



W.E. Gowling P.S.

The Word

April 11, 2019

April 12	PD Day
April 15 - 26	Plastic Bag Grab - Brought to you by Grade 2!
April 19	Good Friday - No school
April 22	Easter Monday - No School
April 23	WEG Earth Day -
April 25	WEG School Yard Clean up- 1 :30 PM - all are welcome to join in our school efforts
April 23 - May 10	Our School Survey - Grades 4 to 6
April 26	Pizza Day
May 1 - 3, 6	Looking at Pictured Visits from The National Gallery of Canada
May 6	Sultans of String Performance
May 14	School Council Meeting 5:30 PM - Library
June 11	School Council Meeting 5:30 PM - Library

Reminders for the family

1. End of day **dismissal** is at 2:30 PM. If you need to pick your child up earlier in the day, please come to the office to sign your child out. If your child is in kindergarten you may pick your child up from the gate between 2:20 and 2:30 PM. This will help us in supervising children at the end of the day.
2. Spring is here and our school yard is very wet. **Students will be reminded to put on boots and change shoes** by their own teacher and duty teachers. Having shoes to change in, reduces the slippery, wet mess in the hallways and classrooms. As a staff, we are asking parents to remind their children that while they are at school, they are in the care of the adults in the building and are expected to follow directions for expectations that have been shared with them.
3. We are all working to keep our school safe for our children. We ask families to check lunch items for the content of peanut / nuts or peanut / nut products and make alternate choices for school lunches. Because of the large number of children with food allergies attending school, we also ask that parents **do not bring food (such as cupcakes or cake) to school for birthdays.**
4. **Spring is on its way** and we still go outside everyday. Children need to be dressed for the weather. Dry shoes for indoors and mitts, boots and snow pants are needed for play in damp and wet areas outside. Because of the numbers of children at school, dry footwear in doors is a must to lessen the likelihood of slips, trips and falls. Snow pants keep the amount of wet surfaces (chairs and carpets) to a minimum. Reminding your child that they need to wear outdoor clothes helps them to understand their function and to develop forethought.

5. **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

How can I support my child's learning at home?



This question is frequently asked by parents, usually when report cards are about to or have come out. The truth is the simplest and most effective way to support the developing skills of your child is to keep a regular routine for reading. Setting aside time to unwind with a story before bed has shown to be an effective way of engaging emerging and developing readers in the practice of a skill that requires concentration. When children are read to on a consistent basis they develop an understanding of story development, vocabulary and prediction skills. When they are provided guidance and support as they read aloud they are developing decoding skills that have been taught directly in class. Children who read for enjoyment tend to have greater success in school as they transfer the skill of reading to various contexts of different subjects.

Learning

The OCDSB has identified exit outcomes for all students at the end of grade 12. Among the skills and characteristics highlighted is the ability to **work and play collaboratively with peers**. In the earliest years of school this is developed through play and learning strategies that incorporate communication in the task. It is also developed through the coaching of social problem solving skills at home and school. Students at school are reminded to use words to solve issues with peers and to communicate for understanding. In our classrooms we use WITS as they absis for problem solving. We also talk about "fixing things" by encouraging the discussion of expectations or rules before beginning to work or play together. As children grow they learn to appreciate the perspective, skills and strengths of their peers. In class they are encouraged to find ways to sue these traits in a group to the advantage of the group. To learn more about the exit outcomes, we encourage you to visit the OCDSB website.

Staff changes

We welcome Mr. Sid who will be teaching the Grade 3 EFI, Core French to grade 5 /6 and the Frogs kindergarten for a period a day. We would also like to welcome Madame Lara Irick who will be taking on the Core French lessons for the following classes: Mrs. Salinas, Mrs. Sharkey and Mrs Watson.

Coming Up



Grade 6 Cakewalk - from our grade 6 students

The Grade 6 classes will be hosting a Cake Walk to raise funds for the leaving ceremony, and to subsidize the cost of a 'Class of 19' t-shirt for all Grade 6's.

A Cake Walk is an event where students walk through a display of cakes and buy raffle tickets (\$0.50 each) on April 16 and 17th. Students place into a raffle for their favourite cakes. The winner of each raffle (1 per cake) takes their cake home! We are looking for families who can donate a cake/cupcakes/other baked goods, for April 17th. **Donated cakes/cupcakes/baked goods can be brought to school Tuesday April 16th, or the morning of April 17th.** Cakes will be sent home with the raffle winners, so please ensure they are on a disposable base or a container you are willing to part with.

Grade 2 Plastic Bag Grab

Did you know that more than 1 billion plastic shopping bags are given out across Canada every year, all of which can be reused and recycled? To educate students and the community on plastic bag waste and the 3Rs, W.E.Gowling will be participating in the Plastic Bag Grab



challenge from Monday, April 15 – Friday, April 26, 2019. The Plastic Bag Grab challenge, a program of Recycling Council of Ontario, in partnership with Walmart Canada, the Canadian Plastics Industry Association, Cascades Recovery Inc., and Trex invites elementary schools across Canada to learn and take action on plastics waste by reducing their use, while collecting discarded plastic bags for recycling in their schools and beyond.

With your support, we can help millions of plastic bags get recycled instead of lost to disposal, while spreading the word on the 3Rs. To ensure we align with the program rules and messaging, please remember the following when sending plastic bags to school:

- Only plastic shopping bags are accepted in the challenge.
- Although the following plastic film items may be accepted by municipal recycling programs or retailers they are non-acceptable for this challenge: food storage bags, clear produce bags, frozen food bags, milk bags, snack bags, sandwich bags, dry cleaning bags, resealable bags, plastic film packaging, or anything that is not a carry out plastic shopping bag.
- Please remember to follow the 3Rs hierarchy: reduce, reuse, and recycle. Try to reuse a bag as many times as possible before sending it to school!
- Encourage children to use the 3Rs in their everyday lives.
- Please stuff plastic bags into another plastic bag and bring to school for collection.

Earth Day School Yard Clean Up

This year our school yard scour will be on April 26th starting at 1:30 PM. Staff and students will be going out to the yard (if the snow is gone) to pick up the winter waste. The explicit learning goals for this are: 1) students will learn to work collaboratively to complete a task , 2) students will notice the impact of humans on their immediate environment.

How do Gowling Gardens Grow?

Mrs Sharkey, Mrs. Salinas and Madame St Aubin's classes will be working together on the Growing Up Organic project this spring. This involves planting seeds in the raised beds and starting seedlings in tower gardens at school. As they tend the planting and watering of plants they will be learning about the effort and knowledge needed to grow food. Later in spring they will look forward to a harvest of greens for a communal salad. Over the summer months they will be looking for family teams to assist with watering plants. If you are able to commit to a week or two over the summer to help with this school project please contact Madame St-Aubin, Mrs. Sharkey or Mrs. Salinas.



EDP Corner - from your Early Childhood Educator Team

Thank you to parents for their support by sharing craft materials in for activities. Various groups have been celebrating spring through crafts, reading and various outdoor activities.

Although Children are discouraged from bringing toys to school for during class time , they are permitted to bring one or two to EDP if they are labelled with their name. Please note: the care of these items are the responsibility of the child.

School Board Wide Survey

School districts in Ontario are required to conduct school climate surveys with students at least every two years. Between April 23rd and May 10th 2019, students who are in grades four to twelve in the OCDSB will complete the OurSCHOOL School Climate Survey online at school. More information about this survey, including a detailed parent information letter and non-consent form (should a parent not want their child to participate), can be found on our District website at www.ocdsb.ca. If you do not want your child(ren) to complete the survey, **you must advise the school by April 18th 2019**. More information will be sent home to parents under separate cover.

National Day of Mourning

The National Day of Mourning, held annually in Canada on April 28, is dedicated to remembering workers who have lost their lives or suffered illness or injury on the job or as a result of a work-related incident. Workplace health and safety and the prevention of work-related deaths and injuries remains an important issue across Canada.

In honour of the National Day of Mourning, national flags will be half-staffed on all federal and provincial government buildings. All Ottawa-Carleton District School Board flags will also be half-staffed as a sign of respect on Friday, April 26, 2019 until Monday, April 29, 2019.

Parent Council

Find out more about our school, come join Parent Council on May 14th at 5:30 PM in the library.

Community Events

River Ward Earth Day Celebration

- April 13th Centre - Hunt Club- Riverside Park 3320 Paul Anka Drive
- E-Waste Depot, Earth Day Exhibition, McCarthy Park Clean up

Free Pancake Breakfast

- April 20 9AM to 11AM
- Alexander Community Centre - 960 Silver Street
- Presented by Riley Brockington, the Carlington Community Association and Enbridge Community Events Team
- Goodwill donation will be collected to support CCA's community events fund

Canada Agriculture and Food Museum Family Fun Day

- April 27 10 AM to 2 PM
- Free event - bus service from Carlington Recreation Centre and Alexander Community Centre
- Pack a lunch, no food service on site

Coffee and Conversation with City Councillor Riley Brockington

- Monday April 29 10:30AM to 12PM
- Bellevue Community Centre, 1474 Caldwell Avenue

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