



# Sir Winston Churchill Public School

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## March/April/May 2015 IMPORTANT DATES

March 13 to 23  
MARCH BREAK

March 23-27  
Luv2Groove Dance Workshops  
Grade 1-6

March 23  
Welcome to Student Teachers

March 24  
Tell Them From Me Survey

March 25  
Canada Homestay Program  
Information Night @ 7:30 pm

March 25 & 26 Grad Photos  
R8A, R8B, R8C are on the 25th and  
EF7/8A and EF8A are on the 26th

April 3  
Holiday  
April 6  
Holiday! Happy Easter to those  
who celebrate Easter!

April 13  
Growing Up, Feeling Good  
Maggie Mamen Presentation for  
Parents/Guardians  
@ 6:00pm to 8:00 pm

April 14  
Hot Dog Day  
School Council @ 5:30 pm

April 21  
Grade 6 Transition Day to SWC  
Century- am  
Meadowlands- pm

April 24  
Hydro Presentation K-6  
School Council Movie Night: Stay  
tuned for details!

May 5-9  
Education Week and Art Show

May 12  
School Council @ 5:30 pm

May 19  
Kindergarten Information Evening

"We are FAMILY" here at Sir Winston Churchill. An integral part of our school is being inclusive of everyone in our school! There are six families that make up SWC this year. Our families are: **YELLOW ORANGE RED GREEN BLUE PURPLE** and we have had many opportunities over the course of this year to hang out with members of our school families. Ask your child in which school family they belong. At SWC, "Everyone Counts!" (**Quote from the book by Kathryn Otashi called ONE**) Take a look at the book...its great!

<http://www.witsprogram.ca/pdfs/community/one.pdf>

One amazing event highlighting our family was our annual Winterfest which took place this week. Grade 6 student led winter activities for younger students. This event illustrated how well all of our students, young and old learn and have fun together. Together we make a difference!

We look for ways to listen to student's voice at our school. After the March Break, our grade 4- 8 students will have an opportunity to share their voice about our school in the *Tell Them From Me Survey*. We will share the results of the survey at our May School Council meeting. It is a great opportunity for us to understand what we do well at SWC and ways to make our school even better. Together we make a difference!



We even include our staff into the learning and laughing here at SWC. Our first annual Students vs Staff Basketball game took place this week. Students gave a small donation and watched during recess. Despite the lowered net for the staff and some help from the referee, students won by 5 points. What a fun time for all! ☺ Everyone Counts!

Please take the time to read some of the articles in our monthly newsletter. We have included some upcoming student events, SWC transportation update, an invitation to SWC Movie Night and an article on our amazing Café.

We would like to wish you and your family a fabulous March Break! Enjoy this special time and the beginning of the spring season! We saw our first bird today at SWC- we are so excited to have our birds back! Mr. Gallant will make sure our bird feeder has lots of bird seed for our winged friends.

Happy March Break!

Aisling O'Donnell & Jennifer Borrel-Benoit & SWC Staff  
Administrative Team

## SWC MUSIC PROGRAM

The SWC Music Program has been very busy over the past few weeks performing at the Capital Region Music Festival. The Junior and Senior Concert Bands both received a Silver standing at the music festival and proudly represented our school both on and off the stage! The Senior Jazz performed last weekend and received a Gold standing. The Gold standing includes an invite to the national competition this year which is held in Toronto. Congratulations to all members of the SWC Bands!



SWC Jazz Band plays at LDHS last week

## KINDNESS MONTH

During the month of February we celebrated kindness in many different ways at SWC:



Students and staff received "Caught Ya" coupons for acts of Kindness.



Student Council gave everyone a "Hug"



We wore pink in support of Anti Bullying Day



We said friendship quotes on the announcements.



School Council organized the Lego movie for students after school.

## DRAMA CLUB NEWS...

We are continuing to rehearse with great commitment for our end of year play. The play is called, " **I DON'T HAVE A CLUE**".

We are looking for fedoras, ties, suits, dresses from the 20's and 20's (flapper style) and police uniforms. Contact Mrs Van Dusen @  
ana.senkovic-van.dusen@ocdsb.ca

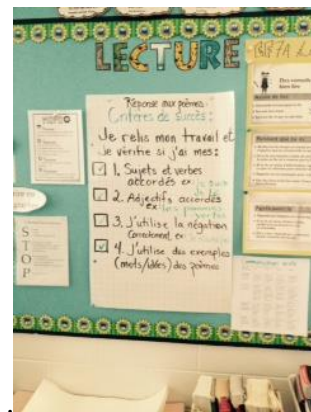
## STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK UP

We continue to strive to address the transportation concerns at the beginning of the day and the end of the day at Sir Winston Churchill.

You may have noticed the following changes that have taken place over the past couple of weeks:

- Buses are parking in the bus loading zone.
- Drivers of SWC students are encouraged to drive along Mulvagh Avenue, to Charkay Avenue to Walgate Avenue to create an "unofficial" one way street between the hours of 8:45-9:20 and 3:40-4:00.

We are trying to make this drop off/pick up area safer for our students. Please let us know if there are any other changes that we could make to ensure our students are safe.



Success Criteria anchor charts are displayed in our classrooms to guide students' learning.

## MULTICULTURAL MASTERCHEF CAFE

March 5 marked our fifth SWC Cultural Cafe. Many families came to enjoy a wide variety of foods from around the world, dance performances from Merivale High School Students, music and the company of friends. Big thanks goes out to all of the families who contributed food. We were overwhelmed by the response. Everyone helped to make the evening a great success! This event was a partnership between our School Council and SWC Staff. Thanks to everyone for all the fun!



**We all loved sharing stories, food and laughs at the Multicultural Masterchef Café. Thanks for coming out! A big shout out to the organizers!**

## 2014-2015 Tell Them From Me Survey

TTFM is an online survey tool that the district uses to collect anonymous and reliable data about school climate, bullying, school safety and student engagement. The TTFM survey was first implemented during the 2012-13 school year for students, and repeated again during the 2013-14 school year for students and parents. This year, we will be surveying students in Grades 4-12.

## GRADE 8 GRADUATION PHOTOS

Graduation photos for Grade 8 students are March 25th and 26th.

R8A, R8B, R8C are on the 25th and EF7/8A and EF8A are on the 26th.

Mark your calendars... **Wednesday, June 24** at 11 am is our Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony.



**Treya enjoys sledding during this week's Winterfest.**

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH CURRICULUM

The Ministry of Education released the revised curriculum for Health and Physical Education. The new curriculum is K-12 and it comes into effect in September 2015. The revised curriculum promotes the healthy development - physical, social, emotional and cognitive - of all students. The curriculum continues to address issues of general health and physical literacy. It also contains new material related to important issues such as healthy relationships, consent, mental health, online safety and the risks of sexting - and is more inclusive of Ontario's diverse population.

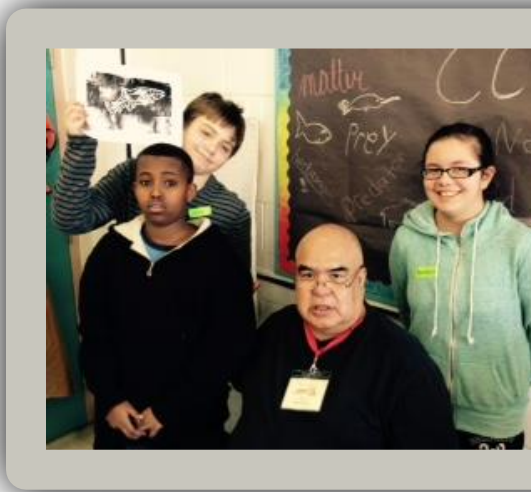
Take a minute to read the [Director of Education's webpage](#) and review the list of excellent resources and documents which the [Ministry](#) has prepared for parents, including:

- A Parent's Guide to the Revised Health and Physical Education Curriculum, Grades 1 to 12



- A Parent's Guide: Human Development and Sexual health in the Health and Physical Education Curriculum, Grades 1-6
- A Parent's Guide: Human Development and Sexual health in the Health and Physical Education Curriculum, Grades 7-12
- Quick Facts for Parents: Learning about Online Safety, Including Risks of Sexting

Quick Facts for Parents: Learning about Healthy Relationships and Consent



Artist Brad worked with some of our grade 7 students on an Aboriginal art mural.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

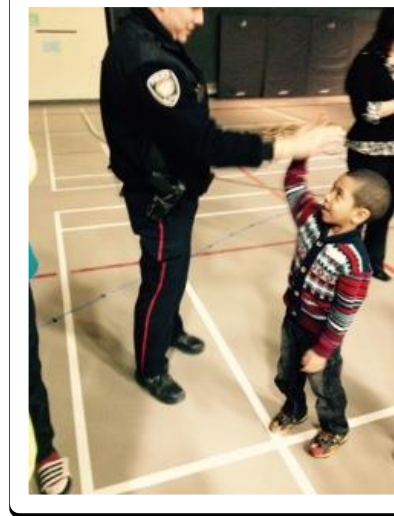
The next Council meeting is Tuesday, April 14th. Please join us in the SWC staff room at 5:30p.m. Babysitting and dinner provided. We would love to see you there!

### Highlights

#### QSP Fundraiser

QSP is a company offering fundraising opportunities – we have selected to offer their magazine fundraising campaign. This benefits our students by promoting reading within our families as well as providing our school with a financial portion from every order.

The campaign will run all year. You can order on line at [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca) using school code 10694.



Our School Resource Officer, Constable Grant high fives a Kindergarten student after the WITS Swearing in Ceremony at the beginning of the month.

Here is the video we shared at the WITS Swearing in Ceremony:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ruBqetaMd5g>

## PARENT WORKSHOP with Maggie Mamen

Please join us for a workshop on **Growing Up, Feeling Good**, presented by Maggie Mamen. This presentation will examine important messages to communicate to our children that support the development of their resilience and positive self-esteem.

**When:** Monday, April 13, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Where:** SWC Library

*Child care for school aged children, refreshments and a light meal will be provided free of charge.*

### Fun Night

Thursday, June 4

At this time, we are asking for your help in organizing the fifth annual Sir Winston Churchill Fun Night. This year we planned for numerous fun activities and stations for

all SWC families to enjoy. Of course, all these will need to be organized and supervised. This is why we are still looking for volunteers to help plan and run this event which can become one of the major fundraisers for our school. This type of event is often the highlight of the year for students and families in the community. Come and help us offer our children a special evening!

You can stay informed of council news by using our website: [www.swccouncil.com](http://www.swccouncil.com) Any feedback, comments, suggestions can be sent to [swccouncil@gmail.com](mailto:swccouncil@gmail.com).

## KEEP SWC UP-TO-DATE KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE



Please remember to notify Mrs. Mansour and Mrs. McKee in the office if there is any new information or changes to your contact information or about your child.

If there are new contact numbers where the office can reach you, if your email addresses or mailing address changes, this is all information that the office needs to have up-to-date. Come in and pick up one of our Change of Information Forms so that we can correctly update any changes in information.

We also need to be notified at Sir Winston Churchill if your child has a life-threatening allergy or illness. Please make sure that we have the correct information for your child, this helps us keep your child safe while they are at school.



**Marion Small presented to our school community last week on ways to help our kids succeed in math. Tip #1 Never tell your children you are not good at math!**

## Art Show 2015

You are cordially invited to attend the SWC Art Show: The Story of a Line. The show will take place in May and we are starting to work on some of the art for the show. Now, we are looking for art lovers to help coordinate our art show.

Contact the office and let us know you want to help!



## Canada Homestay Program – Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>- 7:30 pm

The Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) has been welcoming international students into its schools as part of its successful International Student Program for close to 15 years. During their stay in Otta-

wa, international students live with local families, developing friendships that last for years. Students and host families alike have benefitted from the experience.

The Canada Homestay Network (CHN) will be hosting information sessions at schools across the region so that you can explore this opportunity. The next meeting will be held at Sir Winston Churchill Elementary School on **March 25th at 7:30 p.m.** To register for the event please call 613-686-6764 ext. 2046.

**SUPPORT  
FREE  
THE  
CHILDREN**

*Garage sale and Bake sale  
RTA*

*WHEN: March Friday the 13th  
WHERE: The Library / DT Room  
PRICE: Sold at an reasonable price  
WHY: To help the Free The Children  
with their health*

*Explain: Free The Children is a charity  
that helps kids in poor countries that  
don't have the same privileges as we do.  
Every year they have a show called we day  
it is to inspire and teach young people  
that they can help make change!*

*For more information go to [www.metown.com/about-us/](http://www.metown.com/about-us/)*

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**WE DAY**

**HELP**

**WE CHANGE YOU WA**

## Canada Day Challenge 2015 What Makes You Proud to be Canadian?

Canadian youth from 8 to 18 years old across Canada are being asked to explain what makes them proud to be Canadian by submitting their best, most dynamic drawings, photos or pieces of creative writing that represents everything that Canada is as a strong, proud and free nation. Enter the 2015 Canada Day Challenge for a chance to win great prizes, including all-expenses paid trip for two to Ottawa to celebrate

Canada Day on Parliament Hill: go backstage, meet some of Canada's most inspiring people, tour museums, galleries, the iconic Parliament Buildings and be part of a special summer exhibit at the Canadian Museum of History!

Winners will also receive the opportunity to work with the amazingly talented team of education specialists from the National Film Board of Canada to create their very own short films about their adventures in Ottawa. The **deadline is March 20, 2015**

## Take the Time to Recognize Someone through the Community Member Recognition Awards

There are so many people who make an incredible difference in our school communities. The district has several awards which recognize the work of parent and community volunteers. Consider nominating someone you know for one of these five awards:

1. **Community Award** - recognizes the outstanding efforts of a member of the OCDSB community in developing a community initiative that directly supports the well-being of our students.
2. **Distinguished School Council Service Award** - recognizes the outstanding efforts of a school council or school council member for making a significant contribution to enhancing the learning experience of students at a school and/or system level.
3. **Community Partnership Award** - recognizes the outstanding partnership/support from a community agency or business over an extended period of years or through a significant initiative that has directly benefited OCDSB students.



4. **Volunteer of the Year Award** - recognizes the substantial contribution of a parent volunteer or community volunteer over an extended period of years or through a single significant initiative that has had a positive impact on students.
5. **Excellence in Equity, Isis Officer Community Award**- recognizes the substantial contribution of a parent, volunteer, business community member of organization to support the alignment and integration of equity and inclusive educational principles and practices over an extended period of years or through a significant initiative that has directly benefited OCDSB students.

This year we have a new and improved online nomination process. Nominations must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. Thursday, 02 April 2015**. For further information, please refer to Procedure PR.636.GOVÂ Community Member Recognition Awards.

The 2015 awards will be presented at at the Volunteer Appreciation Reception and Community Awards Ceremony on May 20th at Algonquin College. Everyone is welcome to attend!

## Proposed Variable Transportation Policy: Input by March 13, 2015

OSTA is seeking your feedback regarding a new proposed policy that will govern how transportation can be provided to students have two homes due to a joint custody/access arrangement between their parents/guardians. The proposed policy and draft procedure outline the requirements and responsibilities for all parties while ensuring that safety of the student is at the forefront. Please review the policy and procedure and submit your comments here. Deadline for input is **Friday, March 13, 2015**.

Attached please find the OSTA memo that was originally sent to you February 17, 2015, which includes the following link to be communicated with your school community.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/variabletransportation-operations>

**CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWSLETTER**  
March/April 2015

440 Albert St.,  
Ottawa, ON K1R 5B5  
613-239-2325 (ph); 613-239-2679 (fax)  
[www.ocdsb.ca/continuing](http://www.ocdsb.ca/continuing)  
Principal: Bruce Whitehead

  
OTTAWA-CARLETON  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Credit Programs**  
Our Summer School Program information is currently available online at [SummerSchoolinOttawa.com](http://SummerSchoolinOttawa.com). Classes run July 2 to 24, 2015. Registration begins May 1st. Adults (not attending school), who want to get their HS diploma, will need to contact the Continuing Education Office at 739-2620 to make an appointment. We also offer Literacy/Numeracy support for students in grades 7 to 12 in many of our schools as well as community programs in the evening. To see if your child's school has a Literacy/Numeracy program during the day, please contact your child's Principal or call 613-239-2620. For the evening community programs, check our website.

<p><b>Credit Programs</b></p>  <p><a href="http://SummerSchoolinOttawa.com">SummerSchoolinOttawa.com</a></p>	<p><b>ECCA Program</b></p> <p>The Extra Curricular Creative Arts Program (ECCA) starts most of its classes each September, but also offers interesting new short courses throughout the year (i.e. Drawing) at various locations. Please check our website, <a href="http://ArtsForKidsatOCDSB.com">ArtsForKidsatOCDSB.com</a> or call 613-239-2744, for information.</p>	<p><b>ECCA Program</b></p> 
<p><b>General Interest Program</b></p> <p>Registration for our General Interest classes (i.e. cooking, ballroom dance, computers), continues at <a href="http://https://enconnect.ocdsb.ca">https://enconnect.ocdsb.ca</a>. Please call us at 613-239-2751 or go to our website at <a href="http://InterestClassesinOttawa.com">InterestClassesinOttawa.com</a> for more details or to get a copy of our Winter/Spring 2015 Learning for Life magazine. WINTER classes are ongoing. SPRING classes begin Apr. 20, 2015.</p>	<p><b>General Interest Program</b></p> 	<p><b>ESL/LINC Programs</b></p> <p>Our English as a Second Language (ESL) and Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) classes began in January, 2015. Ongoing registration continues at 440 Albert Street. Check <a href="http://ESLInOttawa.com">ESLInOttawa.com</a> for details.</p> <p><b>Workplace Training &amp; Academic Upgrading Program</b></p> <p>Workplace Training is for adults with little or no work experience and includes training for Home Helper, Child Care Assistant, PSW Preparation, and Certificates for Employment.</p> <p>Academic Upgrading is for adults who need to develop reading and writing to enter an adult credit program or to prepare to enter a PSW Program. Contact us at 613-239-9951 for details.</p>
<p><b>International Languages Program</b></p> 	<p><b>International Languages</b></p> <p>Starting mid-March, please check <a href="http://InternationalLanguagesinOttawa.com">InternationalLanguagesinOttawa.com</a> for information on our Summer Programs and Camp!</p> <p>Our Elementary and Secondary Programs are currently underway. Registration for our Secondary Program is currently closed. On-site Registration for our Elementary Program is still ongoing.</p>	<p><b>Adaptive Learning Program</b></p> <p>Our Adaptive Learning Program offers Workplace Training Services to adults with Developmental Disabilities. Please contact us at 613-239-9951 for the details.</p>

(Please click on all parts of this pdf as they are links to our website pages.)



## Bullying... What can parents do? Let's talk about it

**March 30th 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

Bullying impacts the victim, their family, the bully and the community at large. Parents have so many questions. What can they do? How can they help? Who can they turn to? On Monday, **March 30, 2015 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Ben Franklin Place - 101 Centrepointe Dr.** - Let the conversation begin. This community outreach is brought to you by the Ottawa Bullying Prevention Coalition and hosted by Ottawa Public Health. Speakers include: Dr. Phil Ritchie (CHEO); DR. Tracy Vallincourt (University of Ottawa); Representatives from Ottawa School Boards; and from Ottawa Police.