your yard.

SPRING CLEANING – DONATIONS WELCOME!

Do you have any items at home that are no longer needed that could be used at school? We are looking to enhance our classrooms, and any donations would be greatly appreciated. Books, toys in good condition, games or puzzles with all their pieces would be helpful.



IMPORTANT UPDATES

Please don't forget to sign up for the **FREE remind app** for school (@ggsr) and daycare (@ggdaycare). It is a great way to keep on top of important reminders and announcements, such as school closure or bus cancellation.

Download the app or check out our website and follow the details on how to sign up.