



OTTAWA-CARLETON  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

*This section contains weekly reminders, updates and information for OCDSB school councils, parents and community members. If you are interested in getting information about an upcoming event included in the weekly school council email, please send a short paragraph explaining the details of the event and the poster (if applicable) no later than **Thursday by noon** to Paula Marble, Policy Analyst at [paula.marble@ocdsb.ca](mailto:paula.marble@ocdsb.ca).*

## **Upcoming Events**

**School Ground Greening Workshops 2011–2012:** Toyota Evergreen and OCDSB are offering free workshops to green your school grounds. Join us for a free series of inspiring workshops designed to help you plan a successful and sustainable school ground greening project. Workshops are open to all Ottawa schools and daycares that want to engage their students in creating healthy, stimulating play and learning spaces. Teachers, administrators, parents, custodians, students and community volunteers are all welcome. **All workshops run from 7–9pm Lester B Pearson High School, 2072 Jasmine Crescent Gloucester K1J 8M5. To find out more about each workshop read the [flyer](#).**

**To Register:** Email your name, school and contact details to Ann Coffey, [ann.coffey@schoolgrounds.ca](mailto:ann.coffey@schoolgrounds.ca). For more information, call Ann Coffey, Evergreen Associate at 613-746-8668. These workshops are co-presented by OCDSB School Ground Design Consultant, Jeff Kaster, and Ann Coffey, author of a *Guide to Transforming School Grounds*.

**Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School Toy Mountain Campaign -** Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School is running the Toy Mountain Campaign from November 15 to December 16, 2011. The public can drop off toys weekdays and weekends, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School, located at 1515 Tenth Line Road, Orleans.

## **Reminders**

### **Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Due December 16, 2011**

The role of our Parent Involvement Committee is changing. The committee now has a broader mandate, a new structure and new membership criteria as per our new by-laws. **We are looking for your feedback about these changes.** If you would like to provide feedback, please email [pic@ocdsb.ca](mailto:pic@ocdsb.ca) by **December 16th, 2011**. If you have any questions or comments, please contact: Michele Giroux, Executive Officer, Corporate Services at (613) 596-8211 ext. 8310 or Paula Marble, Policy Analyst at (613) 596-8211 ext. 8253. The PIC By-Laws have been provided in both a [word](#) and [pdf format](#). For more information please visit the [PIC website](#).

**Message from the Director of Education about Student Achievement -** Each month the Director, Jennifer Adams posts a message for the OCDSB community on her webpage. To view this month's message and read more about the Director please visit [her page](#).

### **YMCA-YWCA Bonnenfant Y Outdoor Education and Leadership Center**

The YMCA-YWCA Bonnenfant Y Outdoor Education and Leadership Centre Offers curriculum or adventure based programs for Kindergarten to Grade 12 Students. Activities include: Canoeing,

Kayaking, Snowshoeing, Hiking, High and Low Ropes, Teambuilding Challenges, Fire Building, Outdoor Living Skills and more! The outdoor center is located only 30 minutes from Downtown Ottawa on 1620 Sixth Line Road Dunrobin, ON K0A 1T0. For more information please contact Rick Jarvis, Outdoor Centre DirectorÂ National Capital Region YMCA-YWCA at 613.832.1234. See poster for more details ([word](#) or [pdf](#)).

### **Aviva Community Challenge**

Two of our schools are participating in the Aviva Community Challenge. Find out more about each below!

**1) Mary Honeywell Elementary School** became a semi-finalist in the Aviva Community Challenge at the end of the first round of voting. We are now competing in the semi-finals for a chance to win between 50 and 100K to help build a new kindergarten playstructure. [Here is the link to our idea and to vote!](#)

**2) Manotick Public School** is also taking part in the Aviva Community Challenge. For more information please review the following link: <http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf11206>

**Premier's Safe School Awards** - The Premier's Safe Schools Awards recognizes exceptional and innovative work being done in schools to create a safe and caring school environment. This year, ten safe schools teams are being recognized. The award recognizes up to 10 safe schools teams that have demonstrated initiative, creativity and leadership in promoting a safe and inclusive school climate. Learn more by visiting the Ministry's [website](#). The deadline for nominations is **February 17, 2012** by 5pm EST.

## **General Information**

### **New - People for Education Newsletter**

Find the newsletter [here](#) or by visiting the [People for Education website](#).

### **Revised Community Involvement Guidelines have been released**

Since 1999, one of the graduation requirements for all students in Ontario secondary schools has been to complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities. Beginning July 1, 2011, Grade 8 students will be able to start accumulating community involvement hours in the summer before they enter grade 9. To read more about Community Involvement or to upload the Community Involvement Form, visit the OCDSB website at <http://www.ocdsb.ca/stu/cs/Pages/default.aspx>.

### **Healthy Schools 2020 Initiative**

The OCDSB is one of nine school boards working in partnership with the Champlain Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Network (CCPN). We are creating healthy school environments, and teaching students about the importance of physical activity and making healthy food choices every day. Healthy Schools 2020 workshops co-hosted by the CCPN, public health units, and school boards focused on three priority areas: healthy lunch programs, healthy fundraising, and healthy classroom rewards. Parents/guardians and educators can find a wealth of information and resources on the Healthy Schools 2020 initiative at [www.healthyschools2020.ca](http://www.healthyschools2020.ca).