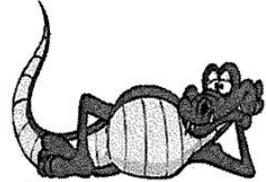


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe it's March already! Although we have had many changes throughout the year, we are developing resilience and determination to do our best each day. We hope the beginning of March will bring warmer weather and spring like temperatures.

Thank you all who filled out the playground survey on our website. Your input is valued and appreciated. We will continue to move forward with the project and hope to make great progress over the summer.

Please remember that the March Break this year has been delayed and moved back to April 12th-16th. This means we will not have our traditional Spring Break this year.

Thank you for your support and cooperation with our COVID protocols. Everyone is doing their best to maintain a safe learning environment for everyone.

Thanks again,

Chad Reay

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

School Council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30-7:45 p.m. The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, March 17th**. If you have never attended a School Council meeting before, we would love to have you. We love seeing new faces. Please contact the school with your information if you would like to join for the first time.

GATEWAY GARDEN

As some of you know, a food garden has been proposed for Gateway Drive Public School. This is exciting news! Though the snows are piled high, and the air is frigid, nonetheless spring will soon be upon us and the time to plan is now.

If you have interest in being part of the garden Steering Committee, or being involved in any capacity whatsoever, please email Mr. Reeves at Matthew.Reeves@ugdsb.on.ca or call the school at 519-824-4300 and we can set about convening our first meeting.

MARCH BREAK

Please remember that Spring Break for our students this year is from **Monday, April 12th to Friday, April 16th**.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Please remember that we turn our clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 14th.

GRADE 8 GRAD & SCHOOL PHOTOS

Unfortunately, we still don't have dates for either of these events yet but as soon as we do we will communicate this information to you.

Join the global Movement! Celebrate Earth Hour on March 27th at 8:30pm.

Earth Hour's mission is uniting people to protect the planet by raising awareness of about climate change and encouraging positive action.

"Earth Hour was famously started as a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia in 2007. Since then it has grown to engage more than 172 countries and territories worldwide."

Earth Hour is more than an event. It is a movement that has achieved massive environmental impact, including legislation changes by harnessing the power of the crowd."

Click [here](#) to see a short video clip of Earth Hour's story around the world.

Ideas for your family to do for Earth Hour!

Earth Hour belongs to you. Celebrate your commitment to the planet with your friends, family, community or at work - in your own way.

A simple event can be just turning off all non-essential lights on March 27th from 8:30-9:30 pm. For one hour, focus on your commitment to our planet. To celebrate, you can:

- *prepare a candle lit dinner,*
- *talk to your neighbours, or invite people over*
- *stargaze, or go camping in your backyard*
- *play board games, or charades*
- *host a concert, or a sing-a-long*
- *create or join your own community event*
- *have an Earth Hour every month*

The possibilities are endless!

Quotes and information taken from: <https://www.earthhour.org/>
