

# THE GIBSON GAZETTE

Mar. 4



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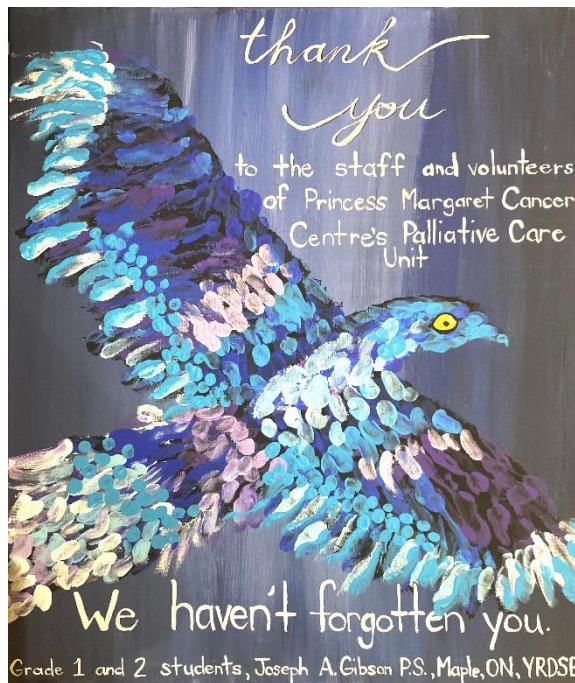
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Thank you to **Ms. George** for volunteering her time to run a Primary At-Peace Painting Club for primary students. Thank you to the Grade 1 and 2 students for the beautiful creation of art work that will be donated to the Princess Margaret Hospital. Coming up next month in the Primary Painting Club, the Grade 1 French Immersion students will be creating their own piece of art.

## Planning for the 2024-25 School Year

We continue to plan for the **2024-25 school year**, and 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.

## Renewed Computer Technology

YRDSB is once again working with **Renewed Computer Technology** to deliver refurbished technology to limited income families. The winter application period is open from February 1, 2024 – March 15, 2024. A letter and flyer was sent via email to all our families early last week. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

## Lost and Found Tables

The LOST AND FOUND tables will be on display in the front hallway during the week of March 4<sup>th</sup> for students and parents to look through. Any unclaimed items at the end of the day on March 8<sup>th</sup>, will be donated to families in need.

## Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
<b>MARCH is Bangladeshi Heritage Month, Greek Heritage Month and Nutrition Month</b>	
<b>Mar. 4</b>	Super Smoothie Day
<b>Mar. 4 – Mar. 8</b>	<b>Lost and Found Tables set up in the front hallway</b>
<b>Mar. 6</b>	Term 2 IEPs go home
<b>Mar. 8</b>	Decades SPIRIT Day
<b>Mar. 10</b>	Daylight Savings Time – turn clocks ahead one hour
<b>Mar. 10 – Apr. 9</b>	<b>Ramadan</b>
<b>Mar. 11 – 15</b>	<b>MARCH BREAK</b>
<b>Mar. 21</b>	Gr. 8 Graduation Photo Day



## French Carnaval Week

Last week, our French Carnaval celebration came to an end. A huge thank you to **Mme Viau** for organizing this event for our students and also a thank you to the Grade 5 and French Immersion students for kicking off the event with their assembly.

We were all excited to have Bonhomme visit the classes over the course of the week. Thank you to our parent volunteer and School Council member, **Ms. Henriques**, for creating and donating the Bonhomme costume to the school, so that we can continue to celebrate French Carnaval in years to come.



## Super Smoothie Day - March 4<sup>th</sup>

March is Nutrition Month! 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. was sent home last week in a separate flyer.

## Decades Spirit Day – March 8th

### DECADES SPIRIT DAY

# March 8<sup>th</sup>

Enjoy a blast from the past and dress up in clothes from a past decade!



## Hot and Cold Lunch Programs

This year, we are offering the following hot or cold lunch programs at Gibson:

***Mondays – Kid’s Kitchen***  
***Tuesdays – Pizza Lunch***  
***Wednesdays – Smoothies***  
***Thursdays – Subway Sandwiches***  
***Fridays – Hero Burgers***

If you are interested in any of these for your child(ren), please visit School CashOnline.

## April 8 – Early Dismissal UPDATE

Last week, we sent you a message after York Region District School Board announced that in order to ensure student safety due to the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, all schools will be dismissing students early.

Unfortunately, in order to ensure that transportation services (school bus and taxi) can accommodate all schools’ early dismissal, there will be a slight adjustment in our dismissal time. **Our school will actually dismiss at 12:00 pm.**

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.

## SAVE THE DATE! Family S.T.E.A.M. Night on April 18<sup>th</sup>

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 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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 in a separate flyer in the coming weeks.

Thank you for ALL the donations you have sent in! We are only looking for the following item to complete our list:

CDs – old computer discs



## Frozen Cookie Dough Spring Fundraiser Coming Soon!



J. A. Gibson's School Council will be starting a Frozen Cookie Dough Fundraiser to support the purchase of a new outdoor bench for the Kindergarten/Primary area. The frozen cookie dough is from Terra Cotta Cookie Company - the same company we use for our weekly cookie sales. Frozen cookie dough is pre-portioned, comes in a variety of flavors and is completely nut-free! There are also vegan and gluten options available. More information will be coming soon.

## School Council News

2023-24 School Council Chairs:

*Laura Celli-Henriques and Pina Olsson*



### **NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:**

**Monday, April 15, 2024**

7:00 pm in the library

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

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