



Goulbourn Middle School



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<p style="text-align: center;">OCDSB Mission Statement- Educating for success – inspiring learning and building citizenship</p>

Dear Goulbourn Families and Friends,

The end of the 2016-2017 school year is fast approaching! We have been extremely busy preparing for next year, as well as wrapping up curricular and extra-curricular activities. Our second group of grade 7 WEB leaders have been selected and grade 8 students look forward to their year-end activities. Track and Field Meets are fast approaching and our students are working hard to meet or exceed personal goals. Intermediate Soccer is in full swing and our athletes look forward to their upcoming tournaments.

On May 25th, GMS students, staff and community were treated to musical performances by our Concert Band, Jazz Band, GNotes Choir and Guitar Club at the *Sounds of Spring* concert. Thank you to Mr. Donkor and Mrs. Wiggins for their ongoing dedication to our Music Program.

On June 14th, we celebrate Goulbourn's 50th Anniversary. We invite all former and current students, parents, staff, and volunteers of Goulbourn Middle School to come out and celebrate with us. We look forward to opening the school and sharing in your memories. Join us for musical presentations, party games, school tours and cake and ice cream! Please RSVP at: <https://tinyurl.com/mhrmfym>

Our grade eight students, teachers, and parents are looking forward to the annual **School Leaving Ceremony** which will take place on **Wednesday, June 28th**. Thank you to Mme Gallo and her team who have worked very hard to organize this event – it will no doubt be a memorable occasion as our grade eight students leave Goulbourn to continue their educational journey in High School.

As always, please be sure to contact us with any questions, concerns or kudos you may have. Our doors are always open.

Robyn and Trish

Community of Character

On a daily basis, Greyhounds have the opportunity to further explore how they can continue to develop as exemplary citizens and make a positive difference in their community and the world. Congratulations to the following students who received butterflies on our tree: Lennon, Liam, Emma, Hunter, Jake, Anoushka, Nolan, Carter A, Nabeeha, Amal, Vivian, Ainsley, Chase, Robert, Kendall, Kody, Emi, Cordelia, Brodie, Ky, Theo, Shri, Will C, Charlie, Darren, Evelyn B, Lloyd, Evelyn C, Andrew, Cassie L, Alice, Grace L, Kieran, Alysa, Carly, Thea, Anthony, Rowen, Jiya, Justin S, and Noah.

Math Facts- Mathies

Mathies.ca hosted by Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME) is designated for Ontario K-12 students and parents. This website includes games, learning tools, activities, and additional supports for students to explore, build and enhance their mathematical thinking. A parent "Frequently Asked Questions" section includes: "How can I help with the learning of mathematics?" "What mathematics activities can we do together?" "What digital supports are available?" and "What additional support is available?"

Leaving Ceremony

Our grade 8 School Leaving Ceremonies will be held in **the hall at the Stittsville United Pentecostal Church** located at 2031 Main Street on **June 28, 2017**. The ceremony will begin at **8:30 a.m.** **All students must be dropped off at the church by parents.**

Families will receive a maximum of **two** tickets for guests. Following the ceremony, students and guests will be invited to an on-site small reception sponsored by our School Council.

Following the ceremony, students may be signed out by their parents to enjoy a special brunch/lunch OR they can be dropped off at GMS as of 10:30 AM by parents to eat their bagged lunch with their friends. The dance will begin at 12:45PM. Students participating in the dance should arrive by 12:30 PM. **Please note that there will not be any transportation provided to and from the church the morning of June 28th.**

Current grade 8 parents are invited to participate on the decorating committee (the afternoon/evening of June 27th) and current grade 6 and 7 parents are invited to serve snacks and refreshments following the ceremonies (morning of June 28th). Please contact Ms. Darragh if you are interested and available.

EQAO

Congratulations are extended to all of our Grade 6 students for the hard work and determination that they invested into preparing for this year's Education Quality Accountability Office (EQAO) assessments. Between May 29th and June 1st our students completed 6 separate hour-long assessments; two in Math, two in Writing, and two in Reading. These assessments provide us a snapshot of the student's learning over the past three years and, once we receive the students' results next fall, will help guide our school improvement planning process designed to increase student achievement. The student's individual results will be shared with their families early in the new school year while, at the same time, our school's composite scores will be shared with the entire school community.

Literacy and Numeracy Support Program

Our Monday and Thursday night Homework Club comes to an end on June 8th. We would like to thank Mrs. Friesen, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Bode, Mrs. Church, Mr. Boucher and Mrs. Elomari for their leadership and dedication to this program. We would also like to thank the OCDSB's Continuing Education Division for supporting this initiative. Our students in grades 7 and 8 have greatly benefited from the opportunity to review, practice and organize their work.

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.

Ottawa Public Health

Swimming is a great activity for kids but safety should always be top on the list. It only takes a few seconds for anyone to silently slip under the water. Children and weak swimmers are especially at risk. Many kids love the

water but they can misjudge their own swimming ability. Constant supervision is vital to ensure they stay safe while swimming. Here are some tips to prevent drowning:

- Stay within reach of any children in and around the water.
- Enrol children in swimming lessons.
- Consider taking lessons if you are a weak or non-swimmer.
- Remain distraction free when looking after children in the water.
- Ensure weak or non-swimmers wear a lifejacket or personal flotation device (PFD) in and around the water.
- Install four-sided fencing to prevent a child from having direct access from the house. Gates to the pool must include a self-latching, self-closing gate with a lock.

For more information visit www.ottawa.ca/health or contact Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744.

Community News- In memory of former Greyhound Dylan McCarthy.

1K DOG WALK + 5K FUN RUN

Saturday, June 10, 2017

RAIN OR SHINE!

Dog Walk at 10:00 • Run at 10:15
W.O. Mitchell Elementary School
80 Steeplechase Drive

REGISTER

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\$5/person \$20/family

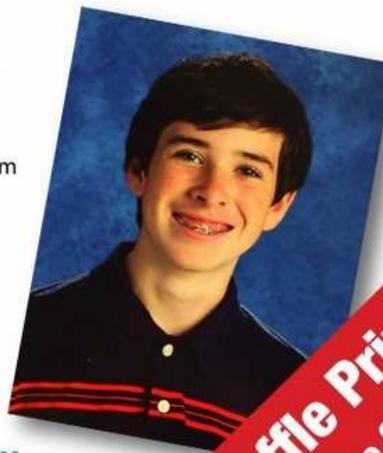
Registration also available on the day starting at 9:00am

All funds raised will be donated to



In loving memory of **Dylan McCarthy**

www.ottawahumane.ca/dylan



**Raffle Prizes
Bake Sale**