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Administrator Message

Each spring the **Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO)** administers testing in both Math and Language with all Grade 3 and 6 students across the province. This assessment allows your child to demonstrate his or her skills and knowledge in reading, writing and mathematics. The results are used to improve student achievement and learning. Although the students in grades 3 and 6 participate in the assessment, please know that the EQAO is an assessment of learning of the Ontario Curriculum Expectations from grades K – 3 (for the grade 3 students) and the learning of the Ontario Curriculum Expectations from grades 4 – 6 (for the grade 6 students). Detailed information pertaining to those grades and letters regarding any students who receive special accommodations has been sent directly to those parents concerned. These tests will occur in each elementary school from May 22 to June 1, 2018. It is important that all of our Grade 3 and Grade 6 children are at school and properly prepared to do their best during this testing period. Each test session will be approximately one hour in length. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or think there may be any conflicts with those dates as attendance and proper rest will be highly beneficial during the testing period.

At Gibson, if you have a child in **Grade 3** or in **Grade 6**, please plan any personal appointments or outside activities to avoid our test dates of **May 22 – June 1** inclusive.

This is also a FINAL REMINDER about the school organization for the 2018-2019 school year. We recognize that parents/guardians may have new and/or important information to share about their child (e.g., a recent medical diagnosis, peer relationships which exist outside of school, learning style, individual and family issues, etc.) which may impact class placement decisions. If you wish to share any information that should be considered as we begin to tentatively place students in classes in all divisions, I ask that you do so in writing and submit to Mrs. Fischer before May 15th.

Please be aware that any information you provide will be kept in confidence as part of the class placement process. Your input is valuable and I will certainly take it into consideration, but please do not consider it confirmation of a particular placement. Because of changing enrolment patterns in the spring and summer months, final class placement will not be shared until the first day of school in September.

In May and June, Gibson will be showcasing our student's many talents during our Track and Field Day, Jr. / Int. Spring Concert, Soiree Francophone, Kindergarten Celebration of Learning and our Talent/Art Showcase. More information is found for these many events in this month's newsletter. In addition, mark **June 7th for our Talent Show and Arts Showcase** and **June 20th for Gibson's Spring Fair and BBQ**. Looking forward to displaying our students' many talents.

On behalf of the Gibson staff, I would like to wish all of our mothers a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13th.

Claudia Fischer
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Victoria Day Holiday—no school
May 22, 2018

Important Dates

May 1	Chef a L'ecole (FI and Gr. 4s)
May 1	Swim to Survive—Gr. 3
May 3	French Immersion Orientation Evening 6:30 pm in the Gym
May 8	Swim to Survive—Gr. 3
May 10	French Immersion Concert 6:30 pm
May 11	Celebration of the Earth Assembly
May 14	School Council Meeting 7pm
May 14	Gr. 1/2 Classes to Toronto Zoo
May 15	EDSBY Attendance goes LIVE!
May 15	Water Festival at Bruce's Mill—Gr. 4s
May 17	Jr. Int. Spring Concert 6:30 pm in the gym
May 18	Jump Rope for Heart Event
May 21	Victoria Day Holiday (no school)
May 22—June 1	EQAO for Gr. 3s and 6s
May 23 (24)	Jr./Int. Track and Field (Raindate)
May 25	Gr. 7 Vaccinations
May 25	Kindergarten Celebration of Learning— 1:30 pm in Classroom
May 31	Welcome to Kindergarten Night

French Immersion Orientation

**Thursday, May 3, 2018
from 6:30—7:30 pm.**

Our French Immersion teachers are preparing to welcome all of our new Grade 1 French Immersion students on May 3rd for an orientation and information evening here at Joseph A. Gibson P. S.

Welcome to Kindergarten Night

**Thursday, May 31, 2018
from 6:30 -7:30 pm.**

Our Kindergarten team of Ms. Walia, Mrs. George, Mrs. Defulviis and Mrs. Tamburro are preparing for our newest Junior Kindergarten members and we will be welcoming them to our school that evening. We are still taking registration of all new students at the school including new kindergarten students so if you know someone who is thinking of sending their child to our school, please let them know to come in and register.

EDSBY Attendance Goes LIVE—May 15th!

Beginning May 15, 2018, parents/guardians can report student absences online.

Regular and punctual attendance affects school success and is expected of all students. It is important that students, families and school staff work together to ensure regular attendance. You are expected to notify the school as soon as possible if your child will be absent or late.

Reporting an absence online is now available through Edsby. If you have activated your Edsby account, you can login to Edsby and report your child's absence online beginning May 15, 2018. You can access an [online video tutorial to learn more \(bit.ly/edsbyabsence\)](http://bit.ly/edsbyabsence) about how to do this.

If you have not yet created an Edsby account, you will receive an invitation email from the York Region District School Board on May 11, 2018.

Gibson Yearbook 2017-18

YEARBOOK Our Yearbook team, being led by
YEARBOOK Miss Paulette, has been working
YEARBOOK hard at putting together this year's
YEAR Gibson Yearbook 2017-18!

Yearbooks can be purchased on-line at **YBPay.lifetouch.com** with ID Code **13489718**. Order forms are also available in the office. **Yearbooks are \$25**, so make sure you reserve your copy today! We will need a minimum order of 100 books to proceed—so, please ensure you get your orders in by May 18, 2018.

Cookies and Ice Dawgs



School Council continues to sell cookies every **Wednesday at lunch time** for \$1.50. Soon, our ever-popular ice cream sandwiches—IceDawgs for \$2 and Freezies for \$1 will also be available.

Track and Field Day—May 23

Track and Field Day for our Junior and Intermediate students is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 23rd** (with a raindate of Wednesday, May 24th). Students are expected to participate in the events of the day as part of their Physical Education program.

Refreshments will also be available for purchase that day.



Jr./Int. Spring Concert

Save the Date!
MAY 17, 2018

Mr. Cipollone is busy planning for this special evening event that will highlight students' musical talents as they perform as part of the Band, Acapella, Glee Club and Jazz/Rock Band. Rehearsals will take place during the day. More information will follow later this month.

Save the date and join us on **Thursday, May 17th at 6:30 pm in the gym.**

Moving ?



We continue to plan for the 2018/2019 school year and our school organization of classes is based on the projected enrolment for the school. If you are moving out of our school area before September, we would greatly appreciate a call to let us know.

Thanks in advance!

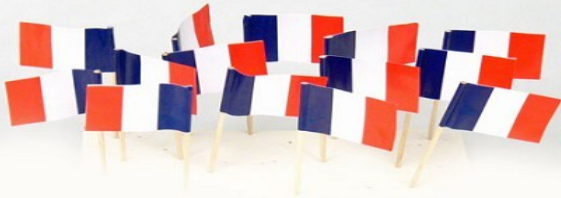
Lost and Found

Once again, we have many lost articles that have gathered here at school. Items have been put on display on the hall tables in the main hallway. If your child is missing anything please drop by or ask your children to check for any lost items.

On **Friday, May 11th**, all unclaimed items will be donated to those in need.



Soiree Francophone



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, May 10, 2018

All of our Grade 1 French Immersion students will be putting on performances in the gym and in the classrooms to celebrate a wonderful year of French Immersion at Gibson!

Join us at 6:30 pm!

Bus Arrivals/Dismissals

Student safety is always our main concern during bus arrivals and dismissals. Please ensure you are not driving in to the parking lot area during the following times:

8:15—8:30 am

3:00—3:15 pm

Our students and staff thank you!



Spring is here!



Spring has arrived and with it some sunny, warm and wet weather and fields with some puddles and muddy areas. Since students go outside during the recesses (unless inclement weather results in an indoor recess), please ensure your child dresses appropriately and has a change of clothes at school.

Jump Rope for Heart—May 18th

All students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart event at our school on Friday, May 18th

Students will be actively engaged for 100 minutes during the day to skip or shoot hoops for heart in order to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation.



Eco-School Waste and Energy Reminders

- Tuesday's are **Take Home Tuesday Boomerang Lunch Program**. All garbage and recyclables go home to remind students to be more waste conscious.
- You can use less paper towel if you shake your hands, fold one towel and dry!
- Turning off your device peripherals when not in use saves energy!



School Immunizations for 2018-19

In the 2018/19 school year, York Region Public Health will visit all elementary schools to provide school immunization clinics to **Grade 7** students. The clinics offer vaccines for Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and Meningococcal A, C, Y, W-135 at no cost.

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, meningococcal vaccine is required for school attendance, unless an exemption is filed with public health. Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines are recommended, but not required for school attendance.

Parents of students entering Grade 7 in fall 2018 will receive consent forms in the mail in June. Please complete the consent form and return it to York Region Public Health to allow your child to participate in the immunization clinics. Detailed instructions can be found on the forms and accompanying letter. If the consent form is not completed, your child will not be able to receive vaccines at the clinic.

Parents and guardians who do not consent should still complete the forms and return them, indicating that you do not authorize York Region Public Health to immunize your child.

Visit york.ca/immunizations and click on School Immunization Clinics for more information.

Did you know? If your child has missed a required vaccination on Ontario's routine immunization schedule, he/she can receive the vaccine at one of York Region Public Health's Community Immunization Clinics. These evening clinics are offered throughout the summer, giving students the opportunity to catch up before returning to school. Visit york.ca/immunizations and select Community Immunization Clinics to learn more.

Battle of the Books Team WINS GOLD!



On April 12, 2018, our school team competed at the 14th Annual Richmond Hill/Vaughan Battle of the Books Competition. Team members included

Eera K., Adsayan K., Matthew C., Mishri S., Anna K. and Ishmul M. and our coach Mrs. D'Angelo.

The competition was thrilling because of the three way tie of 96/100, between Sixteenth Avenue, Herbert H. Carnegie and Joseph A. Gibson. After the lightning round, Joseph A. Gibson was presented first place with a total of 13 points. The Battle of the Books trophy, plaque, and medal is on display in the library and will be permanently displayed in our trophy display case in the front hallway until the next battle.



NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, May 14, 2018

7:00 pm in the library

SAVE the DATE!



Joseph A. Gibson School Council presents ...

Gibson Spring Fair

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

*** 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

Outside at the back of the school – Rain or Shine!

**All families are invited to bring their own chair/blanket and
enjoy an evening of family fun!**

Photo Booth

Reptilia

Cotton Candy

D.J.

B.B.Q.

Book Swap

Ice Cream Truck

Fire/Police/Paramedics

Face Painting

All students must be accompanied by their parent or guardian for the entire evening.