



1. WELCOME

2. SCHOOL UPDATE

a) Principal report

- **Let the planning begin!**The school is beginning planning for next year. Families of senior kindergarten students have been asked to select which program English or Early French Immersion.
- **Update on class move and the new kindergarten class:** The school is growing and has established a fourth kindergarten class with new teachers Ms. Dawn Decarie (English Kinder) and Ms. Meaghan Iwanowski (French Kinder), and Ms. Brooke (RECE). The class is comprised of students from the other three kindergarten classes, and the transition is going smoothly. The class is located in the Kinder wing of the school. M. Paul's class has moved into a new space.
- **PD Day (February 15):** Focus is on The Fundamentals of Math. There will be sessions specific to kindergarten students, grades 2-5 and for non-math teachers.
- **Report Cards:** Will be sent home Feb. 14. (See the [School Council January newsletter](#) for more about the grading system.)
- **Student Transfer Period:** Families can request a transfer to have their child attend a school other than their designated school from Feb. 4-19, 2019. More information is available on the [OCDSB website](#).
- **Outdoor Equipment:** School is seeking \$300-400 to purchase items such as thermometers and compasses to use outdoors.

b) Teacher update

- **WE Day:** WE Day events challenge our students to make a difference in the world by engaging in charitable activities that benefit the local and global community. This year, 54 Grade 5 students filled out detailed applications explaining why they should go to the WE Day event, and 14 were selected by draw. Those 14 students will meet at school at 5:45am on Monday, Feb. 11 and travel to Montreal by bus to participate in the WE Day event at Théâtre Saint-Denis. The event runs from 9:00am-2:30pm, and the students are expected to be back at the school by 6:00pm. In the weeks to come, the 14 students will be sharing their insights with other classes in the school to spark ideas regarding how they can all help out in the community.
- **Choir:** The Grade 3, 4, 5 choir has been practising once a week to sing the national anthem a capella at the Ottawa 67s game on Friday, Feb. 15. Approximately 50 students will be taking part, and they will be wearing either hockey shirts or Robert Hopkins gear. Choir members' tickets are available for pick up at the office.
- **Walk Safe:** On Monday, Feb. 18, and Tuesday, Feb. 19, all of our Kindergarten through Grade 4 students will receive a pedestrian safety presentation given by the Ottawa Safety Council. As part of the presentation:
 - kindergarten students will practise crossing a model crosswalk while listening out for certain traffic sounds;
 - grade 1 and 2 students will be acting out both safe and unsafe behaviours using a model crosswalk; and



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- grade 3 and 4 students will learn how distraction affects concentration by trying to complete complex tasks both with and without distraction.
- **Carnaval:** On Wednesday, Feb. 20, all Robert Hopkins students will participate in a full day of activities inspired by the Quebec Winter Festival, commonly known as Carnaval. Students will perform traditional French-Canadian songs and dances, they will create Carnaval-inspired visual art, and they will have a performance by a local French Canadian artist.
 - From 10:45am-12:45pm, students will also take part in a wide variety of outdoor winter activities such as snowshoeing, sled pulling, tobogganing, and cooperative ski-walking. The School is **seeking at least a dozen volunteers** from the school community to assist with these outdoor activities (at present we have only three). If you are available to help, **please contact M. Paul at paul.seif@ocdsb.ca.**
 - As part of the festivities, students will also have opportunities to warm up with nut-free hot chocolate, and they will get to sample maple syrup with apple slices. More information regarding these food items will be sent out next week.
- **Arts:** On March 18-19, the junior classes will take part in a Brazilian percussion workshop given by artist Luciano Porto. (Last year, our primary classes received a workshop from a group called the Junkyard Symphony.)

3. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a) Communications Committee (Update in [Annex 1](#))

b) Fundraising Committee (Update in [Annex 2](#))

c) Greening Committee

- No update provided in February.

4. BUDGET

- No update provided. School committed to providing updated financials to School Council Treasurer.
- Council agreed to further discuss the potential for funding an outdoor learning environment. The School agreed to seek more information about costs.

5. ROUNDTABLE

- **Reminder – Next School Council dates:** March 7 (1st Thursday), April 11 (2nd Thursday), May 9 (2nd Thursday), June 13 (2nd Thursday). [Calendar](#) with these dates is available to print.
 - **Planning for future meetings:** In March, seeking to organise a presentation from School Board Trustee Sandra Schwartz.

Meeting adjourned

REMINDER:

- **Materials for Council babysitters:** School Council welcomes any donation of games or crafts supplies for the School Council babysitters to use; supplies will be kept at the school.



ANNEX 1

Communications Committee Update: January 11-February 7, 2019

1. Update to Council logo to reflect new name:

- Update of Council logo in progress

2. School Council web pages:

- Nothing to report

3. School Council Bulletin Board:

- Leslie continues to do a fabulous job refreshing the Bulletin Board, making sure the information is current, eye-catching and easy to read.
- Still working on adjusting the layout to better fit the types of posts we usually have, and make it easier to maintain and update from month to month.



ANNEX 2

Fundraising Committee Update – February 7, 2019

Members: Margaret Rose, Stephanie Reid, Jamie McCallum, Leslie Gregory, Jancey Wallace, Tamara Taub, Sarah MacGregor, Danielle Armengaud, Jen Lowe

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Popcorn Day

Next popcorn dates are confirmed as follows:

February 22nd	May 17th
March 22nd	June 21st
April 26th	

Ottawa 67's Fundraising

The tickets sales have been a huge success. We have sold 200 tickets and may sell a handful more. We have over 60 students attending to sing in the choir. Awesome job!! Final profits will be in next month but will be in the neighbourhood of \$1000.

Spring Action Trampoline

Spring Action Trampoline Day was well attended. More than 20 kids showed up to jump for the afternoon. No final numbers yet.

Winter Movie Night

We have decided to show Sing! on **Friday February 22nd**. Tickets and pizza will be on sale through school cash online. Pizza will arrive at 6:00pm and the movie will begin at 6:30pm. The fundraising committee is looking for volunteers to hand out tickets at the door, help to serve pizza, set up the gym and clean up the gym. If you are able to help please contact Jamie at rhopcfundraising@gmail.com.

New Gmail Address

In an effort to remain consistent in our messaging as Robert Hopkins School Council, the fundraising committee gmail will now be rhopcfundraising@gmail.com.