

Stittsville PS School Council Principal Report February 8, 2022

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Staffing and English Enrolment Update

We are finalizing the staffing behind the new English class that was allocated due to increasing numbers of students in the English stream. We are looking to hire a Core French teacher for the class. We also have been allocated a 0.5 ESL teacher to support our increased number of multilingual students.

The new English class organization will be:

Grade 1 - Pantalone Grade 2 - O'Brien Grade 2/3 - TBD Grade 3 - Neuman Grade 4/5 - Kohli Grade 4/5 - Archambault Grade 5/6 - Anderson Grade 6 - Legare (behind Ms. McKelvie)

Second Shipment of RATs

- The District is sending schools a shipment of RATs for students and staff who have already used theirs. These kits will need to be assembled so we are looking for a 2-3 parent volunteers who are fully vaccinated to help for about 2 hours at the school. All PPE will be provided.
- This shipment will be roughly 60% of what schools received in their initial shipment.
- This shipment is intended to replace the tests that staff and students have been required to use as a result of being symptomatic themselves or having to isolate.

Schools are asked to provide a new kit of two tests to each individual who indicates they have used one or both of their original tests and want replacements.

- This shipment is intended to last at least a month.
- The available supply of RATs continues to be extremely limited and we do not have additional tests at this time. It is important that these tests be used for their specified reasons only. We understand the Ministry is trying to identify sources of supply as soon as possible which will allow us to resupply schools.

Kindergarten Promotion Evening/September Registration

- We held the OCDSB Kindergarten Promotion Evening last Tuesday. We had about 30 parents join us.
- Registration for kindergarten, and any grade, for September 2022 is on-going.
- Families have the option to register for OCV for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - Register Complete the <u>Registration Form</u> by February 22, 2022.
 - Confirm Families who have registered by February 22nd will receive an email in early March asking for Confirmation of Registration by March 10, 2022
- Monday, January 31, 2022 Friday, February 11, 2022 Student transfer application period
- Monday, February 7, 2022 Middle French Immersion registration period

Toonie Tuesday

Toonie Tuesday is Tuesday, February 22nd. Money raised every year on February 22nd goes to support students in our school district through the Education Foundation of Ottawa. We all know that the pandemic has exacerbated challenges for many families in our community, adn this is one small way to have a great impact on others. Please visit our school website and click on the School Cash Online button to make a donation.

Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday, February 23rd is Pink Shirt Day. We are inviting all students to wear a pink item of clothing to show that they support all identities, stand up to bullying, and commit to creating safe and inclusive communities.

Term 1 Report Cards and Term 2 IEPs

Term 1 reports are going home to families February 16th via email Messenger. For those families whose children are on Individual Education Plans, the term 2 IEPs will be going home around March 4th.