

# THE GIBSON GAZETTE

Nov. 6



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November is **Hindu Heritage Month**. The Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Hindu Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario.

November 12<sup>th</sup> is **Diwali** which is also known as the Festival of Lights. It is a Hindu, Sikh, and Jain festival celebrated throughout the diaspora. Diwali celebrates the triumph of good over evil and signifies the renewal of life and is celebrated around the world. During this joyous and festive time, people may get together with friends and family, exchange greetings and gifts of sweets, and devote time for prayer and introspection. Some set off fireworks and wear new clothes and many light little clay lamps, or candles. We wish all our students, families, staff, and members of the community who celebrate Diwali a very happy and festive time with friends and family.

Gibson would also like to welcome back **Ms. Kokotsis** who will be teaching in the Kindergarten class in the afternoons starting November 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
<b>November is.....Diwali and Hindu Heritage Month</b>	
<b>Nov. 1 – 9</b>	Holocaust Education Week
<b>Nov. 5 – 11</b>	Treaties Recognition Week
<b>Nov. 6</b>	Edsby Interview Schedule OPENS
<b>Nov. 7</b>	Intermediate Girls AREA Volleyball Tournament
<b>Nov. 9</b>	Progress Reports sent home electronically
<b>Nov. 11</b>	Remembrance Day
<b>Nov. 12</b>	<b>Diwali Significant Faith Day</b>
<b>Nov. 14</b>	Intermediate Boys AREA Volleyball Tournament
<b>Nov. 15</b>	Photo Retake Day and Edsby Interview Schedule CLOSES
<b>Nov. 16</b>	Evening Interviews or Student-Led Conferences
<b>Nov. 17</b>	<b>PA Day</b> and Morning Interviews or Student-Led Conferences

## Lost and Found



The **LOST AND FOUND** table will be on display in the front hallway on Nov. 16 and 17 for students and parents who would like to take a look. Any unclaimed items at the end of the day on November 17th will be donated to families in need.

## Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews and Conferences Nov. 16 and 17

We are looking forward to connecting with our Gibson families for our **Parent/Teacher Interviews and Student-Led Conferences** on the evening of November 16<sup>th</sup> and during the day on November 17<sup>th</sup>. **The Edsby Schedule will open on November 6<sup>th</sup> and closes at 9 am on November 15<sup>th</sup>.** If you need any assistance booking a time slot, please contact the office or your child's teacher directly.

Special Education, French, Music and other subject area teachers will also be available on these dates. Please contact these teachers directly if you would like to speak with them regarding your child's progress.

**REMINDER - Progress report cards** will be sent home electronically starting Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and can be accessed through your child's GAPPS email account. If you would like a hard copy of the progress report, please contact your child's teacher.

## Photo Retake Day - Nov. 15



Photo retake day is **Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Lifetouch will be at the school to take individual student photos for anyone who missed it in October or if anyone needs a retake.

## TerraCycle ECO Initiative



In partnership with School Council, we are participating in the **TERRACYCLE Recycling Initiative**. If you have any old/dried up pens, markers, highlighters or mechanical pencils (no wooden pencils), please place them in the box in the front hallway. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Invest-in-Students Donation Drive Fundraising Campaign

Thank you to the Joseph A. Gibson families that contributed to our Invest-in-Student Donation Drive. With your donations, we raised over **\$2300!**

Donations can still be made on School Cash Online throughout the year, or by filling out the Donation Drive Form that is available in the Parent Information Centre in the front hallway.

***Thank you!***

## 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.*

**Claudia Fischer**

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