

JOCKVALE'S FRIDAY MESSAGE - May 3rd, 2024



EF45A (M. MEILLEUR'S CLASS) & LES POISSONS D'AVRIL

April Fools day in French is called les poissons d'avril. Les élèves de EF45A ont observé des images d'art Steampunk et ont réfléchi à la manière dont ils pourraient intégrer des éléments mécaniques et fantastiques dans la représentation de leur poisson Steampunk. Blending the past with the future, students used their creativity, along with a lot of glue, to create a mechanical/robotic fish using images of gears, steam engines and small metallic objects brought from home.



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. Buy your tickets early to ensure that you get a seat!

STAFFING UPDATE - It's that time of year again, when administrators may be moved throughout the district. After two years, we will be saying goodbye to Jockvale VP Karl Herbert who will work at Castor Valley ES beginning September 2024. We will say our goodbyes at the end of June!

We are excited to announce that Sara Azarbar, Jockvale's Learning Support Teacher (LST), will step into the Acting Vice Principal position in September! Sara knows our students and community well and will do a fabulous job!

GOING ON VACATION IN MAY OR JUNE? MOVING? - Please contact the office if...

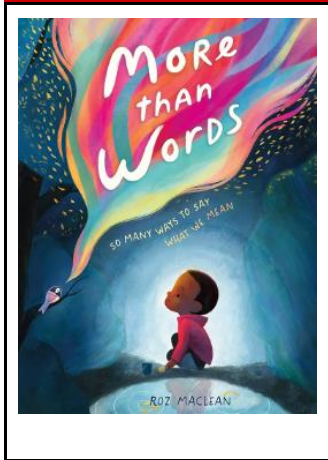
You are going on an extended vacation this spring.

You are moving between now and September and will not be returning to Jockvale this fall.

You are moving before June 28th. You are welcome to stay at Jockvale until the end of the year, but you must provide transportation for your child once you move out of the catchment area.

LOCKDOWN DRILL - Our spring Lockdown drill took place at 10:00 am on Thursday, May 2nd, 2024. During the drill, students followed the directions of their teachers in their classrooms and the administrators and custodian checked every classroom to ensure that procedures were being followed. Students and staff did a great job practicing the emergency procedures! Next up will be our three spring fire drills!

JOCKVALE LIBRARY NEWS



This week in the library we have been reading More Than Words by Rob MacLean. Not everyone is comfortable talking or able to speak using words. This book looks at the different ways we can communicate with those around us.

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 as Mme Amy will be accompanying grade 3 students from EF23A and R3A to Walter Baker on Tuesday 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. EF34A and R34A will begin on May 17th. More info to come.

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

Spring Fling, our annual year end party, is Wednesday, June 12 from 4 to 6 pm on the school yard. There will be a variety of fun activities for the kids all of which are free.

With the rising cost of rentals for inflatables, the school council would like to run our own BBQ this year to raise funds to off-set the cost of the event. This will also make it more affordable for families to purchase dinner and snacks as prices will be much lower than the food trucks from prior years. However, this will only be possible with the help of a lot of volunteers. We are looking for people interested in doing the following tasks:

-Barbeque hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers

-make popcorn or cotton candy

-sell food items

-supervise activities

As the saying goes "many hands, make light work". We are hoping that a large number of people will help out for a short shift to allow everyone a chance to enjoy the event. If you can lend a hand please contact jockvalevolunteers@gmail.com

Have a nice weekend,

Loretta and Karl



MAY 07 - SCHOOL MUSICAL - GIANTS IN THE SKY - 6:30 to 8:30 pm
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 12 - SPRING FLING
JUNE 25 - GRADE 6 LEAVING CEREMONY

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