

JOCKVALE'S FRIDAY MESSAGE - OCT. 25th, 2024



JOCKVALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE - The annual Halloween Dance will be held today, Friday, October 25th from 6 to 8:30 pm at the school. The dance will feature music and lights in the gym done by the Cedarview DJ Club, a large variety of games and activities in the library, a laser maze, scavenger hunt, selfie station with props and of course a lot of fun! All activities are included with admission, which is only \$3 / person or \$10 per family of 4 or more. Everyone may come in costume, although weapons and masks should be left at home.



JOCKVALE CHOIR IS BACK!

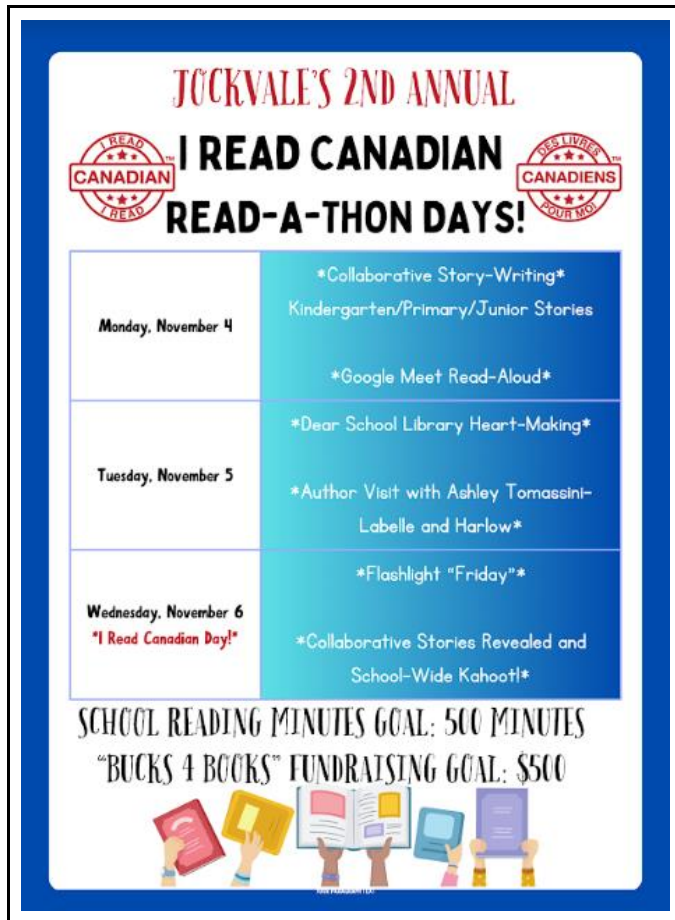
The 2024-2025 Jockvale Choir season has started again! Students in grades 3-6 have started rehearsing for the Remembrance Day assembly on November 11th. This week, choir members received song lyrics and the link to our Choir Google Site:

<https://sites.google.com/ocdsb.ca/jockvalechoir2324/home>

Keep up the great practice at home, Singers!

HALLOWEEN - On Thursday, October 31st, 2024, students are welcome to wear their everyday clothes, orange & black, or a simple and appropriate costume to school. If choosing to wear a costume, students must come to school already in their costume and be dressed appropriately to enjoy outdoor recess breaks. Costumes should be simple and for safety reasons students must be recognizable (i.e., no full masks). Props and replica weapons are not permitted. *Educators will plan for inclusive activities, with options for those who are not celebrating Halloween.*

"I READ CANADIAN" READ-A-THON DAYS @ JOCKVALE!



"I Read Canadian" Day is a national yearly celebration of Canadian books for young people. Jockvale ES will proudly be participating in our 2nd annual "I Read Canadian" Read-A-Thon Days from November 4-6! We have many fun activities planned, including an author visit from Ashley Tomassini-Labelle and her rescue dog, Harlow! Check out her book on her website! <https://www.ashleylabelle.com/#/>

We will once again be having a "Bucks 4 Books" fundraising campaign to help bring more quality Canadian books to our school Library. From October 18-November 6 you can make a donation through SchoolCash Online. We will gladly accept in-person donations as well. Our fundraising goal is \$500!

We have raised \$268 so far - we're over half way to our goal - thank you!

Our school reading goal is 500 hours collectively. If we reach our two goals, we will have a Pyjama and Movie Day to celebrate! Let's get reading Canadian, Jags!

NEW OSTA APP - Ottawa Student Transportation Authority has launched a user-friendly progressive web application to provide real-time updates about your child's transportation status. With this app, you'll receive timely alerts and notifications directly to your device via push notifications. It's easy to set up, it's free, and notifications are instant. The app will replace emails when it comes to weather cancellation notifications **only**; emails will still be circulated for delays, cancellations and other alerts.

Visit www.ottawaschoolbus.ca to learn more. Questions and concerns can be directed to pwahelp@ottawaschoolbus.ca

This initiative reflects OSTA's commitment to better serving our communities and improving the well-being of our students during transportation.

JOCKVALE ON INSTAGRAM - Jockvale is on Instagram! You can find us by looking up @jockvale.ocdsb, where we share photos featuring student work, class activities, and school events. Check us out!

OCDSB FAMILY CONFERENCE - We're excited to invite your school community to the **OCDSB Family Conference 2024** on **Saturday, November 2, 2024**, from **8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at **Woodroffe High School**. This event will offer families **interactive workshops** on math, literacy, and science, networking with community organizations, and a keynote by **Sam Demma**.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, November 2, 2024
- **Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Woodroffe High School, 2410 Georgina Dr.
- **Registration Link:** [Register Here](#)

SAFETY @ JOCKVALE -

LOCKDOWN DRILL - On Monday, staff and students participated in our first lockdown practice of the year. It was a successful drill where all student-occupied spaces had doors locked and windows covered. Students hid in safe spaces with their educators and were extremely quiet for the duration of the practice. Afterwards, we entered into a secure school (where classes resumed activities with doors remaining locked) until it was lifted. In the spring, we will practice one more lockdown.

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED: EMERGENCY DISMISSAL FORM - Every fall, we request a variety of information from our Jockvale families. All OCDSB schools have emergency procedures and designated evacuation sites. In case the school needs to be evacuated, we require the information in this form to make arrangements for our students. Our primary evacuation site is John McCrae Secondary School.

Please complete this [EMERGENCY DISMISSAL FORM](#) for your child or each of your children that attend Jockvale ES.

Thank you for your support.

Enjoy the weekend,

Loretta and Sara



OCT 25 - HALLOWEEN DANCE - 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
OCT 28 - FIELD TRIP TO MADAHOKI FARM
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OCT 29 - JUNIOR GIRLS' SOCCER TOURNAMENT
OCT 30 - JUNIOR BOYS' SOCCER TOURNAMENT
OCT 31 - HALLOWEEN
NOV 03 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS (FALL BACK)
NOV 05 - VETERANS' WEEK BEGINS
NOV 06 - FRIDAY SCHEDULE
NOV 06 - I READ CANADIAN DAY
NOV 08 - INDIGENOUS VETERANS' DAY
NOV 08 - PA DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
NOV 11 - REMEMBRANCE DAY
NOV 12 - FIELD TRIP TO MADAHOKI FARM

Religious/Creed Based Days & Dates of Significance

<https://jockvalees.ocdsb.ca/>