

# THE GIBSON GAZETTE

Oct. 10



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*Thank you to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community for our beautiful display for Islamic Heritage Month.*

Hard to believe it is already October! Although September was an extremely busy month with many changes and updates; I want to acknowledge the hard work that our staff, students and families have done to adjust to new classrooms and new teachers. I am so proud of everyone's flexibility and resilience during these transitions.

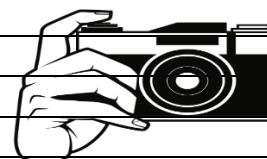
With our recent school reorganization, we have had some staffing updates and are thrilled to welcome **Ms. Kahloon** to our school. Ms. Kahloon is teaching the Grade 4 homeroom this year. Thank you to all our families who came to our Curriculum Night Open House on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. It was so terrific to see many of you again and to meet our new families who have joined Gibson this year.

**Thursday Cookie Days** - Thank you to our School Council and Ms. Henriques and Ms. Ponzio who will be volunteering every Thursday to sell cookies again this year. **NEW this year, we are happy to offer gluten-free cookies!** A flyer has gone home with students that includes more information about the cookie sales.

**Remember....**Every Friday is Gibson Spirit Wear Day! Students and staff are welcome to show their Gibson spirit and proudly wear **RED, BLACK** or **GREY** or your **GIBSON Spirit Wear!** Spirit Wear orders will be going home later this Fall.

## Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
<b>October is</b> Albanian, Islamic and Hispanic Heritage Month; 2SLGBTQ+ History Month; National Bullying Prevention Month	
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct. 11	School Photo Day
Oct. 12	Thursday Cookie Sales begin at lunch
Oct. 16	School Council Meeting at 7 pm
Oct. 17	Vaccinations for Gr. 7 and 8
Oct. 18	AREA Cross Country Meet – Gr. 4-8
Oct. 20	<b>PA Day – no school for students</b>
Oct. 23	REGIONAL Cross Country Meet



## NEW Language Curriculum Gr. 1-8

The new Ontario Language Curriculum, Grades 1-8 (2023) was released at the end of last year and can be found on the Ministry of Education website. The new curriculum includes four new Language strands which include:

- a) Literacy Connections and Applications
- b) Foundations of Language
- c) Comprehension: Understanding and Responding to Texts
- d) Composition: Expressing Ideas and Creating Texts

Click on the following link for the Ministry Guide for parents: [Ministry Guide: Language Grade 1-8, A Guide for Parents](#)

## 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, please place them in the box in the front hallway. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Halloween Celebrations

Each year, our students celebrate the long-standing tradition of Halloween by dressing up in appropriate costumes that meet our school's dress code. At this time, it is important to remember that the York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0 in accordance with the Ontario *Safe Schools Act*, includes the following criteria: *A student shall not engage in the following act:*

**(a) possessing a weapon or replica weapon, including a firearm.**

Students celebrating Halloween in costume at our school must comply with the above stated policy. Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are not in compliance with York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0.

Parents and guardians of all students are asked to look out for more detailed information from their child's teacher about expectations for Halloween.

## Invest-in-Students Donation Drive Fundraising Campaign

Joseph A. Gibson families—it is that time of year again when School Council runs their Annual Fundraising Campaign. Like last year, this year's fundraising campaign is an

### **INVEST-IN-STUDENTS DONATION DRIVE**

This is our one major fundraising effort to enrich the experiences of our children! It will help our school raise funds to support the School Improvement Plan in the areas of Academics, Athletics and the Arts for all students.

This year's campaign started **Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>** and will end on **October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Families are invited to make a one-time voluntary donation that will be used to enhance school programs. School-wide incentives for students are outlined on the Donation Drive thermometer in the main hall during the one month campaign. Donations can be made through School Cash On-Line or can be sent in to the office. Last year's successful drive resulted in:

**Music Instruments**  
**Spring Fair**  
**Duane Gibson Presentation**  
**School Wide Winter Dance**  
**Chromebooks**  
**Physical Education Sports Kits and Equipment (Lacrosse, Pickleball)**  
**Grade 8 Graduation**  
**Kindergarten Celebration of Learning**  
**Outdoor benches/play area**  
**Reading Programs (Silver Birch, Red Maple, etc)**  
**Team Jerseys**

Thank you to all those who have already donated as we have reached **\$2200** and our FIRST school incentive. We appreciate your support as we work towards our goal of \$5000.

# School Council News

2023-24 School Council Chairs:

*Laura Celli-Henriques and Pina Olsson*



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

**Monday, October 16, 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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