



SOUTH MARCH PUBLIC SCHOOL

SMPS Family Update - Monday, December 7, 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.

Good morning SMPS Families! As we enter the last 2 weeks of school before the Winter Holiday I want to bring your attention to a few events happening this week. I hope you have a great week - take good care :)

SCHOOL COUNCIL



School Council Meeting

Our next Virtual School Council Meeting is on **Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** All parents of SMPS (Families attending virtual school too) are invited to a Zoom meeting. We are using the Zoom platform and ask that you register in advance for the meeting. Click on the link below and follow the instructions. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Hope to see you there: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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 began on [Tuesday, December 1st](#) and will run until [Wednesday, December 16th](#). Staff and students are invited to donate any non-perishable food items and/or toiletries to this cause. In the attached letter below, you will find a list of the most requested items by the *Kanata Food Cupboard* at this time.



- As donations arrive, students will place their items directly into the specially marked box sitting outside of their classroom
- Going door-to-door is not required and is strongly discouraged as are monetary donations to the school for health and safety reasons.
- **Virtual students** are also welcome to participate by dropping off items to the specially marked bin in the front entrance of our school by ringing the doorbell and the office staff will open the door for them so that they may drop off their items.
- **Promotional Flyer:** [12daysofgivingfooddrive.pdf](#) and **Letter:** [12daysofgivingforkanatafoodcupboard.pdf](#)

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. We have limited parking so it is important that you use the zones assigned to you at the start of the school year.



Lockdown/Secure School Practice:

We will have a lockdown/Secure School practice on **Monday, December 7th**. Due to COVID restrictions, students will **not physically** practice the procedures of a lockdown drill that would usually require students/staff to move together into a corner of the room to remain out of sight. Instead we will run the drill with teachers explaining what they might do, etc. We are required to perform two lockdown practices each year.

Virtual Book Fair

We would like to thank you for your support of the virtual book fair. We had 27 families/staff place orders and made over \$300. Although not a huge amount compared to in-school Scholastic book fairs, it will go back to the library to purchase books at a discounted price. The students will be excited to see the new popular books like the new *Dog Man*, *Wimpy Kids* and *I survived* books rolling in soon. We'll also be getting some great French picture books and some new graphic novels. A big thank you to Mrs Venner for organizing the virtual book fair!



Canadian Red Cross Youth Programs - Online Virtual Format

The school was sent this information to share with the community

These are excellent courses that offer a wide variety of valuable life skills for youth. With the current situation of the Covid-19 Pandemic we will continue to run these programs for the foreseeable future in an online learning format. We currently have courses scheduled from now through to April with additional courses being added based off of demand.

Courses Available:

- Canadian Red Cross Stay Safe (Home Alone) Course: Ages 9 and Up (4 Hours Online + 2-3 Hours of Self Study)
- Canadian Red Cross Babysitters Course: Ages 11 and Up (5 Hours Online + 2-3 Hours of Self Study)
- To register for one of our many sessions available visit www.helpinghandsfirstaid.ca
- As a token of appreciation - Promo Code **HHFIRSTAID** saves 10%.

Our School Needs New Crossing Guards!

It takes a dedicated person to brave the cold and rain. Give back to your community and earn extra income safely during COVID-19 by working outside where social distancing is possible.

Maxwell Bridge at Marconi/Celtic Ridge

8:30-9:10 (\$16.75 per shift) & 3:25-4:05 (\$16.75 per shift)

For more details and to apply, visit : <https://bit.ly/34WXnbp>

The Ottawa Safety Council is a local charitable non-profit organization with over 50 years of service to the City of Ottawa. We deliver the Adult Crossing Guard Program throughout Ottawa. We work hard to identify, recruit, hire and train reliable people that are invested in the safety of their community and we need your help! We provide training and gear.

