



# General Vanier Public School

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This newsletter contains important information. If you don't understand it, please have it interpreted. Thank you.

Cette lettre contient des informations importantes. Si vous ne la comprenez pas, faites la traduire, s'il vous plait. Merci.

Warsidehan aad ayuu muhlim u yahay, hadii aad fahmi waydo turjubaan la raadso. Aad ayaad u Mahadsantahay.

مجلة المدرسة الشهرية تحوي عل معلوماتهممة جدا تخص مسيرة تعليم اولادكم. يمكنكم الاتصال بالمدرسة لغرض مساعدتكم في ترجمتها لكم ولكم منا جزيل الشكر و الاحترام.



## DECEMBER 2017

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December 15  
December 18-19  
December 22  
December 25  
January 1, 2017  
**January 8, 2018**  
January 15  
January 17

Pajama Day  
Dental Screening  
Last day of school/ Holiday Concert at 10:00 a.m.  
Christianity - Christmas Day  
Happy New Year!  
**First day back to school**  
School Council at 6:30 p.m. in the Library  
Kindergarten Information Night at 6:00-7:00 p.m.

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school community continues to be a vibrant hub of activity both inside and outside of our classrooms. Students are engaged in amazing activities in their classes. They're solving real life math problems, creating wonderful works of visual art, writing a variety of texts and are always being encouraged to ask questions, try new challenges and stretch their thinking. Our work on adopting a growth mindset is paying off. We are noticing that students are less likely to experience frustration when they are having difficulty in an academic area. They have a better understanding that we learn from our mistakes, and in turn, our brains actually grow! Students are also well versed in what it takes to 'bump up' their work. Teachers use exemplars which show students what they specifically need to do to move their work from a Level 2 to a Level 3, or a Level 3 to a Level 4. We are proud of their progress and appreciate your ongoing support.

On Friday, December 22, we would like to invite all of you to our Holiday Concert which begins at 10 AM. It's certain to be a great show as every class is participating! We are also trying to reach our goal of 100 cans to help a local food bank. If you could bring in a non-perishable item that day, it would be appreciated.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and their families a very happy, restful and safe holiday over the winter break. See you in 2018!

Sincerely,  
Jeremy Nowiski



## **DENTAL SCREENING**

Lynne Bérubé, a registered dental hygienist with Ottawa Public Health, will provide a dental screening using a tongue depressor on December 18-19. If your child's grade is not selected, but you wish for the dental hygienist to see him/her, please advise the school. Only children identified as having dental needs will bring home a form. Follow-up school visits by the dental hygienist for individual children may be done. **THIS DOES NOT REPLACE REGULAR DENTAL VISITS WITH YOUR FAMILY DENTIST.**

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Our Kindergarten Information Night is Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Library; and will provide details about Kindergarten in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board at that time. We hope that any family who has a child who will be starting in Kindergarten in September 2018 will be able to join us for this important meeting.

Registration week is Monday, January 22 to Monday, January 29, 2018.

The information can also be found on the Board's website: [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca).

If you have a child or know of a family with school-aged children who will be 4 years old or 5 years old by December 31, 2018, they will be eligible to register for Year 1 (JK) or Year 2 (SK). We also provide an Extended Day Program for families who wish to pay for this care which runs from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please visit the office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. if you would like information on any of these programs. If you are registering your child for school in September 2018, please bring a Birth Certificate, Immigration Papers, Passport and Immunization information, proof of address (which needs to be a Property Tax Bill, Assessment Notice, Rental Agreement plus Driver's License).

## **IMMUNIZATIONS**

When your son or daughter begins school in Ottawa, the law requires you to provide the City of Ottawa Public Health with your child's immunization records. Public Health reviews and updates the records of elementary and high school students every year to ensure that all children in the schools are adequately immunized. After completing the earlier series of immunization, children must receive boosters on two occasions: first when they are 4 to 6 years old and once again between the ages of 14 to 16. Each time your child gets a booster, you need to provide the information to the City of Ottawa Public Health so that they can keep your records up to date. If this information is passed on, it may result in your child being excluded from school. This process is important to protect all school children from communicable diseases.

## **MIDDLE FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION**

Middle French Immersion is a French Immersion program that begins in Grade 4. Featherston Public School offers this program. Registration for Grade 4 Middle French Immersion will take place from Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Featherston Public School. Featherston plans to hold an information session about this program and once a date has been confirmed we will post it on our website and communicate directly to our families with children who are currently in our Grade 3 English Program.

## **ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY STUDENT TRANSFER PROCESS**

If parents/guardians would like their child to be considered to attend a school other than his or her designated school for the following school year, they must complete a transfer form and return it to the school you would like your child to attend between Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Students who are not attending their designated school are not entitled to transportation. Students must still register at their designated school pending approval of the transfer request. Transfer forms are available in all schools. This information can also be found on the Board's website: [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca).

## GV THEATRE ARTS CLUB

A General Vanier Theatre Arts club has started; our club will perform the musical “Chicken Big.” A Choir will be incorporated into the musical. Auditions for main acting parts have taken place. All students in grades 1, 2 and 3 are welcome to join the choir. We thank Mrs. Manzo and others for providing this wonderful opportunity for our students.

## GENERAL VANIER SCHOOL COUNCIL (GVSC)

Please join us for our next School Council meeting on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. New parents/guardians are always welcome!

## MILK ORDERS FOR JANUARY – MARCH BREAK

The milk order forms have been sent home and are due December 18<sup>th</sup>.

## COLD WEATHER/DRESSING

Fresh air and exercise are important to a child’s growth, well being and ability to concentrate and learn. We therefore ensure that all children go outside to play during recesses and noon hour periods. Only in extreme weather conditions, such as heavy rain or severe cold or high wind chill will students be kept in school. Please listen to the weather forecast each morning and reinforce with your children the need to bundle up by wearing the appropriate clothing. Since there are many pieces of clothing that go “missing” at this time of year make sure that all hats and or hoods, mitts, neck-warmers, boots, jackets and snow pants **are labeled with your child’s name**. This will be a big help in returning lost items of clothing to their rightful owners. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

1. As weather conditions often change throughout the day, children should come to school each day prepared to play outside.
2. If your child is ill and you do not wish for them to go outside they should stay at home as there is no indoor supervision.
3. If students forget or misplace items of winter clothing they may borrow what they need from the office. Please have your child return these borrowed items.

**We welcome donations of new and gently used winter clothing that your children have outgrown.**

On mornings when it is decided that schools will be closed due to inclement weather or that the buses will not be running because of poor road conditions, the appropriate announcement will be on the OSTA website and will be broadcast on the following radio stations:

**CBC-FM (CBC Radio) 91.5 FM**

**MAGIC 100.3 FM**

**HOT 89.9**

**JUMP 106.9 FM**

**CFRA 580**

**CHEZ 106 FM**



When the buses are not running, but the school remains open, teachers and staff will be in attendance. If parents choose to drive their children to school, it is important to remember that they must pick up the children at the end of the day or earlier if weather conditions worsen. **When there are no buses in the morning, there are no buses for the rest of the day.** When the buses are not running, but the school is open, students may come to school. **If your child will not be coming to school, please phone our attendance line to inform us that your child will not be coming.**

When the school is officially closed due to inclement weather or other emergencies, students and staff will not attend.

### **MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

If you would like the school office staff to store and administer long-term prescription medications, it is mandatory to get your doctor to complete and sign the form available from the school office. These forms go into a medical log which must be updated annually at the start of every school year. This applies as well for students who have severe allergies and must use an Epi-pen. Medication will be administered to the students upon receipt of the completed form, signed by the doctor. This also applies to short-term prescription and over the counter medications.

### **STUDENT APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

If your child has an appointment during the school day, please include a note to the teacher in their agenda or note tote with this information. This will help us help you get your child to their appointment on time.

### **WASH YOUR HANDS AND BE A GERM STOPPER!**

Everyone knows how bad it feels to be sick. Follow these tips to help prevent the spread of germs:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 15 seconds.
- Wash your hands after using the washroom, changing a baby's diaper, or touching animals, before eating, before and after preparing food, and when your hands look dirty.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if you can't wash your hands. Use a squirt the size of a quarter (dime-size for young children) in your palm, rub palms together, rub the back of each hand and around each thumb, and don't forget your fingertips. Rub for at least 15 seconds until dry.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your upper arm, not your hands! Throw the tissue away and wash your hands right away.
- Keep your hands away from your face to help keep germs out of your body.
- Stay home when you are sick, have a cough or a fever.

For more information contact Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744 or visit [www.ottawa.ca/health](http://www.ottawa.ca/health)

