

THE GIBSON GAZETTE

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Thank you to Ms. Sivanesan, Anjana, Assveetha, Asvegha, Hania, Heronique, Janunan, Rupashri and Sofia for our beautiful Tamil Heritage Month Display

What an incredible day of dancing yesterday! Thank you to the “**Dance with Justin**” crew for all their hard work preparing our students the past two weeks so that they could perform their incredible dances in front of their families. Staff and parents also had a great time showing off their moves. What a fun way to end the week! Thank you to our School Council for their support in providing this engaging opportunity for our students.

Kindergarten and Gr. 1 French Immersion registration for September, 2024 begins today – January 19th. Parents or guardians of Year 2 Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2024, and wishing to enroll in the French Immersion Program, can email or call the office and indicate their intention to enroll. Families are asked to register by February 6, 2024. Registration during this period is not first come, first served. If families were unable to attend the French Immersion information session last night, you can hear about the French Immersion program on the [Tune In YRDSB: French Immersion Podcast](#) or visit our school website for the posted presentation.

Late Registrations are those submitted after February 6, 2024. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

And finally...

I wanted to share a special message with the entire Gibson community. Yesterday, I shared with the Gibson staff that after 33 ½ years in education with YRDSB as a teacher, vice-principal, and the last 8 ½ years as a very proud principal at J. A. Gibson, I have decided to retire at the end of March. I am so privileged to have been able to remain at the same school, three years after my official retirement date, and I look forward to making the most out of the next few months as Principal of J. A. Gibson P. S.

Claudia Fischer

Planning for 2024-25 - Are You Moving?



As we begin to plan for the 2024-25 school year, we are carefully tracking enrolment numbers for the next school year. 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

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
January is Tamil Heritage Month	
Jan. 22	School Council Meeting at 7 pm in the library
Jan. 24	Wear BLUE and WHITE to support Let's Talk Day
Jan. 26	Junior Boys Volleyball AREA Tournament
Jan. 27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day
Jan. 29	Gr. 8 Course Selection Presentation at 10:40 am
Jan. 30	Junior Girls Volleyball AREA Tournament
Feb. 2	PA DAY – no school for students

Hot Lunches and Super Smoothies

Great News! We have some new hot lunch programs starting up the week of February 5th and our Super Smoothies are returning on Wednesdays!

Wednesdays – Super Smoothies (*Tropical Flavour*)

Thursdays - Mr. Sub

Fridays - Hero Burger

More information about these are on School Cash Online

REMINDER - Inclement Weather and School Transportation

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. We will do our best to notify families in advance when we may be considering closing school and Board offices. Transportation cancellations or school closures are communicated through:

- Student Transportation Services - www.schoolbuscity.com or 1-877-330-3001
- [Board](#) and school websites
- [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

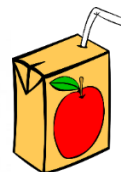
For more information on [severe weather days](#), please visit our website www.yrdsb.ca.

Let's Talk Day – Jan. 24

One of the biggest hurdles for anyone dealing with a mental illness is overcoming the stigma attached to it. The annual **Let's Talk Day** aims to help reduce this stigma and promote awareness and understanding. YRDSB has collated supportive mental health resources for staff and their family members in the [Employee Guide to Mental Health Resources](#) which includes community-based mental health services and resources accessible to Ontario residents.

REMINDER – Family S.T.E.A.M. Night

We continue to collect the following items for our **Family STEAM Night on April 18th**. Please send any items to school with your child or you can also drop them off in the office. 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, January 22, 2024

7:00 pm in the library

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

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