



# THE GIBSON GAZETTE

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### Administrator Message

June is here and it is amazing to realize how quickly we approach the end of another school year! The month of May was a busy one and June is shaping up to be just as busy. We are looking forward to some exciting events—Jr. and Int. Spring Concert, Area Track and Field, Talent/Arts Showcase and our **Volunteer Appreciation Tea on June 22nd starting at 11:30 am in the library.** We invite our many passionate and supportive parents, guardians and community members who have volunteered their time to support our school, to join us at this special event that honours their contribution to Gibson. We hope to see you there!

In addition, **our Spring Fair/BBQ will be taking place on June 20, 2018** at 6:00 pm. Our School Council and Spring Fair Committee, in partnership with Upper Canada Childcare, have been working hard at putting together a wonderful evening of parent engagement and celebration of our school community. See the attached flyer in this newsletter for more information.

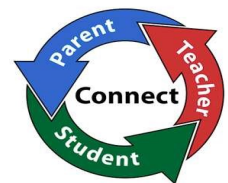
As we look ahead to September, this is just a reminder to our parents that all students will find out who their homeroom teacher is on the first day of school. Class placement is very much dependent upon the number of students registered within a certain grade and as this number changes over the summer, the students within the class also change. In addition, due to staffing that also occurs over the summer there is a possibility that a teacher may change assignments between now and the first day of school. When determining class placements we consider learning style, teaching style, social relationships and parent input. It is a very thoughtful process, one in which there is much discussion by staff and administration.

This is not the last newsletter of this school year as one will be sent home during the last week of school with some important updates for all parents.

And, finally....

*On behalf of the Gibson staff, I would like to wish all of our fathers a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday, June 18, 2018!*

*Claudia Fischer*  
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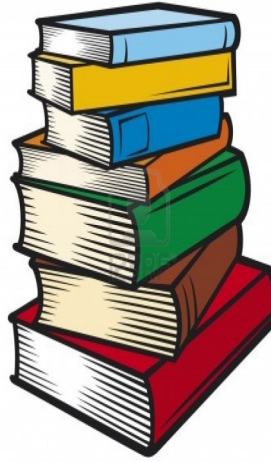
**P. A. Day—no school for students  
June 4, 2018**

## Important Dates

<b>June 4</b>	<b>PA DAY</b>
<b>June 5</b>	Jr. Int. (Gr. 4-8) Spring Concert 6:30 pm
<b>June 7</b>	Elections—polling station in gym—all day
<b>June 8</b>	Wonderland Music Festival— Glee and Concert Band
<b>June 11</b>	School Council Meeting 7 pm
<b>June 11</b>	Spring Fair/BBQ Committee Meeting at 8 pm
<b>June 12</b>	Area Track and Field—JR
<b>June 13</b>	Area Track and Field—INT
<b>June 15</b>	Eid
<b>June 20</b>	Spring Fair/BBQ—6:00 pm
<b>June 22</b>	Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in library @ 11:30 am
<b>June 22</b>	Talent/Arts Showcase 6:30 pm
<b>June 25</b>	Grade 8 Graduation 6:00 pm
<b>June 27</b>	Report Cards go home
<b>June 28</b>	Last day of school - dismissal at 11:30 am. <b>CANADA DAY</b> Spirit Day
<b>June 29</b>	<b>PA DAY</b>



## Book Swap



As part of our Spring Fair/BBQ this year, we will be having a **FREE BOOK SWAP!**

If you have any gently-used books you would like to donate to the book swap, please drop them off in the office before June 18th. At the Spring Fair, tables will be set up with all our donated books and families are invited to....

**...bring a bag and collect some free summer reading for your children or for yourself!**

## Grade 8 Graduation



**Monday, June 25, 2018  
6:00 pm**

The Grade 8 Graduation ceremony will be held in the gym at Joseph A Gibson P. S. on Monday, June 25, 2018 and begins at 6:00 pm. A reception for the Graduates and their families will follow at Paradise Banquet Hall. The dinner and dance part of the graduation will also take place at Paradise Banquet Hall. Letters were sent home with all our graduates with details regarding the evening's events.

## Students in Action

**Student Announcers** -Thank you to all the wonderful student announcers who were reliable and prompt each morning in announcing the morning messages to the entire school; and to our **Student Voices for School Improvement Team** for their daily quotes that made us reflect on always being kind and showing good character.

**Track and Field Athletes** –Congratulations to all our outstanding junior and intermediate athletes who participated in our school meet on May 23rd. Selected athletes will be representing our school at the Area Meet in mid June! Thank you to Mr. Mahoney for arranging an outstanding event.

**Milk and Nutrition Basket Helpers**—A huge thank you to our very dedicated milk and nutrition basket student helpers who made sure classes received their nutrition basket and milk on a daily basis.

**Sound System and Tech Team**—A huge thank you to our intermediate tech team who could always be counted on to set up our sound system and technology for all assemblies, presentations and evening events.

## Personal Property at School

Students are reminded to start cleaning out their lockers and desks as the school year comes to an end so that all personal items, locks and gym clothes are taken home when no longer needed for the school year. School property such as books and instruments must be returned to the classroom teacher, Mr. Cipollone or Mrs. D'Angelo in the library.

Remember, to come and have a look at our **Lost and Found** during the last week of school, and claim any items that may belong to your child. All items remaining on June 29th will be donated.

## Freezies and Ice Dawgs



School Council continues to sell cookies for \$1.50 and Ice Dawgs for \$2 every **Wednesday at lunch time**. Also available are freezies for \$1.



Don't forget these special days when you can enjoy a tasty treat.

## Track and Field

Thanks to all staff and students who participated in our school Track and Field Meet on May 23rd and congratulations to all our students athletes who qualified for the Area meet.

The **Area Track and Field Meet will take place on June 12 (for Juniors) and June 13 (for Intermediates)**—(weather permitting).

Good luck to all those athletes who will be representing Gibson at the Area Track and Field Meet.



## CANADA DAY—Spirit Day



Thursday, June 28, 2018

**CANADA DAY** Spirit Day

Students are asked to wear red and white on the last day to Celebrate Canada Day with our own spirit day!

## Thurs. June 28, 2018—Early Dismissal at 11:30 am

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 28, 2018**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 28, 2018 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:30 am**. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

## Eco Council Report

The Gibson Eco-Council has been hard at work this year investigating waste, energy and environmental stewardship activities for this year!

### Waste Reduction Activities: Waste and Energy Walkabout Report

Our team investigated how students use the garbage and recycling bins in classrooms, and the school uses of energy, water and electricity. We found out that we can all do more to reduce the amounts of paper we use by using both sides of the paper and having a GOOS (good on one side) bin. We can also reduce the plastic wrap, foil and single-use plastic bags we bring to school. We can do this by using reusable lunch containers and water bottles. We can all try harder to eat what we bring to school and make sure that food, napkins and Kleenex go in the green bin. As the year progresses, we can all save on energy by turning out classroom lights when the room is empty and keeping computer monitors off when not in use.

### Take Home Tuesdays: Waste Free Snacks and Lunch

As an Eco-school, our team is once again promoting a *Boomerang Lunch Program* every Tuesday. On Take-Home Tuesdays, our goal is for everyone to bring all snack and lunch waste back home as a way of recognizing the amount of waste we all bring to school each day. On Take-Home Tuesdays, we can do our best to have a Waste-Free snack and lunch by minimizing waste.

## Talent/Art Showcase—June 22



You are invited to  
**Our Talent/Art Showcase**  
on  
**Friday, June 22nd**

5:30-6:30 pm in the Library Art Gallery  
6:30 pm in the Gym



Join us for an evening of art and entertainment where students from Grades 3-8 will be showcasing their incredible talents! Works of art will be displayed in our library gallery between 5:30 and 6:30 pm. Beginning at 6:30 pm, our Talent Show will be in the gym and will include singing, dancing, public speaking and more!

Hope to see you there!

## Operation Pollination! Catch the Buzz!

### Plant some Bee-friendly plants in your garden! Only 50 cents per plant.

The Eco-council and Garden Club are conducting a plant sale to provide Gibson families with bee-friendly plants for the garden or balcony. The cost per plant is **50 cents** to cover the cost of materials. Last year, our school sold over 200 plants to our school community. This year, our edible flowering plants include scarlet runner bean plants, chives and English Lavender. Our native species plant will be the very popular Black-eyed Susan flowers.

**Order forms will be going home starting May 29<sup>th</sup> and plants will be delivered during the second week of June.**

### Library Books Returned

Students are asked to return all library books by **Friday June 15th**. Overdue notices will be distributed the week of June 18th. Students are responsible for returning all materials that have been signed out. A fee will be charged for lost/damaged materials. Please note, students will be unable to sign books out in the Fall if they have any overdue books. It is especially important for grade 1 French Immersion and grade 8 students to make sure all materials are returned or signing out privileges will be suspended at their new school until materials are returned. If you have any questions or concerns please call Mrs. D'Angelo at the school.



### Medication

Please make arrangements to have your child's medication picked up on June 28th or earlier.

Any medication left at school after June 29th will be discarded.



## Message from Our Trustee

As we near the end of the school year, I want to thank you for all that you do to strengthen our schools and communities. This is a good time to celebrate your child's achievements over the past year.

One of our goals in the [Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#) is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture and caring and learning." That includes a culture that emphasizes engagement and positive relationships among all the members of the school community – students, staff members, families and community members. You, as parents/guardians, are our most important partners when it comes to education. The support you have provided to your child throughout this past school year will help to strengthen our schools and make a difference to your child's learning.

I encourage you to continue engaging your child in learning throughout the summer, and to help them to see the connections between what they are learning in school and the world around them. There are so many opportunities to do this over the summer, whether that's planning a budget with your child, enjoying the natural beauty in York Region, reading a book or visiting local sites. Whatever your plans are this summer, I wish you all a successful end to the school year, and a safe and enjoyable summer.

*Anna DeBartolo*

## School Council— A Year in Review

From contribution letters to cookies, ice dawgs and freezies; from pizza lunch to Lunch Lady; and of course, our upcoming Spring Fair/BBQ, School Council has supported many fundraising and engagement initiatives this year resulting in terrific opportunities for the students at Joseph A. Gibson P. S. With the funds raised this year, we were able to purchase and/or support:

- \* 20 iPads
- \* 5 Otterboxes for the iPads
- \* 2 Classroom Document Cameras
- \* 1 LCD projector
- \* 12 Chromebooks
- \* 1 Dell Laptop
- \* 1 Tech Tub Storage Unit
- \* Sports Jerseys
- \* Outdoor Classroom –start up cost
- \* Music Instruments
- \* Grade 8 Graduation
- \* Kindergarten Celebration of Learning
- \* Dash and Dot Wonder Pack—Coding
- \* School-wide Dance with Justin Program

Thank you to School Council and our Gibson families for all their support and we look forward to another successful year of fundraising as we continue to build up our resources and provide engaging opportunities for all of our students. Thank you also to all our parent volunteers who dedicate their time on a regular basis to support the sales of pizza, cookies, ice dawgs, freezies and support events such as Jump2Math and Spring Fair/BBQ.

We couldn't have done it without you!

*School Council always welcomes new members and if you are interested in being part of this terrific opportunity to support the students at Gibson, please join us at the first meeting in September and be part of the 2018-19 School Council. We look forward to seeing you in September!*



**Ken Hatzinikolaou and Sameeka Malik**



**NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:**

**June 11, 2018**

**7:00 pm in the library**