

## **June 2017 Update**

Our 2016-2017 school year has come to the end. We have bid adieu to our Grade 6 students, who are leaving W. Erskine Johnston and moving to the Earl of March for their grade 7 and 8 Intermediate years. We look forward to welcoming a new group of Junior Kindergarten students. Summer holidays are beckoning. Excitement is in the air!

At the end of this school year, we wistfully say farewell to some staff members. Ms. O'Rourke is going to Richmond Public School and Ms. Simoes is moving to Kingston.

Our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Ms. Riley and Ms. Holvey who are retiring.

A heartfelt thank you to teachers Mme Benyelles, Mme Bresee, and Ms. Li who have been replacing staff off this year.

On behalf of students, parents and staff, our heartfelt appreciation is extended to our School Council who has worked so hard this year on behalf of our students. Thank you, as well, to the many parents who have contributed their time to help out in a myriad of ways within the school, to fundraise, and to participate in special events for students.

### **Summer Office Hours**

The school office will be closing on Friday, June 30th and reopening at 9:00 am on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that due to extensive work on the HVAC system at WEJ, there will be no access to the school for students, staff or parents from July 1, 2017 until just before school resumes. Contractors and custodial staff are not able to admit anyone to the building for any reason.

### **Register All Summer Long**

Parents new to the community may register their children during the summer at the OCDSB Administration Building at 133 Greenbank Road. Please call the Admissions Department at 613-596-8730 to make an appointment.

Please bring your child's proof of age and address, health card and immunization record to register.

If English is not your first language, you are new to Canada, returning from abroad or from a French language school board, please call our Family Reception Centre at 613-239-2416 to make an appointment. For more information please visit the OCDSB website.

### **School Bus Transportation**

All 2017-2018 Transportation Route Schedules will be posted on the Ottawa student Transportation Authority's website at [www.ottawaschoolbus.ca](http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca) by mid-August.

### **First Day Procedures: Tuesday September 5, 2017**

When students from Grade 1 to 6 arrive at school, they will proceed to the back of the school building. (Inclement weather they will go to the gym). Students will gather in the primary and junior areas where teachers will assemble with class lists.

Children new to the school will be met in front of a sign labeled "Student New to W. Erskine Johnston P.S." and then will be escorted to their new classes from there.

**Have a safe and happy summer!**

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