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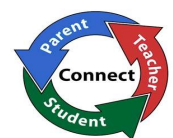
During this past October, it was great to see our students come together to engage in various school events. Most recently, on Wednesday, October 31st, the members of our Student Council planned and organized a dance and celebration for all of our students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Each class had an opportunity to engage in some daily physical activity or pre-arranged activities throughout the day. We are so proud of our student leaders and their focus on creating an inclusive school environment. We look forward to seeing them lead in many ways throughout the school year.

November is shaping up to be a very busy month at school where teachers and students work closely together to set goals and to communicate current progress with parents. **Report cards will be going home on Tuesday, November 20, 2018. This year, we will be conducting Student-Led Conferences on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 22nd and the morning of Friday, November 23rd, 2018.** More information regarding Student Led Conferences will be sent to families in the upcoming weeks. All scheduling of appointments on these days will be made through EDSBY. If you haven't registered on the EDSBY site as of yet, please contact Miss Paulette in the office to receive an email invitation.

During this month, we will have our annual Remembrance Day Assembly on **Monday, November 12th**. This is a special time for our students to come together and recognize this significant date in history. In addition, students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be invited to participate in the **Every Child Counts Survey between Nov. 12– Nov. 30th**. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will complete the on-line surveys at home; while our Grade 7 and 8 students will complete the survey at school. More information to follow later this month.

Our focus at Gibson is always to improve student achievement and well-being in an equitable and inclusive manner. As a staff, we continue to work together to build our capacity in instructional strategies in order to meet the needs of all our students.

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Friday, November 23, 2018
PA DAY—no school for students

Important Dates

- Nov. 5** **Gr. 7 Immunizations**
- Nov. 7** **Int. Girls AREA Volleyball Tournament**
- Nov. 12** **Remembrance Day Assembly (morning)**
- Nov. 12-30** **Every Child Counts Surveys**
- Nov. 14** **Gr. 8's to Maple High School**
- Nov. 16** **Int. Boys AREA Volleyball Tournament**
- Nov. 18-23** **Anti-Bullying Awareness/Prevention Week**
- Nov. 19** **School Council Meeting 7 pm in library**
- Nov. 20** **Progress Reports go home**
- Nov. 21** **School Photo RETAKES**
- Nov. 22** **Student Led Conferences - in the evening**
- Nov. 23** **PA Day (Student Led Conferences in the morning)**

Dress for the Weather

All our students will be expected to be outside before, during and after school in all weather conditions (i.e., rain or shine, snow or heat). Students need to come to school dressed to play outside during recesses. Boots (for rain or snow), rain jackets, hats, mitts, scarves and snow pants will help make recess an enjoyable time. It is 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.

Weather Conditions and Busses

If the condition of the roads necessitates the cancellation of bus service, local radio stations will be informed as early as possible and will broadcast this information to the community. Please be advised that if buses are cancelled in the morning they will not run after school—regardless of the weather. Review your plans as to what your children will do in the event of late buses or cancellations. The following radio stations announce cancellations:



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| AM 640 | AM 680 | FM 88.5 |
| FM 90.3 | AM 1010 | AM 1540 |
| FM 92.5 | FM 93.1 | AM 1050 |
| FM 99.9 | FM 97.3 | FM 98.1 |
| AM 1530 | FM 100.7 | FM 104.5 |
| FM 107.1 | AM 590 | |

Students in Action



- Announcement Team
- Musical Theatre Group
- Play Pal Leaders
- Milk Distributors
- Library Leaders
- Eco-Team/Garden Club
- Student Council

- Lunch Monitors
- Office Helpers
- Flag Football Teams
- Yearbook Photographers
- Nutrition Basket Team
- Skills Challenge Teams
- Well-Being Student Leaders

- Primary Choir
- Tech Team
- Band
- Athletic Club
- Volleyball Team
- Cross Country



SVSI Club—Student Voice for School Improvement



School announcements are made in the morning when new teams and clubs are starting. Stay tuned all year for new student opportunities provided by our dedicated staff.

Personal/Electronic Items

Just a reminder that the school does not take responsibility for any personal items or electronics that are brought to the school from home (i.e., playing cards, sports equipment, cellphones, iPods, etc.) that become lost or damaged.



Cellphones must be turned off while on school property and during school organized activities. Please refer to the "Acceptable Use Of Technology Agreement" outlined in the Guide to the School Year 2018-19.

Student Council 2018-19

This year's Student Council is being run by Mrs. Abecassis and Mrs. Benninger. Interviews were held and congratulations to the following students who are the executive members of our Student Council this year:

**Amrit C.
Brianna P.
Dalyla H.
Dillon H.
Haneen A.
Lily C.**

**Mikela M.
Neela S.
Prisha M.
Sukhleen J.
and
Veronica N.**

Student-Led Conferences

At Gibson, we believe authentic assessment and evaluation of our students is a shared responsibility between staff, students and parents. This year, we will be conducting **Student-Led Conferences during the evening of November 22nd and the morning of November 23rd.**

These conferences are a celebration of student success to date. During these conferences, students will play a vital role in sharing their academic progress, reflections on their learning to date and goals they have set for themselves for the remainder of the term.

Scheduling will begin on EDSBY during the week of November 12th. More information to follow shortly.

School Lates and Absences

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If your child will be absent or late, you must contact the school each time they will be away. If the office is closed, you can call and leave a clear message on our answering machine or send your child's absence information through EDSBY.

Our office staff is responsible for doing safe arrivals every morning and afternoon. If we are unaware of a reason for your child's absence, we will contact all the parent and emergency contact numbers on file in order to try and locate your child.

If this proves unsuccessful and we are unable to reach anyone, the York Regional Police will be contacted as part of the Board's Safe Arrivals and Departures Policy.

School Council News

INVEST-IN-STUDENTS DONATION DRIVE

Our School Council's annual fundraising campaign has been extended! The Invest-in-Students Donation Drive launched on **October 3rd and we are still looking to reach our goal of \$5000.** We are only half way there and would appreciate your support! Donation forms are available in the main office or in the Parent Information Centre across from the office; or donations can also be made on School Cash On-Line.

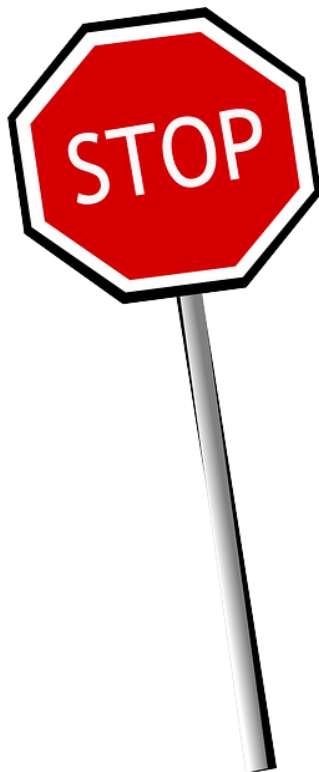
Thank you, again, to all the families that have contributed!

It doesn't matter the amount....because every little bit helps!



**NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:
Monday, November 19, 2018**

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures



We are a busy school during arrival and dismissal times, with many busses, taxis and vans and we ask all parents and guardians to please help us in keeping our students and staff safe during those times.

If you are dropping or picking up your child **at the front** of the school, please remember to only park on Naylor St. **west** of Netherford, as busses need to be able to get in and out of our parking lot safely. Cars are not permitted in the parking lot from 8:15-8:30 am during bus arrivals.

During end of day dismissal at 3:00 pm, parents are welcome to pick up their child at the back of the school or at the supervised parent pick up spot at the front of the school. Please ensure your child's homeroom teacher is aware of your pick up location; or any changes to dismissal time or pick up. If there is a change in the dismissal of your child, **please inform the office by 2:30 pm** in order to inform your child's teacher regarding the change.

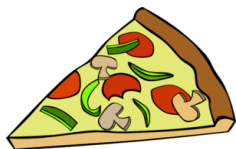
It is also very important to remember that **supervision in the morning begins at 8:15 am** and students are not to be dropped off prior to that time as there are no supervisors on duty at that time.

Thank you for helping keep our Gibson students safe!

Pizza Lunches

Thanks to Mrs. Shapiro, our parent volunteer who co-ordinates our pizza lunches, and to our volunteer parents who help distribute pizza for our Pizza Lunch Program.

Pizza lunches are every Wednesday this year!



Cookie Sales/Milk Program



School Council organizes this very successful, and tasty fundraising campaign every **Thursday at lunch time**. Don't miss out!

Our popular milk program has also started this year and order forms are available in the office, if you are interested in ordering milk for your child.

Crayola ColorCycle

Crayola and schools across North America are banding together to help kids understand the importance of their role in protecting the environment and have launched Crayola **ColorCycle**. Through this initiative, students in K-12 schools across the continental United States and parts of Canada can collect and repurpose used Crayola markers.

ColorCycle is also a great opportunity for teachers and their students to explore eco-friendly practices. Specially developed standards-based lesson plans are available to enrich instruction and promote lively class discussions. A collection bin is located in the front hallway. Thank you to Mrs. David for continuing this terrific recycling initiative.



Legalization of Cannabis

As of October 17, 2018, it will be legal for individuals **19 and older** to buy, use, possess and grow recreational cannabis. It remains illegal for anyone under the age of 19. This is the same as the minimum age for the sale of tobacco and alcohol in Ontario.

Regardless of age, cannabis is not allowed on school property or at school-related events at any time.

It is illegal for **anyone** regardless of age to smoke or vape any substance, including cannabis:

- at school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
- on children's playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds
- in child care centres, or where an early years program is provided
- in places where home child care is provided – even if children aren't present

There will be consequences for students if they are believed to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or cannabis. Suspension will be considered. There are exceptions if the medicinal use of cannabis is outlined in the student's Health Care Plan.

If a student gives alcohol or cannabis to anyone under the age of 19, the school will contact police, suspend the student and consider expulsion.

In YRDSB, we want families and students to be informed about the facts of cannabis legalization. To support this learning, you may find the following resources helpful . You can also request a hard copy through the school office.

[Cannabis: What Parents/Guardians and Caregivers Need to Know](#)

[Cannabis Talk Kit: Know How to Talk With Your Teen](#)

We will continue to provide students with information and support to make positive and healthy decisions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school's administration.