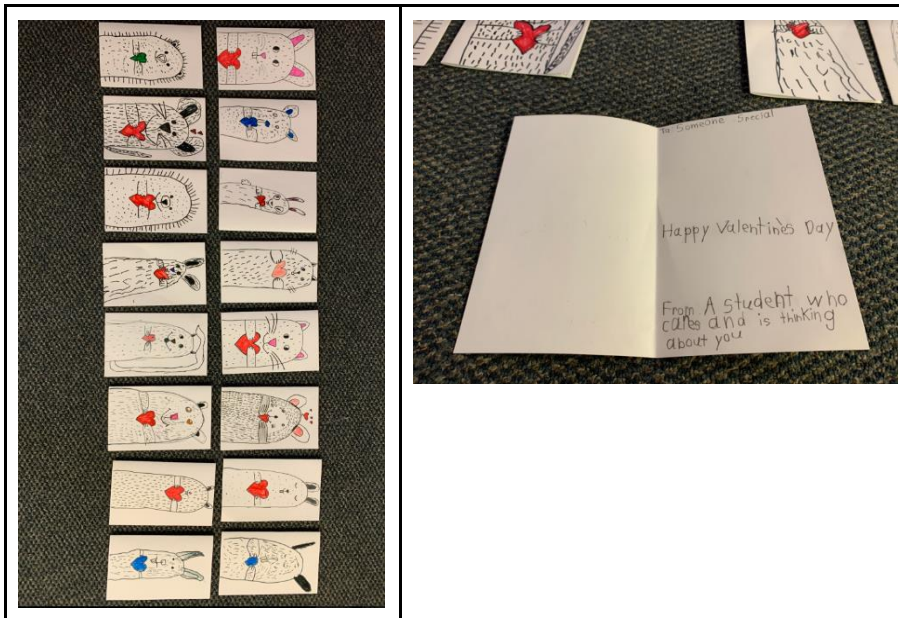


JOCKVALE'S FRIDAY MESSAGE - February 16th, 2024



Photos L to R - (2) Celebratory hat (3) Mme McDonald, Ms. Singh, & Ms. Waddell (4) Handmade necklace with 100 beads

This week, many of our students marked the 100th day of school with special activities, arts and crafts, and costumes. “The 100th Day of School is a symbolic celebration of students’ achievements during the academic year, especially for those in elementary school. The event centers around the number 100, which helps develop learners’ understanding and recognition of numbers up to 100.” (twinkl.ca)



R1A MAKES VALENTINE CARDS - The students in Ms. Waddell’s class (R1A) made some special cards to be distributed to seniors at a local nursing home on Valentine’s Day. How adorable and kind - we are sure the cards were greatly appreciated!



BLACK HISTORY SHOWCASE @ LDH - Saturday, February 24th - Longfields-Davidson Heights SS will host the Black History Showcase: Honouring Black Excellence. This event is sponsored by the OCDSB's Family and Community Engagement (FACE) team, in collaboration with Future Paths Network, V2V Project, and the Somali Centre for Family Services. This in-person event, celebrating Black culture and achievements will be held between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School.

What's happening:

Panel Discussions

Performances by OCDSB students and staff, and community members.

Opportunities to interact with, and learn more about the work of OCDSB Black Student Unions.

Community Partners and vendors sharing information about the services they offer.

JESC NEWS



Popcorn Fridays are BACK!

After many years, JESC is proud to announce that Popcorn Fridays are back at Jockvale starting **Friday, February 23rd!** Students are invited to bring cash to enjoy a warm, freshly popped bag of popcorn! Bags of popcorn are \$2 and will be available for purchase at second recess! Smaller half bags for smaller appetites will also be available for \$1! Popcorn Fridays will run from now until the end of March!



February Frenzy Family Fun Night

Looking for some great family fun to break up that winter blues? JESC is excited to host our annual February Frenzy Family Fun Night on Thursday, February 29th from 6 to 8pm!

Join us for the following:

An opportunity to see your kids play in the JungleSport set up!

Dance lessons with Luv2Groove!

Arts & Crafts activities for all ages!

A Bake Sale! (Donations are welcome!)

And More! (Watch for an announcement in the next couple of weeks!)

Cost: \$3 per person up to a max of \$10 per family!

Payment through School Cash Online is COMING SOON!

This is a family event and parents are required to stay and supervise their children. Children who are not under direct supervision of an adult will not be able to participate in activities.

We are also seeking volunteers to assist the evening of the event. If you are able to assist with set up, clean up, or during the event, please email jockvalevolunteers@gmail.com. Without volunteers, events are not possible!

JungleSport

Pre-registration will be required for this activity and will start **Tuesday, February 20th** at 7pm via a Google Form. Space is limited and it will be first come, first serve, so make sure to register early.

There will be an additional cost of \$5 per participant for this activity. Only students at Jockvale are able to participate in this activity as it is not suitable for younger children and adults. Family members are invited to watch from the sidelines in the gym!

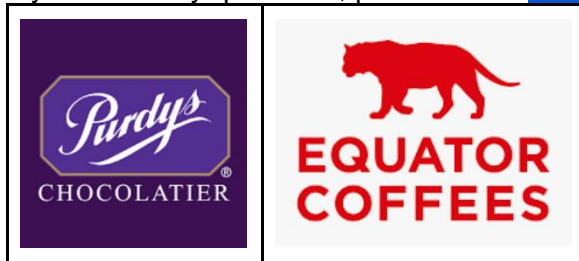
If you have not returned your signed waiver to the school, please make sure to do so.

All students will have the opportunity to participate in JungleSport during the week of February 26th while at school - this pre-registration is just for the Family Fun Night.

There are 2 time slots available - 6pm and 7pm and each session will run approximately 40 minutes.

Students will not be allowed to do both as space is limited and we want to allow space for as many people as possible.

If you have any questions, please email sc-jockvalees@ocdsb.ca.



Spring is (hopefully) just around the corner and JESC is bringing back some popular fundraisers to raise money for our school. Equator coffee through school cash online www.schoolcashionline.com and Purdys Chocolate is available online at: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1523412-116167>

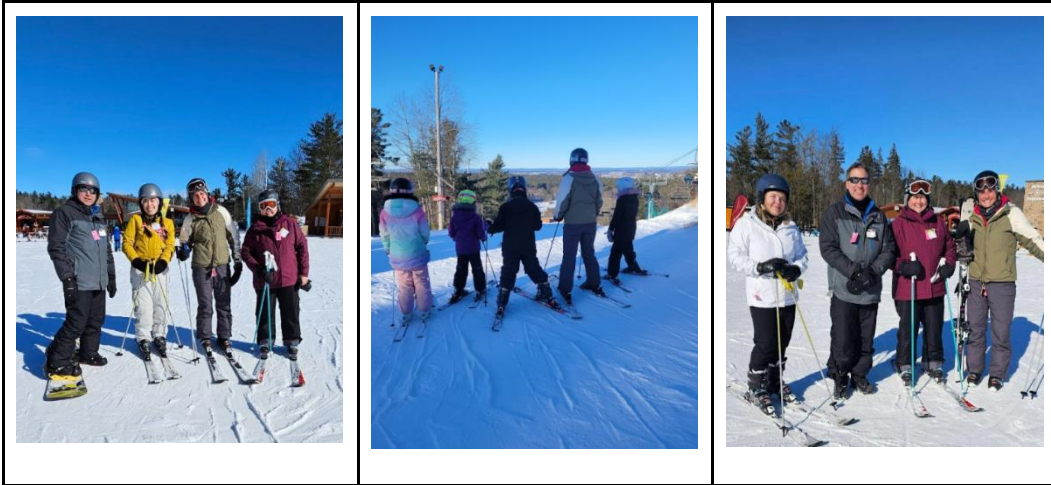
Orders due by March 8 and items will be available for pick-up at the school on March 27, just in time for the Easter holiday.

JOCKVALE LIBRARY NEWS -



A huge shout out to Sue Matthews, Jockvale's Library Technician, for organizing another successful Scholastic Book Fair this week! Jockvale was buzzing with excitement and students were practicing their financial literacy skills as they browsed through the many items for sale. We are certainly thankful for the generosity of our families and community members for supporting the fair! The school library receives a portion of all sales for the purchase of more student resources. We are also grateful to our parent/caregiver volunteers who helped make this happen - merci beaucoup!

JUNIOR BASKETBALL @ JOCKVALE - Our grade 6 boys basketball team went undefeated in our regional tournament this week and came out on top! In both the semi finals and the finals the boys had to fight back in the last shift after falling behind by a few baskets. It was a fabulous day filled with fun, perseverance, and excellent team work! Congratulations, Jags! - *Mme Amy*
Thanks to Mme Amy and Ms Singh for coaching our junior basketball teams this year. Once again, we are grateful to our parent volunteers for driving our players to Farley Mowat - we couldn't do it without you!



Our last school ski trip of the season to Mount Pakenham.

JUNIOR SKI TRIPS - What a fun ski season! Many of our young skiers made it up the big chair lift and everyone had a blast in the beautiful sunshine this week. A huge thank you to Mme Schijns for the hours and hours of work she put into planning these outings. Thank you as well to M. Meilleur, Mme Heather, Ms. White, Ms. Pratt, Ms. Lai, and Ms. Dupuis for skiing with the students and going above and beyond! Our parent volunteers made this trip possible and we appreciate their enthusiasm, time, and energy!

Looking forward to another great skiing season next year!

REPORT CARDS - Term 1 Report Cards were emailed home on Wednesday, February 14th, 2024.

Please contact your child's homeroom teacher with questions about the content of your child's report card.

SOLAR ECLIPSE UPDATE - APRIL 8th, 2024 - On Monday April 8, 2024, there will be a total solar eclipse. Ottawa, located in the Northern Region, will experience a partial solar eclipse. During a total or partial solar eclipse it is not safe to look directly at the sun without appropriate protective eye wear. Doing so may result in permanent eye damage.

The eclipse occurring on April 8 will last for 2 hours 23 minutes, beginning at 2:11 p.m. and ending at 4:35 p.m. with the maximum point of the eclipse at 3:25 p.m. Virtually all school and program dismissal times occur during that window. To ensure student safety, many school districts, including those in Ottawa, have rescheduled a Professional Activity (PA) day to April 8, allowing students to stay home. Regrettably, the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) does not have a PA day that can be moved.

After exploring several options and consulting with the Ministry and key stakeholders, **a decision has been made to close all OCDSB schools on April 8th. Transportation will also be cancelled. In addition, OCDSB operated Extended Day Programs will not operate.**



TOONIE TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 27th, 2024 - Did you know that requests for support have increased by 35%? Ottawa families need our help! Donations are accepted at Jockvale and online: <https://www.educationfoundationottawa.ca/>

Every dollar raised will support students' access to food, clothing, and meaningful activities. You can invest in a student's potential! Let's unite to make a difference! "At the Education Foundation of Ottawa, we believe every student deserves the tools they need to succeed. That's why we're here. Our mission is to reduce barriers to student learning by working with families, school staff, donors, and community organizations to ensure all students can learn confidently. This starts by providing students with not only what they require, but also what they deserve!"

Have a wonderful long weekend,

Loretta and Karl



- FEB 16 - PA DAY - NO SCHOOL**
- FEB 19 - FAMILY DAY - NO SCHOOL**
- FEB 20 - GRADE 6 GIRLS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT @ CONFED**
- FEB 21 - JESC COUNCIL MEETING @ 6 pm**
- FEB 23 - FIRST POPCORN FRIDAY @ JOCKVALE**
- FEB 26 to MARCH 01 - FEBRUARY FRENZY SPIRIT WEEK**
- FEB 27 - TOONIE TUESDAY**
- FEB 28 - PINK SHIRT DAY**
- FEB 29 - JESC FAMILY FUN NIGHT**
- MARCH 04 - TERM 2 IEPs EMAILED HOME**
- MARCH 11 to MARCH 15 - MARCH BREAK - NO SCHOOL**

Religious/Creed-Based Days of Observance - Ottawa-Carleton District School Board

