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Dear École Confédération Families;

We have almost made it through another winter! We hope that Spring will be just around the corner. Thanks to all families who joined us for our Carnaval event in February. It was great to see so many people enjoying the evening.

We hope that you have a restful and relaxing March Break.

Yours in cooperation,

Mme A. Smith  
Principal

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Vice-Principal



March 2-Spirit Wear orders due,, Carnaval outdoor playday  
March 5-April 6-Fresh from the Farm fundraiser  
March 7– Donations accepted for book sale, Gr. 7 skating (pm)  
March 8-Book sale, Gr. 5 and 6 skating in am, Gr. 1 skating in pm  
March 9-Skating for Gr. 2 and 2/3, Gr. 4-8 trip to see “A Wrinkle in Time”  
March 12-16-March Break (School closed)  
March 20-Gr. 3-6 to March Mambo at the Sanderson Centre  
March 23-Jersey Day  
March 28-Jr. performance of “Treasure Island”  
March 29-Bunny Hop Spring Dance for Gr. 6-8  
March 30-Good Friday-No school

## Used Book Sale

It's time for École Confédération's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Exchange!! Students will have the opportunity to bring books to school to exchange with other students and help the environment. We will be weighing the books and figuring out how many trees we have saved by exchanging books!



Your child will receive a ticket for each book, up to 10 tickets max. The books need to come in on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and the book exchange is Thursday morning, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Students can bring in more than 10 books ~ additional books will be sold for 25¢ on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 after the 'exchange'. The monies raised will go towards the greening of our school!

Thank you for your participation,

Mme Giancola

## Library Book Fines

Library fines can now be paid on School Cash Online. At the beginning of each month, we will be assigning lost library book fines to those students with overdue books that have not been returned. If you are not able to access School Cash Online, please contact the main office for assistance.

## School Council

The next school council meeting will be on March 21 at 6:00 in the library. All are welcome and childminding is provided.

Visit our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/726910140658231/>

This is a place to see upcoming school events, fundraisers and general information. A safe place to ask Parent Council and fellow parents questions regarding the school and school activities.

Spirit wear is now on sale. Sample sizes are available at the main office. Orders are due by March 2. Payment and ordering is also available through school cash online. If you cannot access School Cash online, please contact the main office.

## Student Pick Up

From **3:15-3:45** pm daily, our parking lot is used as a bus loading zone for our 9 buses. There is **NO PARKING on site for student pick up at the end of the day.**

There are two accessible parking spots that are available for those with permits only.



At all times, cars may not be parked under signage that marks a fire route. Be especially aware of fire route signs located in the front drive around curve and the sign posted along the sidewalk by the front entrance to the school.

All students that are not riding a bus will be dismissed through the gym doors. Caregivers may park on Coronation or Stodola streets, on the opposite side of Ewing Drive from the school. Please be respectful of our neighbours when parking on the street. Do not block driveways, use neighbours driveways, or park near fire hydrants. From time to time, parking enforcement officers may be monitoring traffic and could issue a ticket for any infractions.

If you wish to meet your child at the school, please walk to the doors outside the gym. A crossing guard is stationed in front of the school to assist.

Thank you for your help in ensuring a safe dismissal for all of our students.

## Carnaval Celebrations

Thanks to everyone who was able to come out for our Carnaval celebrations. It was a fun event for all. Thanks for your generous donations. All funds raised will help cover the costs for running Carnaval. We look forward to our outdoor play day. Thanks to School Council and their volunteers for providing Hot Chocolate during this event.



### **Snack Program**

Our snack program is up and running. Each Wednesday and Friday morning, we offer a healthy snack to all students who are interested. There is no cost to participate, although cash donations are always appreciated. We thank our partners Brant Food for Thought and Metro Green Apple Grants for their donations that make this program possible. Looking for some healthy lunch ideas for students? Here are some items that have been very popular with students as part of the snack program: hard boiled eggs, bananas, celery sticks, yogurt tubes, cheese strings, and Triscuit crackers.



**BRANT FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

### **Monthly Assemblies**

Our next COURAGE assembly will be in April. We will be looking for students who have demonstrated excellence in taking Action towards their goals and towards making our school environment a great place to learn.

### **Playground Supervisors Needed**

We are looking for adults to join our supervision team. Duties include supervising students before school and during the first nutrition break (eating and outside on the playground). This is a paid position. All supervisors must have a valid police check with vulnerable sector screening within the last 6 months, and cannot be a current voting member of our school council. If you are interested please contact our vice principal, Mme Hearn, at the main office.



### **A Note From the Public Health Nurse at Your School...**

#### **Five Tips for Cooking With Kids!**

It's fun and rewarding to include kids in meal making – whether it's at breakfast, lunch or dinner. Here are five tips for getting your kids involved:

1. Pick a recipe together: Children need to be part of the plan from the beginning, and it helps if they prepare something that they love to eat. Shop for groceries together too!
2. Include learning: Build on lessons kids learn in school, such as math, social studies, media literacy, spelling, science and reading. Younger children can practice fine motor skills.
3. Keep it fun: Imaginative play helps children get deeply involved. Make a theme night or turn your kitchen into a restaurant or reality cooking show.
4. Be a role model: If you're excited, they will be too. Try a new food, describe the flavor and be adventurous to inspire your eaters to do the same. Get other members of the family involved.
5. Be cool about the mess: Spills and accidental messes happen, and it's important to remain calm about little mishaps. Keep kitchen towels handy for cleaning up spills.

Kids are much more likely to eat what they make, so cooking at home is a great tip if you have picky eaters. It's fun for them to eat their art creation! Cooking with kids helps reduce mealtime battles and boost their willingness to try new foods. It's great for their self-confidence too.





## Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser

Orders Due:  
Friday, April 6th

We have been invited to participate in a pilot project fundraiser in partnership with Fresh from the Farm. We will be selling the Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Bundle for \$15.00. Each bundle includes:

1-14oz tray of mini seedless cucumbers

1 pint clamshell of grape tomatoes

1-XL cello wrapped red pepper

1-XL cello wrapped orange pepper

1-XL cello wrapped yellow pepper



**All orders and payment can be made through School Cash Online. If you require an alternate option for ordering and**



Pick up of orders will be sometime in May. A reminder with the specific date and times for food pick up will be provided once details are