JOCKVALE'S FRIDAY MESSAGE - December 8th, 2023



<u>JOCKVALE STUDENT ABSENCES</u> - If you are busy or travelling and your children will be missing school before or after the holidays, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Email: jockvaleattendance@ocdsb.ca

Call the 24-hour Attendance Line @ 613-825-1224 x1

JOCKVALE ES SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE - MOVIE NIGHT!



Join us for the first movie night of the school year today - Friday, December 8th, 2023.

After a very close vote the students have selected the Super Mario Bros movie.

Doors open at 6 pm and the movie will start at 6:30 pm. This is a family event and parents are required to supervise their children. The cost to attend is just \$3 per person up to a max of \$10 per family. There will be concession sales including pizza, fresh popcorn, drinks, chocolate bars and candy.

Admission and food orders were available in advance via SchoolCash online until Wednesday, December 6th, 2023.

Cash sales will also be available during the movie night! See you there!



JUNIOR SKI TRIPS - We have had such an amazing response to the packages sent out this week! Thank you to everyone who has submitted their paperwork and payment. Please double check that you have submitted all five forms: OCDSB permission form, OSBIE form, Pakenham online form, Pick up form and Student & Parent Agreement form. We have some families who are missing one form, but have everything else submitted. The deadline to submit everything and pay is **Wednesday**, **Dec 13th**, **2023**. After that date you will receive a confirmation email.

A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered to come with us! We will be contacting volunteers the week of Dec 19th.

REPLACEMENT STAFF & CLASSROOM CLOSURES - Schools may struggle to find replacement staff for absent educators and this may result in classroom closures. We will make every effort to communicate needed classroom closures on the evening prior, however we do, at times, need to make the call on the morning of if we do not have enough staff.

If you receive a call/email that your child's classroom is closed, students can check Google Classrooms for asynchronous activities posted. We understand the impact involved with closing classes and we do appreciate your understanding and flexibility when we are faced with no other options for staff coverage. Thank you for your understanding.

SAFETY @ JOCKVALE -



JOCKVALE PLAY STRUCTURES - CLOSED FOR THE WINTER

The following information is provided by OSBIE, explaining the rationale for ensuring students do not use playground equipment during the winter:

- 1. Freezing temperatures At temperatures below 0·C, very few types of protective ground surfacing remain resilient enough to offer any degree of protection. If the ground cover is frozen, the play equipment is NOT safe for use.
- 2. Snow build-up Snow can cause two problems on a play structure firstly, it can make play surfaces very slippery; secondly, it can create suffocation hazards if the openings at the end of tube slides or similar structures become closed in by drifting snow.
- 3. Ice or freezing rain As noted above, ice or freezing rain can make play surfaces, hand grips and stairways very slippery, increasing the risk of slip and fall injuries.
- 4. Clothing Synthetic materials, such as nylon, reduce sliding resistance, particularly on plastic slide beds. This can increase the travel speed on this equipment to a dangerous level, and if combined with frozen ground cover, as described under Item (1), can increase the chance of injury. Winter clothing is also very bulky and is more likely to have drawstrings or hooks and clips which can become entangled in components of the equipment.



<u>WINTER WONDERLAND CONCERT - DECEMBER 19th, 2023</u> - Save the date for our daytime concert!

Tuesday, December 19th, 2023: Winter Wonderland Concert for Parents/Guardians/Community

9:15 am to 10:15 am - **Junior Concert** (Grades 4 to 6, including Grade 3/4 classes) 11:15 am to 12:30 pm - **Kinder & Primary Concert** (Kindergarten to Grade 3)

Have a nice weekend,

Loretta and Karl



DEC 08 - JESC MOVIE NIGHT
DEC 19 - WINTER WONDERLAND CONCERT (Daytime)
DEC 25 to JAN 07 - WINTER HOLIDAYS - NO SCHOOL
JAN 08 - WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!
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