

JOCKVALE'S FRIDAY MESSAGE - April 26th, 2024



THE GIANTS ARE COMING TO JOCKVALE!

The cast of 50ish Grade 4, 5 and 6 students is excited to invite all members of our Jockvale community to an evening of musical theater!! Our approximately one hour show is full of witty dialogue, original music and upbeat choreography! It is an event for the whole family!

When: Tuesday May 7th, 6:30pm (Doors open at 6:00pm)

Where: Jockvale Gymnasium

Cost: \$5.00 per person (\$20 maximum per family). Tickets for the Jockvale Community will be sold through School Cash Online beginning Wednesday, May 1st. Tickets will be open for cast member families only beginning Friday, April 26th. Buy your tickets early to ensure that you get a seat!

R5A MAKES CONNECTIONS WITH CHINA



Since 2016, the OCDSB and the Chengdu Chenghua Municipal Education Bureau in China have cooperated on a variety of learning initiatives from teacher training to exchanges, leadership delegations, visits, and student-to-student virtual and written correspondence collaborations.

This year Ms. Baines Grade 5's have been using Canva to create All About Me posters to share with a class in China as well as a collective class collage of all things that represent Canada.

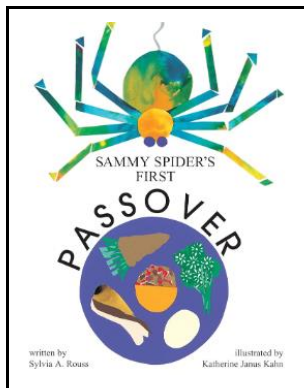
Sean Oussoren, International Education Coordinator for the OCDSB came to visit R5A on Tuesday April 16th to share his experiences visiting our "paired" school in Chengdu China. The students enjoyed learning all about China!

LOCKDOWN DRILL - We will be having our spring Lockdown drill at Jockvale at 10:00 am on Thursday, May 2nd, 2024. The drill will take approximately 30 minutes. During the drill, students will be asked to follow the directions of their teachers in their classrooms. The administrators and custodian will then check every classroom to ensure that procedures are being followed and will provide feedback to students and staff.

During the drill, the school will be locked and we will not be admitting any students during the drill. As such, please avoid dropping off or picking up your child(ren) between 10:00 am and 10:30 am on Thursday, May 2nd because the school doors will be locked and we are not permitted to answer the doorbell or let anyone leave during the drill. Thank you for your support as we practice our emergency procedures.

JOCKVALE LIBRARY NEWS

Library Tech Sue Matthews and Jockvale ES have been showcased in *The Teaching Librarian Magazine* for our "I Read Canadian Day" activities. Read [THIS ARTICLE](#) to learn more. Way to go Sue and Jockvale!



This week in the library we learned about Passover by reading the book "Sammy Spider's First Passover". Sammy is a spider who lives in the house of a family celebrating Passover. He learns about Passover while learning about shapes and how to make his first spider's web.

CLASS PLACEMENTS - Over the next 2 weeks, we will build our classes for the 2024-25 school year. If there is information that you would like the administration team to consider about your child's placement, please email Loretta Dupuis at loretta.dupuis@ocdsb.ca by May 1st, 2024.

EQAO UPDATE - We are planning for the Education, Quality, and Accountability Office (EQAO) 2024 Assessment. This assessment is a standardized test written by all students in grades 3 and 6 across the province of Ontario. The assessment measures student achievement in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. Please check out the [EQAO website](#) for more information about each assessment. Students at Jockvale will be writing the assessment on the following dates:

- Grade 6 - Junior Assessment: May 27, 28, 29
- Grade 3 - Primary Assessment: May 30, 31, June 3
- Make up days: June 5 and 6

Homeroom teachers continue to prepare their students by introducing them to the online Sample test, available through the link above.

SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM (Automated Attendance)

Learn more:
ocdsb.ca/SafeArrival



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.

SWIM TO SURVIVE - Swim to Survive continues next week with a new group of students. Mme Amy will be accompanying grade 3 students from EF23A and R3A to Walter Baker on Tuesday April 30th and May 7th. Students will depart at 9:30 am and return at 11:30 am. Parent volunteers are asked to stop in the office to sign the OCDSB Volunteer Form when they arrive.

VALUING VOICES STUDENT SURVEY



The OCDSB Valuing Voices Student Survey will run from **April 11 to May 10, 2024**. The survey will have two parts: identity-based (demographic) questions and school climate questions. A letter was sent home by homeroom teachers last week.

If you have additional questions, please visit the OCDSB's [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) or contact: valuingvoices@ocdsb.ca or priscila.fuentes@ocdsb.ca (*Jockvale ES school contact*)

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 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 jockvalevolunteers@gmail.com to sign up.

Have a great weekend,

Loretta and Karl



APRIL 26 - GIANTS IN THE SKY TICKETS ON SALE (CAST ONLY)
APRIL 30 - GIANTS IN THE SKY TICKETS ON SALE (SCHOOL-WIDE)
MAY 02 - LOCKDOWN DRILL
MAY 07 - SCHOOL MUSICAL - GIANTS IN THE SKY
MAY 14 - JUNIOR TRACK & FIELD DAY @ JOCKVALE
MAY 15 - PRIMARY TRACK & FIELD DAY @ JOCKVALE
MAY 23 - TRIP TO MUSEUM OF AGRICULTURE
MAY 27 TO 29 - EQAO FOR GRADE 6
MAY 30, 31, JUNE 3RD - EQAO FOR GRADE 3
JUNE 25 - GRADE 6 LEAVING CEREMONY

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