

JOCKVALE'S FRIDAY MESSAGE - March 22nd, 2024



R56A (MS. WHITE'S CLASS) LEAF ART

R56A has been working very hard on an art project (see photo on left). It uses all the 7 elements of art on one page. Some elements were easier to complete than others; Shape, texture, and form were the toughest to create, but everyone worked really hard on this leaf art and pushed through the challenges with positivity and an open mind. Ms. White is very proud of their hard work!

SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM (Automated Attendance) - APRIL 3rd, 2024

Beginning on April 3rd, 2024, Jockvale will use the Safe Arrival System which is an automated attendance program. The Safe Arrival System will replace some of our current attendance routines. We will send out a specific message with information and instructions next week. Here is some information about our new system:

What is SafeArrival?

SafeArrival is a new system for managing student absences. Families can report absences in advance using a mobile app, website, or toll-free phone line. These options are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Why is the OCDSB using SafeArrival?

- Enhances student safety.
- Helps families report student absences easily.
- Helps schools respond quickly to unexplained student absences.
- Makes notifications to families faster.

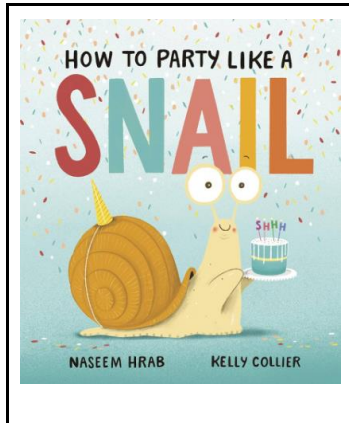


SAVE THE DATE FOR JOCKVALE'S ANNUAL MUSICAL!

Spring is in the air, the birds are singing and so are the members of our 2024 musical - "Giants in the Sky!" A talented and dedicated group of grade 4-6 students are hard at work rehearsing for our big night - **Tuesday May 7th, 2024!**

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!

JOCKVALE LIBRARY NEWS



This week's Forest of Reading book is "How to Party Like a Snail" by Nadeem Hrab with art by Kelly Collier. It's a story about a snail who likes to keep things quiet but still have a good time with friends!

ROYAL CITY SOCCER CLUB - The Royal City Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 32nd annual grassroots summer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Uniquely designed to offer a more soccer focused morning with a leisure swim with other organized activities in the afternoon. The program operates during all weeks in July and August for children aged 5 to 13. For more information or to register, visit royalsoccer.com or call 1-800-427-0536.

SWIM TO SURVIVE

The Swim to Survive program is back! This is an initiative sponsored by the Ministry of Education for all students across the province who are enrolled in grade 3. We're excited that our first group (including 18 students from R3A) will be participating in the program at Walter Baker Sports Centre on March 26th, April 2nd, and April 9th. We are asking for parent volunteers to help walk to the sports centre and supervise students. Permission forms have been sent home to students in **R3A (group 1)**. Please ensure the form is returned by March 25th at the latest.

JESC NEWS

JESC Constitution

At this week's meeting, Jockvale Elementary School Council voted to amend and update our [Constitution](#). Changes were made to bring this document up to date with current Board and Ministry Requirements and also to reflect current operating practices. This document had not seen a proper update in many years so it was imperative that we rebuild it. If you are interested, please take a moment to review it and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to email [sc-](#)

jockvalees@ocdsb.ca. If you are interested, remember that council elections take place every September at our AGM and we would love to see you there!



Popcorn Friday... On a Thursday!

Our **LAST** Popcorn Friday will take place next week on Thursday, March 28th ahead of the holiday long weekend! 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!

Thank you to everyone who has participated! The money raised from this fundraiser is being directed to help pay for the JungleSport activity last month!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Loretta and Karl



MARCH 29 - GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
APRIL 01 - EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
APRIL 02 - MONDAY SCHEDULE
APRIL 03 - SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM BEGINS
APRIL 08 - SOLAR ECLIPSE - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

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