

## January – February Update

We are pleased to welcome a number of new students and their families to our school community since the holiday break. The school population is 635.

Kindergarten Registration began on January 25<sup>th</sup> and continued through to January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, however registration is ongoing throughout the year. Parents can register in the school office from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please bring proof of age, your child's Ontario Health Card, Proof of Address, and Immunization record.

### **Middle French Immersion**

If your child is in grade 3 and you are contemplating their entry into the Middle French Immersion program for grade 4, the program is offered here at W. Erskine Johnston P.S. A Parent Information Night is planned for Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Registration for Middle French Immersion begins on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 through to February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, however it is also ongoing. Transportation for students is provided by the Board, for those students who meet the criteria.

### **Term 1 Report Card**

Report Cards will be sent home with your child on Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Outside Play/Recess Time**

Children well dressed for the cold learn to enjoy and play in our Canadian winters. Students go outside for **all** recesses unless it is so cold as to be unsafe. Please ensure your child comes to school with warm clothing; hats, mittens, boots, and snow pants. We appreciate an extra pair of socks and mittens being put into their school bag.

### **From the School Council**

Please visit the School Council website at [www.wejcouncil.ca](http://www.wejcouncil.ca). Check it out for updates, information and Council news. A Family Valentine Dance is taking place Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Reminder:** When buses are cancelled, so is the School Council food program at school. Send your child to school with a lunch from home.

### **Student Transfer Timelines**

The application period for a cross boundary transfer to another elementary school is **only** from February 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Applications can be obtained from school office staff.

Guidelines for the transfer process can be found on the OCDSB web site: <http://www.ocdsb.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

## **Ottawa Public Health Immunization Notice**

Shortly, OPH will be sending suspension letters to parents if their child's records are not up-to-date. To avoid school suspensions, parents who receive a letter requesting immunization information must contact OPH by phone at [613-580-6744](tel:613-580-6744).

Parents can visit [parentinginottawa.ca/immunization](http://parentinginottawa.ca/immunization) for more details about how to submit their child's immunization information to Ottawa Public Health: online at [www.parentinginOttawa.ca/Immunization](http://www.parentinginOttawa.ca/Immunization); by fax at 613-580-9660; by mail at Immunization Program, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor West, Mail Code 26-44, 100 Constellation Drive, Ottawa, On K2G 6J8 or by App at <https://www.canimmunize.ca/en/home>

### **Dates to Remember**

February 6 – 17	Transfer Application Period
Thursday, February 9	MFI Information Evening
February 13 – 17	MFI Registration
Tuesday, February 14	Red and Pink Day
Thursday, February 16	Primary Winter Play Day (afternoon)
Thursday, February 16	Family Valentine Dance – School Council Event 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Friday, February 17	PA Day
Monday, February 20	Family Day
Wednesday, February 22	Report cards home
Friday, February 24	Spirit Day – Beach Day
Tuesday, February 28	Toonie Tuesday