



June Newsletter

Principal's Message

With summer almost here, the school year is winding down. I hope everyone gets to relax and enjoy the summer and re-charge their batteries for next year. For those students in Grade 6 who won't be returning, may your future be bright!

June is when we say goodbye to those staff members who are moving on to other roles or other schools. You are wonderful and talented professionals. We will miss you all! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following Lady Evelyn Alternative School staff who will be leaving us at the end of this year.

Ms. Vivian Loo, we wish you all the best as you travel the world with your family next year. We look forward to having you back on our team in 2016/2017.

Ms. Brenda Trohon, we wish you all the best in your new assignment next year.

Ms. Allison Henderson, we wish you and your family all the best while on leave with your new baby next year. We look forward to visits and having you back in 2016/17.

Mr. Andrew Riff, we wish you all the best in your new assignment next year.

Ms Ainsley Kershaw, we wish you all the best in your new assignment next year.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the children and families at Lady Evelyn.

I look forward to continuing to work with staff, students and parents again next year! Together, we make a great team and we will continue to strive to ensure that all of our students receive the best possible education.

Thank you and have a great summer!

Paula Slesar,
Principal



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The FINAL day of school for the year is Thursday, June 25th.

The FIRST day of school in the fall is Tuesday, September 8th for all but the kindergarteners, who begin with a gradual entry. If your child will not be attending for the first few days of school, please notify the school office.

FYI: MILK IS FINISHED FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH.

This month's Pizza Days are:

- **Thursday, June 4**
- **Friday, June 12**
- **Friday, June 19**

Class Placements

Lady Evelyn Alternative School teachers are in the process of creating class lists for the 2015-2016 school year. We will be sending this tentative confirmation of your child's placement home to parents on the last day of school.

At Lady Evelyn, we work together as a professional team to create classes which balance all of the needs of our students. There are many considerations to creating a healthy environment for our students and they include balancing the classes for gender, academic ability, behavior and maturity, special needs, a strong social

network, and consistency.

There are also school reorganizations and staffing considerations. Class placements are tentative until after all staffing is settled at the end of September. It is important for parents to understand that the school organization changes year to year due to student numbers and staffing. Also, the staffing process begins in early May and is not complete until schools are reorganized in the fall. During this time teachers may ask for a change in program or accept positions at other schools.

Please remember that the final decision regarding class placement rests with the teachers and the principal of your school.

Your support is invaluable in helping your children to build confidence as they make this transition.



Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony



The grade 6 Leaving ceremony will be held on June 26th. The Leaving Ceremony will occur between 8:30am to 9:30am. After the ceremony there

will be cake and lemonade. At noon the students go to Springhurst Park for activities and a potluck picnic.

Congratulations students!

Music Monday was a great success!

On May 4th, students across Canada went outside and sang the theme song, "We are One" and "Keep Peddling" at the same time (12 pm Eastern Time). Below is a photo of Music Monday at Lady Evelyn Alternative School.



Ottawa Gee Gees

The University of Ottawa GeeGees held a half-day workshop on the morning of May 20th with our boys and girls basketball teams. Thank you GeeGees!



School Organization and Teacher Assignments 2015/2016

2 Junior/Senior Kindergarten Classes (**Leanne Doyle, Melissa Grant**)

3 Grades One/Two Classes (**Valerie Cairnie, Katie Young, Geoff Paisley**)

1 Grade Two/Three Class (**Kim Symes**)

2 Grade Three/Four Classes (**Danielle Fontaine, TBD**)

2 Grade Five/Six Classes (**Joseph Huniu, Valerie La marche**)

1 Primary Special Needs Class – (**Jennifer Allingham**)

Primary/Junior French (**Rebecca Ostapchuk**)

Vice Principal and Second Language Teacher – **Charles Powers**

Learning Support Teacher – **Susan Hannah**

Learning Resource Teacher and CAT Teacher – **Stephen Baird**

Early Child Hood Educators – **Cody Campbell, Heather Acheson**

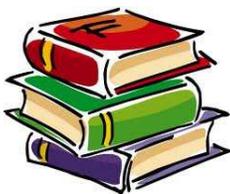
Educational Assistants – **Christian Hurlow, Dan Du bois, Brandi Geenevasen**

Office Administrator: **Kathy Logan**

Office Assistant: **Jane Foster**

Chief Custodian: **Mike Brett**

Important Library Dates



Parents, children have to return all of their library books by June 6th!

The first overdue library book notice will be sent Monday

June 9th. The final notice will be sent June 16th requesting the replacement

cost. From June 14th on, Robert Rutt, the librarian, will be retrieving overdue books from students, shelving books that were returned, and generally getting ready for the next school year.

Hope you get to read lots of book this summer!

Summer Fun Day

We celebrate summer with Summer Fun Day on Monday, June 23rd.

Similar to Winter Fun Day (but without the cold and snow), teachers and volunteers will man several stations through which teams will cycle. It should be a very fun day!

Track and Field Meet



On Wednesday, June 10th Lady Evelyn will be sending a team to the OCDSB Track and Field meet for our school's region. The Track and

Field meet is taking place at Cairine Wilson High School. The events begin at 9:00am and go until 4:30pm.

Good Luck to all our students participating!

Swim Safety



Swimming is a great activity for kids and safety

should always be top on the list. It only takes a few seconds before anyone can silently slip under the water. Children and weak swimmers are especially at risk. Many kids love the water but they can misjudge their own swimming ability. Constant supervision is vital to ensure they stay safe while swimming. Here are some tips to prevent drowning:

- Stay within arms' reach of any children in and around the water.
- Enroll children in swimming lessons.

- Consider taking lessons if you are a weak or non swimmer.
- Remain distraction free when looking after children in the water.
- Ensure weak or non swimmers wear a life jacket or personal flotation device (PFD) in and around the water.
- Install four-sided fencing to prevent a child from having direct access from the house. Gates to the pool must include a self-latching, self-closing gate with a lock.

For more information please visit:

www.ottawa.ca/health or contact Ottawa Public Health at

613-580-6744

EQAO

Due to the partial withdrawal of services by elementary teachers, the Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO testing will not take place this year. For additional information on the withdrawal of services, please visit the following website: http://www.ocdsb.ca/med/Labour_Relations/elementary/Pages/default.aspx.

School Council

A big thank you goes out to our School Council members for their commitment to the Lady Evelyn community of students, parents and staff throughout the year. Fundraising efforts have enhanced our programs with supplies and materials for our gym, technology in every classroom, and support for our field trips, arts programs, and special events.

We would like to recognize our School Council Chair Joey Gunn for his out-

standing dedication and commitment to the Alternative Program and Lady Evelyn Alternative School. Joey has been an active member of our School Council and a strong advocate for our program for 14 years. While Joey is leaving our school with the graduation of his youngest child he will continue to work with the Alternative Schools through ASAC. **Joey we wish you all the best next year!**

PSN's Baby Chicks

Our PSN class had the great opportunity to watch a brood of baby chicks hatch. The whole school has had fun watching the little chicks grow!



OSTA Bus Routes



The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) will be open during the summer months, with the exception of the last week of July and the first week of August.

Parents are to contact OSTA directly in July and early August if they have changes to caregiver information. The phone number is 613-224-8800.

All 2015-2016 Transportation Route Schedules will be posted on the Ottawa

Student Transportation Authority website www.ottawaschoolbus.ca by mid-August.

There is also a "Stop Locator" feature on the website. This feature enables parents to access bus stop information for their eligible children starting in mid-August.

Once school has started, parents please advise schools directly of any changes to student home or caregiver locations. OSTA requires a minimum of four business days to implement a change to transportation services.

Empty Seat Request

If your child is riding the bus under the "Empty Seat" policy, **the special allocation is withdrawn at the end of each school year and you will need to reapply in September.**

Bus seats for September are arranged only for students eligible for transportation. It is only after the bus lists have been established in September for the eligible students that remaining seats may be assigned. This generally takes place after October 1st. These seats can be withdrawn at any time if they are required for new eligible students.

OSTA Safety Awareness Day

The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) will be presenting the 22nd annual **Safety Awareness Day** on **Sunday, August 24, 2015** for all first-time school bus riders. This cooperative venture will be held concurrently at several school sites across Ottawa.

The program is geared primarily for parents and children new to school bus transportation. All children entering the school system for the first time in the fall, or new residents to the area should plan to attend. The day's activities are suitable for all elementary school-age children and everyone is welcome.

Participants will receive bus safety certificates, colouring books, and refreshments along with other information.

The program will be offered from **9:00am to 1:00pm on Sunday, August 24th, 2015.** Please check the website for the locations and more information.

<http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/resources/sad>

We encourage you to attend one of these important safety sessions. Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, August 24, 2015.** Each session will last approximately one hour. Please take the time to prepare your children for a safe school bus ride.

Main Street

Renewal

If you are interested in receiving a biweekly newsletter for the Main Street Renewal project, please email

mainstreetconstruction@ottawa.ca

Lost and Found

Please remember to take a good look in our Lost and Found box the next time you are in the school. It is overflowing and must be emptied at the end of the school year.

Health & Safety

Now that the hot weather has arrived, please remind your children to wear hats and sunscreen.

Fundraiser for Nepal Relief.

Thanks to your generous donations we raised \$265.55

Have a great

