

JOCKVALE'S FRIDAY MESSAGE - April 5th, 2024

*Please note that on Monday, April 8th, 2024, there will be no school for students due to the solar eclipse.



TEAM 18 EXPLORES THE TOMATOSPHERE - Team 18 has started our [Tomatosphere Science project](#). We were given two packages of seeds; one that has been in space and one that hasn't, and we are going to answer the following question, "How does exposure to the space environment affect the number of tomato seeds that germinate?". The tomato seeds have been planted and we will be busy recording our observations over the next few weeks. Stay tuned to see the results! - Ms. Monsma

SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM (Automated Attendance)



Beginning on April 3rd, 2024, Jockvale started using the [Safe Arrival System](#) which is an automated attendance program. The Safe Arrival System will eventually replace some of our current attendance routines, like the Google form.

We ask that Jockvale Families create an account for the app/website:

How to use SafeArrival?

There are three ways you can report student absences:

Important: Use the email address your student's school has on record when creating your account for the app/website.

1) App: Install the SchoolMessenger app on your mobile device or access it via the OCDSB app. Open the app and select Sign Up to register. After registering, select Attendance from the menu, then Report an Absence and follow the instructions.

2) Website: Visit go.schoolmessenger.ca. Select Sign Up to create your account. Once registered, select Attendance from the menu, then Report an Absence and follow the prompts.

3) Toll-free Phone: Call 1-833-202-1417 toll-free to report an absence using the automated phone system and follow the prompts.

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.

We expect that switching over to the Safe Arrival system will take some time, so please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions, etc.

APRIL IS WORLD AUTISM MONTH - April is World Autism Month, an annual opportunity for a dedicated conversation about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Autism touches more than 70 million people globally. Approximately 1 in 66 children and youth are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Canada and this number continues to grow. Each child and adult with ASD is unique and has their own strengths, gifts, and support needs.

In 2008, The United Nations General Assembly unanimously declared April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day — many countries around the world light up their landmarks blue to help increase understanding and acceptance of people with Autism. In 2012, the Canadian Parliament passed the World Autism Awareness Day Act recognizing April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day. (<https://www.autismspeaks.ca/world-autism-month/>)

STUDENT CELL PHONES - For the safety, security, and privacy of students, it is recommended that student cell phones remain at home. If a security concern makes it necessary for a student to bring a cell phone to school, students should leave the phone with the ringer off in their school bag or with their teacher. Students are not permitted to use cell phones in class, in the washroom, at recess or on the bus. Thank you for your ongoing support.

VALUING VOICES STUDENT SURVEY



This week we have been reading Princess Pru and the Ogre on the Hill by Maureen Fergus with art by Danesh Mohiuddin. This one looks at the judgments we can make about people before we get to know them. If an ogre moves in next door, do you need to be scared? We learned that it is important to get to know people first!



[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!

[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. Thank you to the parents who volunteered for the first sessions. We continue to ask for help walking students to the sports centre and supervising while there. EF23A and remaining students from R3A will participate April 23, April 30, and May 7th.

[JESC NEWS](#)

Volunteers Needed

Did you know that all after school activities are run entirely by volunteers? This includes movie nights, the Halloween dance, February Frenzy and Spring Fling. These events would not be possible without adult volunteers. We are looking for 3-4 parents to help with admission and concession sales before the movie on April 26th. You can help out before the movie and still watch it with your kids. We need a lot of help for our annual year-end BBQ, Spring Fling, where tasks will include concession sales and supervising activities. We hope to have a lot of volunteers each working short shifts to make this event a success and to allow everyone a chance to enjoy themselves. Please email sc-jockvalees@ocdsb.ca or jockvaleevolunteers@gmail.com to volunteer.

Save the Date - April 26 - Movie Night

The final movie night of the school year will take place on Friday, April 26, with doors opening at 6 and the movie starting at 6:30. Next week the students will choose the movie so stay tuned to find out what it will be.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Loretta and Karl



APRIL 03 - SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM BEGINS
APRIL 08 - SOLAR ECLIPSE - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
APRIL 11 - VALUING VOICES STUDENT SURVEY OPENS
APRIL 17 - JESC MEETING @ 6 PM
APRIL 26 - JESC MOVIE NIGHT
MAY 07 - SCHOOL MUSICAL

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