



Goulbourn Middle School



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OCDSB Mission Statement- Educating for success – inspiring learning and building citizenship

Dear Goulbourn Families and Friends,

It is very hard to believe we are at the end of the school year. What a year it has been! June in schools is always quite unique, with preparations underway for the next school year at the same time as we are bringing the current school year to a close. With several events in and out of the classroom, it's been an exciting month for everyone!

We would like to give a special thank you to you, the parents who offer support to your children and our school every day. A big thank you also goes out to our School Council, under the effective leadership of our Co-Chairs, Jennifer Tackabury and Kristina Ducas for their never ending and continued support of Goulbourn MS. We have very much appreciated all of the hard work and dedication involved in the many fundraising initiatives and the funds that were donated to the school as a result of these efforts. We appreciated the Council's feedback on various activities related to school improvement planning. We look forward to continuing to foster this collaborative relationship in the new school year. We would also like to mention our appreciation to all parents involved in our Health Bar initiatives. Hats off and thank you for a job well done! We could not have done it without you!

This end of year newsletter would not be complete if we did not take a moment to thank the entire Goulbourn school team for their on-going commitment to our students. As Principal and Vice-Principal, we are so fortunate to work with such a dedicated group of professionals who work with your child(ren) each and every day. This includes our Teachers, Educational Assistants, Library Technician, Custodial Team, Office Staff, School Resource Officer, Speech and Language Pathologist, Itinerant Teachers, Social Worker and Psychologist. At the heart of all that we do are the children. It is a great privilege to be part of this incredible team. Goulbourn is a great place to be!

We wish you a safe and happy summer and look forward to an amazing 2017-2018 school year!

Robyn and Trish

A Time to Say Good-Bye

Every year at this time, principals and their staff go through a staffing process for the upcoming school year. Due to factors such as a change in student enrolment, or a staff member's personal choice, we sometimes have to say 'goodbye' to some of our friends and colleagues. Sadly, we are saying farewell to some of our very valued staff who have contributed greatly to the success of students, have given generously of themselves and have done their utmost to make GMS a wonderful place. Their hard work and tremendous effort is greatly appreciated and will be remembered. **Brian Adams**, our Chief Custodian, and **Joanne Johnson**, our Library Technician, are retiring.

During their careers, they have touched the lives of hundreds of young people. We wish them the best of luck on their retirements and with what this new chapter will bring. **Jacqueline Bird** will be teaching overseas, **Sheena Bracewell** has extended her parental leave, **Robyn Darragh** will be moving to Jockvale ES, **Chantal Gallo** will be moving to Woodroffe PS and **Jen Shipley** will be moving to Cedarview MS, and **Jenny Ross** will enjoy most of the year on parental leave with a newborn. We wish them well! They certainly will be missed!

We would also like to thank **Kevin MacTavish** for their dedication to the Greyhound pack and hope to have him back at GMS in the near future.

We also welcome new staff members **Scott Martin, Geoffrey Raymond, Christina Reitano, and April Soni** to the team!

We continue to solidify our organization for the 2017-2018 school year. A tentative organization is detailed on pages 4/5 for your reference, keeping in mind that this could change before the beginning of the next school year. Students will be provided with their Homeroom Teacher's name and Centre location on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5th.

Message from Ms. Darragh

My time at Goulbourn has come to a close. After seven wonderful (and very fast) years at GMS, I will be moving to Jockvale Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year. While I am excited about this opportunity, it is difficult to leave such a wonderful school community. I would like to thank our parents, School Council and community partners for the support that I have received. I have had the privilege to work with such a dedicated staff, in particular, a top notch Office Admin Team, who go above and beyond each day for our students. I will miss the students- their energy, leadership, and creativity. Thank you for the many laughs and wonderful memories GMS! Have an amazing summer and all the best in September!

Class of 2017

On behalf of all staff at GMS, we would like to congratulate our grade 8s for their contributions to Goulbourn over the past two or three years and wish them every success as they transition to high school. While this amazing group of Greyhounds will be missed, we know they are ready for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. We hope that you will stay in touch and update us on all of your future successes.

Character Education

Congratulations to the following students who received green leaves on our character tree in June: Hannah, Owen, Nate, Carly, Jack, Liv, Cam, Amatur Raheem, Evan, Noah, Logan, Cassie, Michael, Dylan, Itel, Emma, Taylor, Katie, Brena, Aaliyah, Jackson, Ariel, Miranda, Sam, Sayhan, Duncan, Carter, Jay, Cordelia, Gwyneth, Katelyn, Millie, Emily, Rayyan and Curtis.

Thank you to these Greyhounds for demonstrating their commitment to creating, maintaining, and supporting a positive school environment!

Orientation Week

During the first week of school (Tuesday, Sept 5th - Friday, Sept 8th) GMS students will be participating in our 5th annual GMS Orientation Week! These four days will offer a variety of fun-filled GMS orientation activities, including workshops, team building events and games, culminating in a GMS spirit-building end of the week barbeque! GMS strongly supports the OCDSB's focus on character development and well-being in all of our students and staff. The week's activities will build on Goulbourn's ongoing focus on character and mindfulness, provide information on school and classroom routines and expectations, and ensure that all students are ready to delve into academic instruction on Monday, September 11th.

Student Activity Fees

As per OCDSB Procedure #PR.648.SCO, we are requesting a voluntary Student Activity Fee that will be used to supplement the student school experience. This **\$20** fee will cover the cost of our Character Education presentations, the Arts and our Science and Tech program. The remaining funds will be used to support a variety of activities to supplement and enhance the GMS school experience. Please note that for families with more than one child attending GMS, the maximum fee will be \$35. Fees are due by **Friday, September 15th**.

Moving...School Organization for 2017-2018

If your child is not returning to Goulbourn in September because you are moving out of our attendance area, please let the office know as soon as possible. This information will help us plan for September. Please also encourage any new neighbours in your area to come in to register as soon as possible or to give us a call and we will be pleased to guide them in this process.

Report Cards

Term Two Report Cards were sent home via backpack express on Tuesday, June 27th. Report cards that remain at the school will be mailed home on Thursday, June 29th.

Office Reopening and First Day of School

The school office will reopen on Monday August 28th at 7:30am. The first day of classes for all students is Tuesday, September 5th at 7:55am. There will be many staff members on hand to provide class assignment information and direction to students who require assistance.

Transportation for students in a joint custody arrangement and having two homes

OSTA has developed a new policy & procedure to deliver transportation services to students in a joint custody arrangement and having two homes. An application process and other requirements need to be met for parents to receive this service, and the homes or daycares in question must meet all other eligibility requirements. The deadline for new applications or changes to existing applications for September start up transportation was June 1. Renewals of current schedule calendars (no other changes) are due June 30. All other applications will be reviewed after September 15, and prior to October 1.

More information can be found on our website:

<http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/policies-procedures/variable->

Applications for Seat Availability

Students who had been approved to access service under the Seat Availability provision for 2016/17 will need to re-apply for service for the 2017-18 school year. The "***Application for Access to Empty Seats on School Bus Vehicles***" form is available on the OSTA website at <http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/policies/empty-seat-provision> and should be sent to OSTA directly. All applications will be reviewed and seats assigned after October 1.

We ask that parents and school staff NOT put students on the bus prior to assignment to a bus route, for the students' own safety.

Transportation Information During the Summer Months

Please note that the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority will be open during the summer months from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday.

OCDSB parents should contact OSTA directly during the summer months if they have questions about transportation or changes to their children's address or caregiver information.

School Supplies List

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board has developed a common list of recommended personal use items for students in grades 4-8. This list of supplies is strictly voluntary; parents/guardians are not required to purchase or provide the items listed. As a result, it is a parent/guardian's choice to send the following items for use by their child for the first day of school in September.

- 12 sharpened pencils
- 2 white erasers
- 1 package of coloured markers
- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 ruler - 30cm metric
- 3 ballpoint pens
- 2 pkgs of 3-hole lined refill paper
- 6 duotangs
- 1 calculator
- 6 lined notebooks
- 1 geometry set
- 2 highlighters
- 3 binders
- binder dividers

Tentative GMS 2017-2018 School Team

Scott Martin	Principal
Tricia Eddy	Vice-Principal
Susan Wigney	Office Administrator
Beth Ronaghan	Office Assistant
Jen Benoit	Grade 6 Regular English
Sarah Gallaugher	Grade 6 Middle French Immersion
Michael Boucher	Grade 7 Regular English
Cheryl Hillsdon	Grade 7 Regular English
Nicole MacLaren	Grade 7 Early French Immersion
Elliot Trotter Clare	Grade 7 Middle French Immersion
Karen Wiggins	Grade 7 Early French Immersion (English and Math)
April Soni	Grade 7/8 Congregated Gifted
Kevin Terrade	General Learning Program
Barb Friesen	Grade 8 Regular English
Vacant	Grade 8 Early French Immersion (PM)
Michael Mahon	Grade 8 Regular English
Wendy Mullins	Grade 8 Middle French Immersion
Christina Reitano	Grade 8 French Immersion
Sandra Smith	Grade 8 Early French Immersion (English and Math)
Jen Thompson	Grade 8 Regular English
Fred Donkor	Music (6,7,8), English to French Immersion (7, 8)

Terri Klassen	Core French (7, 8), Phys Ed (8)
Joel Brown	Learning Resource Teacher (7,8), Phys Ed (8)
Jane Law	Learning Support Teacher, Learning Resource Teacher
Sheena Church	Educational Assistant
Celine Daoust	Educational Assistant
Steve Wolf	Educational Assistant
Vacant	Library Technician
Julie Bode	Lunch Time Monitor
Hoda Elomari	Lunch Time Monitor
Geoffrey Raymond	Chief Custodian
Brian Ayers	Evening Custodian

Green Bin Summer Strategies

The City of Ottawa has provided some tips for green bin maintenance during the summer:

- Rinse the green bin with your garden hose periodically to keep it clean, especially if you don't line your bin with paper.
- Capture fruit flies (more common during warm weather) with a bowl of vinegar covered with plastic wrap with several small holes in it. Empty as required.
- Put salt or vinegar on maggots to kill them. If maggots appear in the green bin, a fly has laid eggs on some exposed food waste.
- Wrap wet food waste (e.g. meat, fish, fruit and vegetable waste) in old newspaper or used paper towel.
- Use the special food waste bag or other paper (e.g. grocery popcorn, sugar, flour or potato) bags to hold your material.
- Put meat and fish waste into a paper bag and then in your freezer until collection day.
- Alternate layers of food waste with layers of dry waste (e.g. leaves, dead plants, sawdust, wood shavings).
- Periodically rinse the green bin using a mild detergent or white vinegar/water solution immediately after collection.
- Sprinkle a small amount of powdered garden lime, baking soda or powdered laundry detergent (no bleach) in the green bin.