



THE GIBSON GAZETTE

May 8



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Big Box of Cards Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who participated in our School Council fundraiser this Spring. All orders have been placed and some small orders have already been sent home to some families. On **May 17th from 2 – 5 pm**, all families who put in orders are invited to pick up their orders at the school in the main lobby.

May is Mental Health Awareness and during the month of May, our Wellness Team and school staff have been acknowledging and bringing awareness to Children's Mental Health by making weekly mindfulness announcements to support our students and putting up posters that give students examples of strategies they can use to help them when they need it. For more information on Children's' Mental Health Week and how you can support your child, visit www.caringforkids.cps.ca/ or www.kidsmentalhealth.ca. CMHAW (Children's Mental Health Awareness Week) has collaborated with York Region Public Health, Healthy Schools, and Staff Wellness to create a resource that we hope will create opportunities for joy and wellness. See the attached PDF for activities and resources.

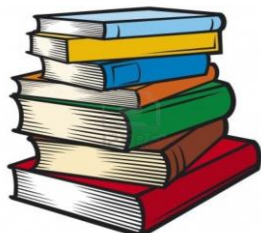
May is **Asian and South Asian Heritage Month** in Ontario. This month we acknowledge the long and rich history of Asian Canadians from East Asia, Southern Asia, Western and Southeast Asia and their contributions to significant Canada. During this month, staff and students are encouraged to join Ontarians and Canadians who will be coming together to understand, affirm and appreciate the vibrant heritage of people of Asian and South Asian descent. As a school community we want to recognize, honour, affirm, and celebrate Asian and South Asian identities and experiences.

May is also Jewish Heritage Month. Canada is home to the fourth largest Jewish population in the world and almost half of that number reside in Ontario. Jewish Canadians have proudly contributed to Canadian heritage in all of its facets including the military, the arts, government, business, academia, law, medicine, culture, and sports. Throughout the month of May, we encourage students and staff to celebrate the contributions Jewish Canadians make in communities across the country.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
MAY is Asian/South Asian Heritage Month; Jewish Heritage Month; Mental Health Awareness Month	
May 10	Gr. 7 Toronto Trip
May 12	Every Child Counts Surveys DUE
May 8	Yearbook Orders DUE
May 15	School Council Meeting at 7 pm
May 16	S.O.D.A. Track Meet for Students with Differing Abilities
May 16	Zoo to You Presentation - Kindergarten
May 17	Author Visit from Ryan Wagman – I Thought a Thought – Gr. 4-8
May 17	Big Box of Cards Pick up at school between 2-5 pm
May 18	Gr. 6 EQAO Practice Session – Esho/Tustin
May 19	Gr. 3 and 6 EQAO Practice Session - Jensen
May 22	Victoria Day Holiday

Used Books Donation for Spring Fair



One of popular areas at the Gibson Spring Fair is our **FREE Summer Reading** table where families can take books for the summer.

If you have any gently used books that you would like to donate, we will be accepting them in the office until June 19th. Thank you!

Washable Weekdays – Message from EcoGators

The ECO-GATORS have noticed a something at our school: **there is too much waste that ends up in the landfill!**

A litterless lunch program would help the school because most of our garbage comes from snack wrappers and garbage from our lunches. So, as a solution to the problem, the Eco-Gators have decided to start a litterless lunch program called Washable Weekdays!

A litterless lunch is a lunch that has no waste products in it - like single-use plastic wrap, snack food wrappers or plastic baggies. Single-use plastic water bottles and juice boxes are replaced with reusable drink containers. Parents and guardians are encouraged to pack a litterless lunch with their child daily. The Eco-Gators will be encouraging everyone to participate in this important program to try and make our school a litterless school.

*Gracie Liu & Angela Easdale
On behalf of the Eco-Gators*

Summer Institute 2023 – Registration Now OPEN

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum. The program runs for five weeks during July and August. It is offered at 10 school sites around York Region. For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](http://www.yrdsb.ca) webpage on www.yrdsb.ca. Families can register online.

FINAL REMINDER - 2023-24 School Organization

As we continue to plan for next year, combined classes are continuing to be a part of our school organizations. If you have new and/or important information to share about your child (e.g., a recent medical diagnosis, positive/negative peer relationships which exist outside of school, learning style, individual and family issues, etc.) which may impact class placement decisions, you are invited to express **IN WRITING before May 17th** to claudia.fischer@yrdsb.ca, any information that should be considered as we begin to tentatively place students in classes. **These requests are to focus on your child and their needs only**. Please be aware that any information you provide will not be shared and will be kept in confidence as part of the class placement process.

Our primary goal is to develop balanced classes that reflect the diversity of our community and allow for a variety of abilities, interests and talents. Teachers work diligently to balance the classrooms in terms of student needs, academic ability and social and emotional concerns.

Please note that your written submissions are **NOT** considered confirmation of your request. Because of changing enrolment patterns during the spring and summer months, final class placement will be shared with students and families just prior to the first day of school.

The Come Up Summer Program

The York Region District School Board is pleased to announce The Come Up summer program 2023. This program offers self-identifying Black students who are entering high school in September 2023 with an opportunity to earn their first credit. Black students entering grade 9 will earn the grade 10 Civics/Career compulsory credit. It also includes guest speakers, field trips, lunch (Mondays & Wednesdays) and swag.

The program takes place Wednesday, July 5, 2023 - Friday, July 28, 2023 from 8:45am - 3:35pm. Attendance is mandatory for the full duration of the program. Each activity/workshop will use an identity affirming approach with emphasis on student engagement to build positive self-esteem for Black students embarking on a new journey.

Students will earn/receive the following:

- Swag bags including t-shirts and resources;
- Free lunch (Mondays & Wednesdays); and
- First high school credit;

For more information and to register please see the [flyer](#).

SAVE THE DATE – Spring Fair – June 22



Joseph A. Gibson School Council is thrilled to once again present our annual ...

Gibson Spring Fair

Thursday, June 22, 2023



6:00 to 8:00 pm

Outside at the back of the school—Rain or Shine!

All families are invited to bring their own chair/blanket/picnic and enjoy an evening of family fun! Food Truck items and Super Smoothies must be pre-ordered on School Cash Online.

All students must be accompanied by their parent or guardian for the entire evening and please keep your pets at home.



School Council News

2022-23 School Council Chairs:

Pina Olsson and Lisa Papa



NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, May 15, 2023

7:00 pm in the library

We welcome all parents and guardians to attend any or all meetings.

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