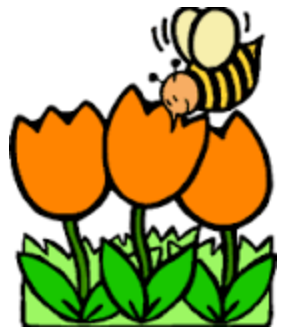


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May 2016

May is one of the busiest months of the school year! In addition to regular classroom teaching, May brings Music Monday, Open House, Jump Rope for Heart, Junior Track and Field, and so much more.

Thank you to the many parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who volunteer at Ottawa Crescent. Your help in the classrooms, on field trips, and in many other areas of our school programs is greatly appreciated. If you would still like to help out at the school this year or you would like to get a head start on volunteering next year, please drop into the office to complete a volunteer information sheet. Our volunteers make a big difference!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone out at our Math Night and The Arts Open House on Thursday, May 5. Have a great month.

Allison Stoffman
Principal

Next School Council Meeting

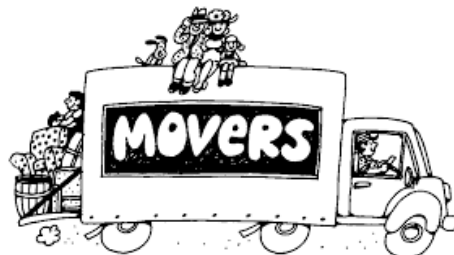
Monday, May 16, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Everyone Welcome!

E.Q.A.O. Dates May 25 to June 1

E.Q.A.O. testing is quickly approaching. For all students in grades 3 and 6 please avoid scheduling appointments and other school-day interruptions during this time to allow students their optimum opportunity to participate in the assessment.

Are You Moving?

Please contact the school as soon as possible if you will be moving over the summer.



School Cash Online

For safety and efficiency reasons, we want to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. School related expenses such as pizza days, milk, field trips, agendas, etc. will be available for online purchase. Please take a few minutes to register now so you can enjoy the convenience of online shopping.

Here's how to register:

- Step 1: Go to this website: <https://ugdsb.schoolcashionline.com>
- Step 2: Register by selecting "Get Started Today" and follow the steps.
- Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

Our Family Fun Night is Thursday, June 2. Please try School Cash Online as a new way to pay for this fun event. Sign up today! The deadline for Family Fun Night on-line orders is Wednesday, May 25, 2016.

Designated Parking

Ottawa Crescent Public School has three designated parking spots. Two are for disabled persons and the third is for taxis. We kindly ask that parents and guardians not use these spots to drop off or pick up their children unless you have a permit. Anyone not having a permit risks being ticketed by a Guelph by-law officer.

Save the Date!

Family Fun Night
Thursday, June 2 - 5:00 pm. – 6:30 p.m.
School Cash Online Orders Due Wednesday, May 25

Ottawa Crescent's Track and Field

Ottawa Crescent's Track and Field Day will be held on May 17. The first event will begin at 11:30 a.m. All students in grades 3-6 will participate in the 100 metre dash, the 200 metre dash, running long jump and the softball throw events. Parents are welcome to come and cheer participants on. The raindate is May 19. City Track and Field is June 13.

Camp Brebeuf Parent Information Night

A meeting for grade six parents regarding the year end Camp Brebeuf trip will be held Tuesday, May 31. Grade six parents are encouraged to attend this informative evening.

Popcorn Sales

O.C.P.S. can help support the Children's Foundation by buying popcorn for a toonies! Popcorn will be sold on Thursdays at first break until we sell out! Flavours dill pickle, low fat caramel, salt and vinegar and butter salt are the flavours that will be available.

SHARK – Swim to Survive Program

Once again, the grade three and five students at Ottawa Crescent will participate in the SHARKS program. The SHARKS Swim to Survive Program is part of a larger vision to see that all children in Guelph learn to swim. The program will be held on May 2, 9, 16 and June 6. The YMCA-YWCA of Guelph is happy to be able to offer this program free of charge to all grade three and five students in Guelph. The opportunity to provide this program would not be possible without the support of the Lifesaving Society, The University of Guelph, The City of Guelph, the title sponsor RBC and other local businesses and individuals who have generously donated to help offset the cost of transportation and staffing for this program.

Kindergarten Orientation

If you have a child who will be 4 years of age by December 31, 2016 and have not already contacted the office to register, we would appreciate you doing so as soon as possible. An information session will be held for all NEW JK and NEW SK parents on Friday, June 3 at 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Entry and Exit of Students

Parents are asked to have their students enter and exit the school at their regular outside entry and exit doors. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to ensure the safety of our children.

Jump Rope for Heart

On Friday, May 13, students will be skipping and jumping for Jump Rope for Heart. Our goal this year is \$3,000. Parents and guardians are invited to drop in to watch our students jumping for a great cause.

Music Monday

Music Monday is a national initiative that brings together thousands of students, musicians, parents, and community members across the country to celebrate the gift of music in our lives, on the same day at the same time. Ottawa Crescent Public School will once again be participating in Music Monday on May 2. We will showcase music from both the junior and primary divisions as well as a special performance by the Ukulele Club. The assembly will start at 11:15 a.m. and will end with the singing of the song “We Are One” at 12:00 noon. The classes performing will be: 5/6A - Mrs. Arnold, KA - Ms. Danylchuk-Ms. Leworthy, 1/2B - Ms. Cheng, 1A – Ms. Hart, 6B – Ms. Simon and the Ukulele Club.

Scholastic Book Fair

April 29 to May 6 is our Ottawa Crescent Scholastic book fair. The theme of this year’s fair will be MONSTERS. We are looking for monster themed art to display in the library. Gift certificates will be awarded for the top 6 entries of monster art – paintings, drawings, sculptures – anything monster related. The book fair will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and also during our Math Night Open House. We will be accepting debit card, credit card, cheques and cash for purchases. Be sure to come and visit the new Library Learning Commons to take a look at all the books and to enter to win one of two \$25.00 Scholastic gift certificates. Why not stock up now for some great summer reading at a great price and help support our school.

What Is STEM And Why Is It Important?

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The idea is to offer students tasks that integrate more than one subject area such as thinking about all the angles, measurements and calculations involved in building a structure that could stand up to the elements of our Canadian winters. STEM provides opportunity to focus on one assignment while applying knowledge gained in a number of subjects so knowledge gained in one area can be applied in another. Check out this link for more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1PJ48sintE>

Think of it like driving a car. We can't just focus on braking or steering by themselves. We need to simultaneously think of acceleration, steering, signaling, braking and road signs all at the same time and ideally we'd like our students to have the same flexibility with their thinking across different subject areas.

Try this activity to promote mathematics, science, engineering and language. Using popsicle sticks, glue, tape, and elastics, design and build a device that will launch 3 marshmallows as far as possible using elastic bands. The elastic energy may be "loaded" by hand but the device must get all of its launching power from the stored energy in the elastics bands. Have fun and enjoy!

Health and Physical Education Curriculum

This year the new Health and Physical Education curriculum will be implemented in all schools in Ontario. Included in the update are new expectations in the Human Development and Sexual Health component of the curriculum. This education starts with children learning about themselves, their feelings, their bodies and about showing respect for themselves and others in a reliable and accurate way. This learning is most effective when parents and schools work together. Parents help their children form values about relationships and their behaviours. There are plenty of resources available for parents to support the learning of the curriculum on the Ministry of Education website: <http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/health.html>. Your child's teacher will send a letter home two weeks before this strand is taught.

Forest of Reading Festival of Trees Is Fast Approaching...

Congratulations to all of the students who have read at least 5 of the Silver Birch nominated books. We have some students who have read all 30 of the Silver Birch selected titles! Students who have voted and conferenced with a teacher will be attending the Forest of Reading Festival in Toronto at the Harbour Front Centre on May 18, 2016. Last year was a blast and all students came back with big smiles on their faces.

This year we have again been honoured by being chosen to participate in the festival. Maxine will introduce the author of Jacob's Landing, Daphne Greer, in front of over 3,000 students, teachers, authors and illustrators while Aiden will represent Elizabeth MacLeod and Freida Wishinsky (Colossal Canada) and Lillie will represent Jordan Stratford and Kelly Murphy (Wollstonecraft Detective Agency: The Case of the Missing Moonstone).

This costly trip, which includes admission to the event and bussing to and from Toronto, has been generously sponsored by the Literacy Committee.

Regional Skills Competition 2016

Maya, Nancy, Charlotte, and Maxine represented Ottawa Crescent, making it to the third and final round of the LEGO Mechanics competition. The students were one of the few teams to complete the challenging task and build a working model of a robot that could deliver food over a barrier. This year we were also very fortunate to have received LEGO Mindstorm EV3 kits and to enter a team in the LEGO Robotics competition. The team was led by Ben. His builders included Kaitlyn, Dan and Ryder. They were faced with a challenging task and were visited by Minister of Education Liz Sandals as she watched them. Congratulations to all the students for their hard work in preparing for, and competing in, this very challenging competition.

Earth Week and Eco-School Certification

We have been working very hard at Ottawa Crescent Public School to reduce our energy consumption and waste. This year we had a successful Earth Week Kickoff Event where the entire school spent 100 minutes outside completing tasks to raise awareness of the environment and in a school-yard clean-up. Earth Week posters and slogans are posted in the school. Please be sure to view them on May 5 during our Math Night and Open House. Students and staff have been working throughout the year to earn our Eco-School Certification. Together the Environmental Green Team and teachers have taken initiatives to include environmental citizenship in everyday learning. As a result of these efforts we have met our goal of reaching Eco-School Silver. Keep up the wonderful effort Ottawa Crescent!