

May / June

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The Word

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June 3	Gr 6 Orientation visit to Fisher Park
June 5	Ottawa Public Library Visit Hydro Electricity / Conservation Assemblies
June 6	International Play Day
June 7	PA Day - No school for children at school
June 11	School Council Meeting 5:30 PM - Library
June 12	Track and Field Day Woodroffe Hlgh School
June 13	Gr 6 Freezie Sale
June 14	Pizza day
June 25	Report cards go home
June 26	Grade 6 Leaving ceremony 1 PM In Gymnasium
June 27	Last day of School

Reminders for the family



- 1. Are you changing residences before next September?** Please take the time to inform the office in writing before the end of June. Please include the new address, phone number and email address if that is changing.
- 2. Will your child be missing the last days of school?** The Ontario school year is 190 days from the day after labour Day to the last Thursday in June. Staff expect children everyday the school is open. If your child will be missing the last days of school in June, please inform the office in writing and make an arrangement for the report card to be picked up by the end of June.
- 3. The Lost and Found is full!** There are several sweaters, snow pants, hats and mitts in the lost and found. By Friday of the first week in June, winter clothes will be cleared out. If you haven't seen some winter items you were expecting to have next fall, come have a look.
- 4. Pizza Days** - These two easy steps will help ensure that your child(ren) receive(s) their pizza on pizza day:
 - 1) send a completed pizza order form with the **student's full name, teacher, grade and payment**
 - 2) ensure you **order by the order deadline**

Pizza information, including printable forms and a link to the MunchaLunch website is available on the school website: https://wegowlingps.ocdsb.ca/news/what_s_new/next_pizza_day_-_friday_january_18_2019

PLEASE NOTE:

The office will no longer be processing orders for families who are late with their orders.

Questions Asked

What happens when a "secure school procedure" is called?

A secure school procedure may be called when there is activity in the hallway that may be unsafe or distracting. It can be called when a child is struggling with their behaviour. This allows the staff an environment without a distracting audience to calmly and quietly guide the child to a better emotional state. It can also be called when something is happening in the hallway where reduced activity and traffic facilitates work (ex. brief maintenance work) or safety procedure (ex. The removal of an individual by ambulance paramedics). Children are in class, with the doors closed and learning continues. Movement in the hallway is stopped for a brief amount of time. A return to normal activity after the procedure ends.

News

Grade 2 Plastic Bag Grab Grade 2 students collected 929 plastic bags as part of the Plastic Bag Grab challenge. That is almost 1000 plastic bags that did not go into landfill sites, or waterways. Way to go Mrs. McComb and Madam Cho's classes!

Grade 6 Dance Crew - Mrs. Watson's grade 6 class were at the Children's Festival on the Grounds of Ottawa U on May 15th and 17th. They were a huge hit with their dance mashup featuring a song by Bruno Mars. Adjudicators at the performance gave them high praise for their musicality, teamwork and presentation skills

Genius Hour Thank you to all of the adults who came to school in April and May to be part of the Junior Genius Hour. Students set their own goals for learning and pursued a passion project under the guidance of mentors. Projects ranged from learning an instrument to baking to exploring how to write a book. At the end of the learning, they presented their projects to students in the gym.

Basketball Teams

This spring, we had an amazing basketball season with some amazing players. The tournament was on May 2nd, 2019. The boys all worked well as a team, encouraging each other and not giving up. Lyden, Jackie, Ellis and Alamin faced some tough competition and pulled off some amazing shots and layups. Shepherd, Ty, Musa and Derrick worked well together and put forth an amazing effort. Charlie, Mustafa, Adam and Jayden had their work cut out for them with the opposing players who were much taller, but they didn't give up and worked so hard. Bryson, Habil and Hasan were on fire and won most of their games using some great passing and shots. Special thanks to Ms. Patterson for coaching the team during practices and then returning to coach at the tournament, even though her teacher's college practicum was over. We would have been lost without her. I look forward to next season! Go Griffins! - Mrs. Axford

Our Junior Girls Basketball Team had a wonderful season and represented us well at the tournament. We worked hard, showed great sportsmanship skills and came in third place overall! Despite facing opponents that were much taller than them, Sofia, Skyler, Ellie, and Syesha showed great determination and worked very well together as a team. Najwa, Naomi, Sara, and Nora played with a positive attitude and put forth a strong effort throughout their game. Iman, Diana, and Diane covered their opponents closely and passed to each other well. Linaika, Bwami, and Faith had some difficult competition but played strong offence and had some fantastic shots. Thank you for a great season girls! A big thank you to Ms. Patterson who also helped coached the girls team! - Mme Hogan

Many thanks to Mrs. Axford and Madame Hogan for the time they spent coaching students and managing the team's needs.

Musical Guests

We have had a variety of musical guests visit our school this month. Yaki performed for the kindergarten students, encouraging the children to clap and sing along to his accessible style of playing and singing. The Sultans of String introduced students from grades 1 to 6 to a variety of musical styles played on a violin and guitar. Students were introduced to familiar and unfamiliar rhythms and melody lines as the duo performed. And finally, Mehdi, a singer and guitarist performed in French for students and asked questions about the art forms he uses.

Run Club Practices

Enthusiastic runners have been meeting coaches on the field a 3-4 times a week at first recess for Run Club. They are tracking their laps and learning to run with friends as a pastime. Students who have been training may be participating in this year's regional.

Track and Field Meet

The annual regional track meet is coming up! On Wednesday June 12th the track team is heading to Woodroffe H.S. for the day. Thirty-eight Gowling athletes will be participating in five different track and field events. The coaches are looking forward to a great day. Let's hope for some sunshine. Please contact the school if you're interested in volunteering for this event.

Maintaining routines in the spring

The spring can be a challenging time of year to maintain routines with children. As the days get longer, children want to play outside longer with friends and can begin to resist bedtimes. It is important for children to keep up healthy habits by getting a full night's rest and maintaining healthy eating habits. As days start to warm and uncomfortable sleep weather returns, you may wish to introduce a cooling bath and a quiet routine away from a screen before bedtime to help your child relax into sleep.

Grade 6 Freezie Sale - June 13th at first recess. \$1.00 for a whole and .50 for a half.

EDP Corner - from your Early Childhood Educator Team

Reminders from EDP - We are anticipating warm weather in the next few weeks: a water bottle and hat are needed gear.

Kinder EDP children are very interested in observing all the insects during our outdoor play time. We have been learning about them by reading to them. Also, children have been doing yoga outdoors. On sunny days we serve them snack outside.

Parent Council

Find out more about our school, come join Parent Council on June 11th at 5:30 PM in the library.

Community Events

Have you ever taken your family to Rideau Hall? This summer the Governor general's residence is hosting a Storytime from June 28 to August 24 from 1 to 3 pm. Find out more [here](#)