

# THE GIBSON GAZETTE

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In our annual Gibson tradition, we will once again be starting our **Food and Warm Clothing Drive which will run from Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Vaughan Food Bank; and toiletries and **NEW** warm clothing such as hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, pyjamas for our local Women's Shelter. Donated items can be placed in the bins and/or on the Gibson Giving Tree which will be located in the front lobby. Thanking you in advance for your support of families in need!

Great news! Kids' Kitchen Hot Lunch program is returning to Gibson on Mondays. Flyers with more information will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks. We are also currently looking into other hot lunch programs for Wednesdays and Thursdays. Stay tuned!

Just an important reminder – when you are dropping off or picking up your child from school during instructional time, which is between 8:30 and 3:00, please ensure you check in at the office. With our Safe Schools policy in place, parents are not permitted to go directly to the class or portables and **must** come to the office to check in. In the event your child is not taking the bus at the end of the day – please inform the office in advance and no later than 2:45 pm, so we can ensure your child is not put on the bus at the end of the day.

## Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
<b>November is.....Diwali and Hindu Heritage Month</b>	
<b>Nov. 20</b>	School Council Meeting at 7 pm
<b>Nov. 20 – 24</b>	JK (Year 1) Observations
<b>Nov. 28</b>	Gr. 3 Gifted Screening – Ms. Charalambous
<b>Nov. 28</b>	Gr. 5 and 6 Scientists in the School
<b>Nov. 29</b>	Gr. 3 Gifted Screening – Ms. David
<b>Dec. 1</b>	Food and Clothing Drive begins

## Outdoor Recesses

All students from JK to Grade 8 are expected to go out for every recess unless weather conditions would require an indoor recess. Therefore, students are to always come to school ready and prepared to be outdoors for morning and lunch recess. Boots (for rain or snow), rain jackets, hats, mitts, scarves and snow pants will help make recess an enjoyable time. It is also advisable for children to keep extra pants and socks at school in case they get wet. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found Bin, please be sure to label all articles of clothing with your child's name.



In the winter, the weather temperature is monitored and in extreme conditions (e.g., wind chill), students will remain indoors or have a shortened recess. We often receive requests from parents asking us to keep their children indoors during recess because they are not feeling well. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or facilities to supervise students who are sick or still recovering from an illness. Students who are ill enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until their condition improves. This will benefit the students concerned and prevent the spread of illness to others.

## Winter Concert – Save the Date! Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

We are excited to once again present to you our annual Winter Wonderland Concert on the evening of Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. More information about times and which classes will be performing that evening will be shared in the next Gazette.

**Please note** - *in the event the evening concert needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather, we will reschedule it for a daytime concert the following week.*

## School Council News

2023-24 School Council Chairs:

Laura Celli-Henriques and Pina Olsson



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

**Monday, November 20, 2023**

7:00 pm in the library

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

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