

May is Sportsmanship/Fairness Month



School Motto

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

Principal's Message

We'd like to thank those who have sent in donations to buy hot lunches for our students affected by the flooding.



Currently we have 6 students who have been evacuated, and we are hoping this number does not rise. However, there could be others affected in the coming days.

Some bus routes have been

changed or modified, to accommodate for detours due to flooding. We will be sending out REMIND messages to keep the community up to date on any changes. It is very important for all parents to sign up for this free app; most have already signed up, but a few have not yet joined.

If you are affected by the flood; or know of roads that are affected in the next few days – please email me at vlink@wqsbc.ca.



Some exams are starting this month, and others will take place in June. Please look at the dates closely to ensure that your child will be in attendance for their exams. Please pay close attention to homework, as review for exams will be sent home (mainly for math exams).

Please remember that if you'd like to volunteer for an end of year field trip, you must have your security background check.

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JUMP WEEK

We would like to say thank-you to everyone who participated in the fundraising effort. Our school will be helping others with our donations. All students can help take care of their own heart by getting lots of physical activity. Skipping is a great heart healthy activity. April 29th to May 2nd skipping takes place at lunch recess and everyone can participate. We hope to get 100% of our school skipping!

Monday = Grade 6 and 2

Tuesday = Grade 5 and 1

Wednesday = Grade 4 and Kindergarten

Thursday = Grade 3



Fundraising Total = \$5031.70

Way to go GGS students!

READING WEEK

May 6th to 10th there are special activities planned each day of the week (see "For Your Attention" on page 3 for details)

DAYCARE WEEK

May 13th to 17th is Quebec School Daycare Week. This week is to recognize the importance of the complementary role of school daycares in the school team. Wednesday May 15th is the "Journée de reconnaissance du personnel en garde scolaire".



From all of us here at
Greater Gatineau...



Events at School

FINAL EXAMS

When planning holidays or appointments please keep the following dates in mind for your children:

May 1st to 15th – Grade 5 Enriched French exams

May 8th to 21st - Grade 6 French Exam core and enriched

May 6th – 14th - Grade 6 English Language Arts Exam

May 15th to May 29th – Grade 4 French Exams core and enriched

June 3rd to June 7th – Grades 2 and 4 Math Exam

June 3rd to 14th - Grade 6 Math Exam

TRACK & FIELD DAYS

Greater Gatineau School will be having their Track and Field Day on Tuesday, May 21st for students from Kindergarten to Grade 3

and on Wednesday, May 22nd for students in Grade 4, 5 & 6.



The Board Wide Track and Field day is Friday, May 31st and students who are chosen to represent our school will get more information later. It is a PD day for our school but we will still be attending the event at D'Arcy McGee High School.

Parents Please Note

GRAD PHOTOS

Grade 6 students get your best smiles ready for grad photos on Tuesday, May 7th. Photos will be taken starting at 8:10.



IEP EVENING

This year our IEP (Individual Education Plan) evening will be held on Thursday, May 30th.

Parents who have a child with an IEP will receive more information shortly.

FIELD TRIPS

May 23rd - Kindergarten students are going to the Canadian Museum of History

May 23rd - Grade 2 students are going to the Museum of Science and Technology

June 4th - Grade 1 students are going to the Aviation Museum

June 6th – Grade 5 students are going to Upper Canada Village

June 11th – Grade 4 students are going to the Museum of Science and Technology

June 14th – Grade 3 students are going to Saunders Farm

June 18th – Grade 6 students are going to Mont Cascades



Monthly Assembly

Our next assembly will be on Thursday, May 30th 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.

May is **SPORTSMANSHIP/ FAIRNESS** month. We hope to see students showing us fairness while playing with others and good sportsmanship whether they win or lose.



Appreciations

DEBATE COMPETITION

Thank you to the All Star Debate team for participating in the board wide debate competition and congratulations to Angelika M, Joella L, Sofia St, and Alex M for coming in 3rd place.

MUSIC MAKERS

Congratulations to all students, parents and staff who participated in Music Makers 2019. Our school choir gave a fantastically groovy performance at this year's concert at the Congress Center. Bravo!

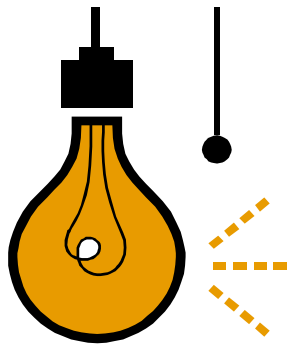
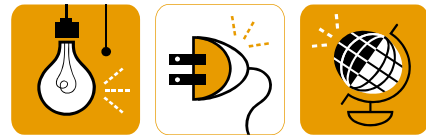
CODING QUEST ARCADE

Coding Quest is Canada's largest classroom-based coding program challenging students in Grades 4 to 6 to build their own computer game in the classroom. In Coding Club we have been working at using the Scratch coding program to make our own video game.

Our coding "team" has been invited to showcase our games at an arcade involving many other schools in Ottawa on May 15th at the Museum of Science and Technology.

RAG & BONE PUPPET THEATER

We are lucky to have a performance of the story "Owl at Home" from the author Arnold Lobel, put on by the Rag & Bone Puppet Theater on Friday, May 17th. This will be a hoot for the students from kindergarten, grade one and two.



For Your Attention

I ❤️ TO READ WEEK

Reading Week will be happening at Greater Gatineau School from May 6th to 10th. The following events will be taking place:

The author Catherine Austen will be coming to give presentations to all the classes at some point during the week.

Monday - Make-a-Bookmark

Students will all get to design and make their own custom bookmark.

READ-A-THON

A Read-a-thon form will be sent home on Monday, May 6th. Please record your reading activities and return the form to school on Friday, May 10th.

Our goal is to have 30,000 minutes (500 hours) of reading as a school.

If the students reach the goal Mrs. Link and Mrs. Smith will be dressed as clowns on Monday, May 13th.

Keep Reading!!!

O Canada song will be replaced with "Gotta Keep Reading".

Check out YouTube for lyrics if you want to practice at home.

Tuesday – Promote a Book

During class time each student is expected to advertise a book they would recommend for others to read.

Wednesday – Poetry Day

Teachers will read poetry to their classes and students will create a Poem-in-your-Pocket to display.

Thursday – A-B-C Game Day

Different games to take place during the day in class.

Literacy Challenge at lunch for selected students from Grades 6, all students from grade 3-6 can attend the event as spectators.

Friday - Dress-Up Day

Encourage students to come to school dressed up as a story book character. It could be from a fiction book, a comic book, a fairytale, or any other book.



Home & School

Greater Gatineau Home and School Association is excited to announce the return of the

Greater Gatineau – Greatest **Online Auction** with over \$2000 worth of products, gift cards, and services available for auction! Visit the auction at:

www.32auctions.com/GGHS2019

It will run from April 30th to May 12th.

Home and School Association

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, May 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

(in the Greater Gatineau Staff Room)

If you want to join next year's team or hear what we did this year, join us! Our school is fortunate to have a dynamic Home and School Association which organizes many extracurricular events for both students and parents. We are in need of more parents to help plan and run some of our events, so let us know if you are able to help out.

Positions up for election this year:

Vice-President | Secretary | Membership Chair
Interested? Contact us to let us know.

Our last **Hot Dog Lunch** will be held on Thursday, May 16th. The order slip will be coming soon in backpacks.

Follow us on Facebook (Greater Gatineau Home and School)

www.facebook.com/GreaterGatineau 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

This month there are two PD days. The first is on Friday, May 24th and we are planning a day of activities at school. The second PD day is on Friday, May 31st and we will be walking to the park for games and a picnic. We will finish the day with an ice cream cone from Dairy Queen. Registration forms will go out the week of May 6th. The deadline to register for both days is Friday May 17th.

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

Think It Over First!

The right to control images of yourself is a basic right. You have to protect it. You also have to respect other people's right to control images of themselves. So think carefully before posting photos or videos of others online. Do you have their permission?

It is impossible to have total control over photos and videos posted on the Internet. As soon as they

are posted online, other people can download them, edit them or share them with other people.

Important! On some social networks, the default privacy setting is "Public." This means that hundreds of millions of people have access to your pictures and videos. You can change this setting so that only your friends can see your pictures and videos.

Tribes at Home

SHAPING UP WITH "BLOCKS"

You will need two sets of the same items, can be done with blocks, Lego, or even just a group of household items. The first person (the director) sets up their objects in some sort of shape or design on the

table or floor out of sight of the second person. Then the object is to explain to the second person (the listener) how to place the items so they match the first design. Switch roles and try the activity again.

Questions to ask after the

activity has been completed:

- What did you learn giving directions to others?
- Why is this a difficult activity?
- Why is listening and following instructions important?

- How did the director and listener work together?
- How can they improve working together?
- How did you feel having to follow directions without being able to see the pattern?

Special Notes

ARE YOU MOVING?

As we prepare for next year, it is very important that you notify the school if you are moving. Please call the school at 819-663-4842 and speak to Katharine at extension 0, with your change of address so we can up-date our files for transportation.



OVERDRIVE SUMMER READING LIST

Books are available from June 6th to August 15th.

This year's theme is "Chill out and Read." And, with 30 Juvenile/YA titles available for free and simultaneous use, there is plenty to keep students reading all summer long.

This year's selection is a mix of ebooks, select audiobooks and read-along options.

overdrive.com/summer-read

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

If you have a younger child at home ready to start school or know of a friend, neighbour, or relative who has a kindergarten aged child, please contact Debbie Stafford at 819-663-4842 extension 1.

Early registrations help us prepare for next year, so please make an appointment soon.

Our "Kindergarten Open House" will be on Friday, June 7th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



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.

Special Notes

DAYCARE SURVEY

We sent a daycare survey with the last newsletter. We would like to determine how many children need before and after school care next year or who are interested in our PD day program which is open to the whole school. If you still have the survey at home and you are interested in any type of daycare next year, please fill it out and return it to school.

CHANGES TO THE HIGHWAY SAFETY CODE

Children will be required to sit in a car seat adapted to their weight and height

until they reach the age of 9 or until they are 145 cm tall. The Code requires that seatbelts be worn correctly, even for a short distance. To learn a little more about the subject consult the following web link.

saaa.gov.bc.ca/secure-routiere

OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS DAY

On May 6th for Wishbone Day please wear yellow to help bring awareness to those who have this rare and complex genetic disorder that is often characterized by fragile bones.

NATIONAL DENIM DAY

We ask that everyone help support the fight for breast cancer and raise awareness by wearing their jeans on Tuesday, May 14th for National Denim Day.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION

This year our Grade 6 Graduation will be held on Thursday, June 20th. Further details will be sent home by the Graduation Committee soon.

