



SOUTH MARCH PUBLIC SCHOOL

SMPS Family Update - Monday, December 14, 2020

Proud, Positive, Powerful Penguins

Welcome to another great week at South March!

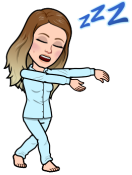


Parents are required to screen their children daily for symptoms of COVID-19 **BEFORE SENDING THEM TO SCHOOL.** Use this [online tool](#) provided by Ottawa Public Health to **do daily screening.** We need to all work together, to ensure our school remains safe.

Sending Food into the School

At this time of the year families are very generous and often send in **food, cookies, and chocolates to the main office** for us to share with staff. This year, we cannot accept these items. Due to COVID, sharing of food, etc in the staffroom and in the classroom is not permitted. You can continue to send small tokens of appreciation to your child's teacher if you have planned to do so.

School Assembly & PJ day on Friday: We will have a school assembly on Friday at 12:45pm for students and it is also PJ day! Just a quick heads up to let you all know that next [Friday, December 18th](#) will be a [Pyjama Spirit Day](#)




here at SMPS. Staff and students alike are invited to wear their favourite clean, warm and appropriate for public pyjamas to school to show their school spirit. If you could kindly remind students that they must come to school dressed in their pj's (they won't be changing once they get here) and that they will continue to go outdoors for activity breaks so they must dress warmly-

unless Mother Nature says otherwise- that would be a huge help. **PJ Day and promo video** <https://youtu.be/H0XZF3J74tc>

You're invited to participate in...

SMPS PYJAMA DAY SPIRIT DAY

**FRIDAY,
DECEMBER
18th
2020**



PROUD, POSITIVE,
POWERFUL PENGUINS!

Students, teachers and staff are invited to show their school spirit by wearing pyjamas that are...

- ✓ CLEAN
- ✓ WARM
- ✓ APPROPRIATE TO WEAR IN PUBLIC



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

On the last day of school, staff will be sending home all personal items with your child - indoor shoes, change of clothing, pencil cases, etc. Please help us by reminding your child to take home any other personal items they may have at school.

Back to school in January

School starts on January 4th, 2021. Ensuring schools are safe must continue to be our first priority. This means very cautious holiday planning, continuing with daily self-assessments over the holidays, accessing testing if you are symptomatic, and ensuring that on January 4th, students are symptom-free and able to return to school safely. We are excited about the approval of vaccine use in Canada and must all continue to do what we can to keep each other safe until this pandemic is over.

Food Drive at SMPS

Students at SMPS have been challenged with the "12 Days of Giving Food Drive Campaign" for the *Kanata Food Cupboard*! The Food Drive will run until [Wednesday, December 16th](#). If you have questions please contact your child's homeroom teacher, the main office or amanda.szucs@ocdsb.ca



REMINDER - Drop-off/pick-up Zones

During drop-off (9:00 - 9:20) and pick-up (3:30 - 4:00) **THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT IS OPEN TO FAMILIES with children in Kindergarten and Grade 1 ONLY. DO NOT ACCESS THE PARKING LOT AT THESE TIMES.**

A few other safety reminders:

- Marconi Avenue: Do not make U turns, pull into/park on private driveways
- Use Zone #1 (Sandhill Rd) to pick up your child in Gr 2-6
- Consider arriving a few minutes later when picking up your child. Dismissal starts at 3:35pm but we have supervision until 3:55 p.m.



HAVE A GREAT WINTER BREAK - SEE YOU JANUARY 4th, 2021