

THE GIBSON GAZETTE

Feb. 19



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As we continue to plan for the **2024-25 school year**, we are carefully tracking enrolment numbers. If you are moving or know that your child will not be returning to Joseph A. Gibson in September, 2024; please inform the office as soon as possible.

All **Term 1 Report Cards** will be distributed electronically during the week of Feb. 20th. Families will receive an email from the YRDSB indicating when the report cards are available in your child's GAPPS account. Once you receive the email, please log in to your child's GAPPS account and go into their Gmail. You will see an email from the YRDSB with the Term 1 Report Card attached. If you have any questions, or are having trouble accessing the report card, please contact your child's teacher or the office.

Earlier last week, York Region District School Board announced that to ensure student safety due to the **Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024**, all schools will be dismissing students early.

As such, Joseph A. Gibson P. S. will dismiss at 11:30 am. **On April 8 all students will be dismissed at 11:30 am.** The morning bell, drop off and transportation will remain unchanged. For those eligible for school transportation, such as busing and taxis, service will be adjusted for the early afternoon departure. The safe arrival program will remain in place, if your child is not attending school on April 8, please record their absence. Student after-school activities, including extra-curricular activities will be **cancelled** on April 8.

Finally, start planning for some creative and fun Gibson SPIRIT Days. Mark these days in your calendar.

Mar. 8 **Decades SPIRIT Day**

(dress in clothing from a famous decade i.e. 50s, 70s, 90s etc.)

Apr. 5 **Sports Jersey SPIRIT Day**

May 2 **Beach SPIRIT Day**

June 6 **Backwards/Inside Out SPIRIT Day**



*Happy Family Day on Monday, Feb. 19th.
We hope that you enjoy your day and
weekend with family and loved ones!*

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
February is Black History Month and Lunar New Year	
Feb. 19	Family Day Holiday
Feb. 20	Term 1 Report Cards sent home electronically this week
Feb. 20	At Peace Painting Club begins for Grades ½ with Ms. George
Feb. 21	Int. Boys Basketball AREA Tournament
Feb. 23	French Carnival Assembly
Feb. 26	School Council Meeting at 7 pm in Library
Feb. 28	Jr. and Int. Skills Challenge Competition at Humber College
Feb. 28	PINK Shirt Day – stand up against all forms of bullying

Super Smoothie Day - March 4th

March is Nutrition Month and at Joseph A. Gibson, we acknowledge that a healthy body equals a healthy mind! To support our commitment to nutritious eating, we offer a daily snack program which includes various fruits and grains. This is made available to all of our students in their classrooms.

As we have done in the past, we are thrilled to once again offer a **FREE Smoothie** during the morning of Monday, March 4, 2024. More information on the smoothies, ingredients, etc. will be sent in a separate flyer later this month.

School Crossing Guard Appreciation Contest

For the first time in many years, Gibson has been lucky to have a crossing guard at Netherford Rd. and Naylon Street. Pat, our School Crossing Guard, greets our families every morning and afterschool and helps everyone get to and from school safely.

This year, **School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week is June 3rd to June 7th, 2024**. In support of that week, the Ontario School Crossing Programs Committee is excited to announce the province-wide **School Crossing Guard Appreciation Drawing Contest**. If you are interested in having your child participate, please see the attached flyers for more information.

Terra Cycle ECO Initiative



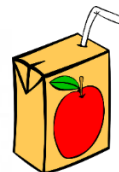
Thank you to all our families and students who have been supporting our **TERRACYCLE Recycling Initiative**. We have kept almost **1500** markers and pens out of our landfill!

Let's keep this initiative going for the remainder of the year. Continue to drop off any old/dried up pens, markers, highlighters or mechanical pencils in the box in the main lobby. Thank you in advance for your support and thank you to Ms. Ponzio for organizing this initiative.

Save the Date for Family S.T.E.A.M. Night April 18th

With support from our School Council and the Parent Reaching Out Grant, Gibson will be having a **Family S.T.E.A.M. night on Thursday, April 18th**. Families will be invited to come out for an evening of creative fun that will include experiments in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. More information about the evening will be sent to families next month.

In preparation of this evening, we continue to accept the following donations. Thank you for your support!



Pizza Boxes – grease free
Newspaper
Tissue Boxes
CDs – old computer discs
Cardboard
Empty Juice Boxes
Empty Water Bottles
Toilet Paper Rolls
Paper Towel Rolls
Mini Pool for Water

School Council News

2023-24 School Council Chairs:

Laura Celli-Henriques and Pina Olsson



NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, February 26, 2024

7:00 pm in the library

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

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