

Mutchmor Public School

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Principal's Message

First term report cards have been sent home. As there is no formal interview date, teachers have requested a few parent teacher interviews for those students who are new to the school or who are presenting with difficulties in achieving the outlined expectations for their grade level. Parents who have not received an interview request are reminded they can request a meeting with their child's teacher by completing the tear-off portion of the report card and returning it to their child's teacher.

We are currently awaiting the board's decision regarding interim student accommodations for the Glebe and Old Ottawa South for September 2011. The decision is expected to be made the evening of Thursday, February 17th and communicated to schools and the school community on Tuesday, February 22nd. If you are unfamiliar with the options being discussed, the full scale study is available on the following website
<http://www.ocdsb.ca/sch/as/Pages/CentretownGlebeOldOttawaSouth.aspx>

A reminder to parents that the Elementary Student Transfer Application period is from February 14 - 25. In order to apply for a cross boundary transfer, you must be registered at your home school and during the transfer period complete and submit the transfer application to the desired school. Applications will be reviewed by the receiving and sending principals and decisions will be made and communicated to parents in March 2011. Registration for both MFI is from February 22-28th. Registrations for this program are to be completed at the designated schools for the program (MFI - Hopewell).

We will be holding our school Dance-a-thon on Thursday, February 17th. Details regarding this event and the focus for the fundraising are included in this newsletter so, please read on. We will also be encouraging students and staff to wear pink on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 for Wear Pink against Bullying Day. Teachers will be encouraged to engage their students in a discussion around bullying and what we can do to prevent it from happening.

Sherri Bonneville

Dates to Remember

Feb 14-25
Elementary Student
Transfer Application
Period

Feb 17 - Mutchmor
Dance-a-thon (various
times throughout the
day)

Feb 18 - P.D Day
NO CLASSES

Feb 21 - Family Day -
NO CLASSES

Feb 22-Feb 28 - MFI
Registration Period

Feb 23 - Wear Pink
against Bullying Day

Feb 28 - Dental
Screening for JK, SK,
gr. 1 and 2

Feb 28 - School Council
Meeting at 7:00 pm in
Library

Feb 28 - March 4 -
School Council
sponsored SNAX
program

March 14-18 - March
Break - NO CLASSES

Transportation Cancellation

On mornings when the weather is bad and the buses may not be running due to poor road conditions, please listen to the radio or television. Announcements are made on:

RADIO

CFRA News, Magic 100, Bob-FM, and the Team

Tel: 613-738-7397 or 613-738-4752

CBC Radio

Tel: 613-288-6475 News Desk or 613-288-6493 - Studio 12 morning show

CHRI-FM

Tel: 613-247

Jewel 98.5

Tel: 613-789-0985

Oldies 1310/KISS105, CHEZ 106, Jack 96.9, Y101

Tel: 613-736-2020

TELEVISION

CTV - Ottawa (formerly CJOH)

Tel: 613-274-4337

A-Channel

613-789-0606 ext. 2222

When the buses are not running and the schools remain open, teachers and staff will be in attendance. If parents choose to drive their children to school, it is important to remember they must also pick them up 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 school is officially closed due to weather or other emergencies, students and staff will not attend.



Emergency Evacuation

In the event of a prolonged evacuation of the school building, Mutchmor's evacuation site is Corpus Christi Catholic School across the street on Fourth Avenue.

We would hope that sufficient time would be provided for the school to notify the parents, via the school's Emergency Phone tree, prior to an evacuation. However, that may not be possible. In any event, parents will be notified following an evacuation about where and when to pick up their child(ren). Once again, accurate and up-to-date contact information is crucial in such an event.

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent please call the attendance line at 613-239-0535.

Students arriving after the 9:15 AM announcements must report to the office for a late slip before making their way to class.

Students Not Returning to Mutchmor PS

If you know that your child will not be returning to Mutchmor Public School for the 2011-2012 school year, please advise the office as soon as possible. This will

assist us in our planning and organization for next year.

Dressing for the Weather

A reminder to parents to send your children to school appropriately dressed for the weather - coat, snow pants, hat, mittens or gloves and boots. Students will be sent outside for recess on a daily basis unless there is severe weather. Please ensure their time outside is pleasant and enjoyable by providing them with warm clothing.

Bust A Move!

The staff and students of Mutchmor PS will be hosting Bust A Move for Mutchmor dance-a-thon on Feb. 17th. The proceeds from the event will go directly to each division for Lego sets, flip video cameras and science equipment. Our goal for this year is \$10, 000.

This year we are looking for increased corporate financial support. If you work for, know of, or own a local business that you feel would like to participate in this worth while cause, we ask that you approach the appropriate person on our behalf.

Each student has received a pledge card to collect pledges from friends and family. Please ensure students **DO NOT GO DOOR TO DOOR**. The students are asked to request a flat rate pledge and collect the pledge in advance. Students can submit their pledges to their classroom teacher.

News from Drama Club

The Mutchmor Drama club is on the hunt for a banana seat bicycle to be used for the drama performance in May. If you have such an item and would be willing to lend it or donate it, please contact Ms Ward, Mme Chloe or Mme Gagnon.

Head Lice



Head lice are common in school-aged children, but anyone can get them. These small insects can crawl from person to person by direct head to head contact and most often cause itching.

Parents should check their children's hair weekly for head lice. Look for nits (eggs) of head lice. Nits look like dandruff, but they cannot be shaken or flicked off the hair. They are found on the hair very close to the scalp.

If you see lice or nits, notify the school and treat your child. Ottawa Public Health recommends that the **first of the two** required treatments be done before your child returns to school.

Teach your children to protect themselves from getting head lice:

- Avoid sharing combs, brushes, hair accessories.
- Tie back long hair in a braid or ponytail.
- Keep hats, mittens, and scarves in the sleeve of your child's coat.

For more information on the prevention and treatment of head lice, call the Ottawa Public Health information line at 613-580-6744 or visit ottawa.ca/health.

The Association for Bright Children (ABC) Ottawa Chapter is excited to announce this spring's session of it's' very popular, **ABC Take-off program** - in its ninth consecutive year!

Spring 2011 ABC Take-off - Learn and Grow!

Enrichment workshops on Saturday mornings for children and youth - ages 6-14

With 48 enrichment courses available on Saturday mornings for 6 weeks **starting on April 2**, there is something for every engaged student! Designed especially for keen and eager students with lots of hands-on activities, the *ABC Take-off* program offers challenge, fun, and a great opportunity to meet like-minded children/youth who share similar interests!

The spring 2011 ABC Take-off brochure is available on-line at www.abcontario.ca/ottawa

Spring 2011 ABC Take-off will be offered: April 2 - May 14, no classes April 23, at St. Paul's High School.

Registration will begin - March 3, 2011 at the Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre, 102 Greenview Ave. - off Carling and Pinecrest, at 7:30pm.

After this event, registrations are received by mail.

Courses offered this spring 2011:

Please see the course brochure for specific details on ages, materials fee, course descriptions, and how to register.

Ages 6-8, Ages 7-9

Musical Journey, Poetry Meets Art, Geology, Lego Building with Lee, Chess I, Fabric Art, Pastels and Drawing.

Ages 8-12 & Up

Lego Engineering and Machines, Science of Reptiles, Chess II, Juggling, GO, Jewelry, Discovery thru Dissection, Kids Cooking in the Kitchen, Exploring the Human Body, Introduction to Model Rocketry, Lego NXT Robotics, Medieval Swordplay, Poetry Meets Art II, Kitchen Chemistry, Papier Mache, Advanced Reptiles, and Lego Building with Lee.

Youth Ages 10-14

Forensics, Fabric Art II, Felting, The Written Word, Advanced Robot Building, Woodcarving for the Beginner, The Money Course for Kids, Pastels and Drawing, Intermediate Rocketry, Lego Engineering and Machines, Vedic Mathematics, Architecture, Let's Write a Novel, Logic, Speak Up and Be Heard,

To learn more about ABC Take-off, please visit, "**Frequently Asked Questions about ABC Take-off**," at the ABC Ottawa website:

<http://www.abcontario.ca/ottawa/44#faq>

If you have any further questions please do contact us.

Yours truly,

Christina Comeau

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News from School Council

Volunteer Spotlight – Soo Hum, Parent Photographer.

This month we would like to spotlight and thank Soo Hum, Mutchmor's parent volunteer photographer. Mutchmor Council and Staff appreciate the many, many photos and art that Soo Hum (dad to Sam) has produced over the last 8 years. His passion for photography means that he always has at least one camera with him and often a second camera is hidden away. Many parents have seen Soo around the school inside and out as well as on field trips. The time necessary to shoot a photo is but a fraction of the time it takes to sort through the photos, delete, crop and catalogue them. We are very grateful for the beautiful memories that Soo has created to showcase so many wonderful happenings and friendships in the Mutchmor community. Some of Soo's works will be sold through School Council later in the year including Mutchmor note cards.

School Event – Are you Smarter than a Mutchmor Student – Thurs April 28, 5:30-8:30.

Save the evening of Thursday April 28 for the first ever "Are you Smarter than a Mutchmor student" game (modelled on "Are you smarter than a 5th grader"). Come watch our Mutchmor students versus parents answering curriculum based questions for an evening of entertainment. A silent auction will also be held at the same time. Parent help is needed for this event along with student volunteers. If you and/or your child would like to help, please email Joanne Lostracco at jlostracco@ccc.ca. All proceeds will go to school initiatives benefiting our children.

Gifted Special Education

Deadline for applications for the Congregated Special Education program is April 1st, 2011. Currently, various congregated gifted classes at Mutchmor have available spaces. Please speak to the school's Learning Support Teacher for more information.

Local School Issues

On Feb 4, the School Board staff released their recommended option for dealing with the overcrowding at First Avenue School. They are recommending that the JK students from First Avenue be redirected to Mutchmor for Sept 2011. That recommendation will be discussed in a public meeting with the Board of Trustees on Thursday Feb 17th. In the same report the Board has set out a framework for resolving the long term accommodation issues in the area. This will include the creation of a community led working group made up of representatives from each school as well as community representatives. Staff will provide resources and information to the working group. Timeframes and other details are set out in the appendices to the report.

For more information, please see <http://www.ocdsb.ca/Lists/Board%20Meeting%20Calendar/DispForm.aspx?ID=173&source=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Eocdsb%2Eca%2FPages%2Fdefault%2Easpx>

Skate & Movie night

Many families enjoyed the family skate on the rink on a warm January evening. The hot chocolate was a hit with the kids and we hope you all enjoyed the movie in the gym afterwards. Thanks to Starbucks at Bank and Third for the donation of coffee for the skating event

and to all our volunteers who helped make the event happen!

Next School Parent Council meeting

Will be held on Monday, Feb 28 at 7:00 pm in the computer lab. You can find out more about our Council at www.MutchmorSC.ca.