



# Avalon Public School

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**June 2017**

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## OCDSB Mission Statement

**Educating for success – inspiring learning and building citizenship**

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are heading into our final week of classes and are taking time to engage in some special learning opportunities. Field trips, divisional projects and special presentations are some examples. On Monday we will be holding our final schoolwide assembly. During this time we will have a chance to celebrate and acknowledge the excellent year that we have had together.



A huge thank you is extended to our Avalon School Council. They hosted an amazing Family Spring Fair on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. It was so wonderful to see so many families participate in this awesome event. Face painting, balloon art, music, sports opportunities, food trucks, a BBQ and a bouncy castle were just a few highlights. Our School Council works very hard all year to support our school community and we feel so very lucky to work with such a wonderful group of dedicated parents.

Acknowledging Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday is a priority for us at this time. If you have seen our garden flowers you will notice that we have a red and white theme. Our kindergarten students have proudly displayed their reflections of why they are proud to live in Canada. On the last day of school our primary students will lead a Canada Day Parade and our final singing of O Canada will be at the front of our school under our flag.



Our Grade Eight School Leaving Ceremony is going to take place on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Our most senior students will be missed next year. They are ready

for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

Our Grade Six students will also be moving on at the end of this school year. We know they will leave Avalon well prepared for their intermediate years.



As the year comes to a close we find ourselves saying goodbye to some staff members. Teachers leaving include: Michele Hare, Long Ly and Stephanie Turpin. Miss Hare will be moving her "Hare Hub" over to Heritage

Public School, Mr. Long will be joining the Summerside as well as Mrs. Turpin. These colleagues have become part of the fabric of our school through their work with students in the classroom and extra-curricularly. We will miss them! Annick Boustany, Jennifer De Melo, and Amanda Reid have been a part of our team this year as long term occasional teachers. We wish them the very best of luck and know that they will be wonderful additions to future school teams. Keri Coulson will also be moving to a new school in September as Principal of Emily Carr Middle School. Mrs. Coulson has been Vice-Principal at Avalon for 6 years. Her hard work, dedication and caring approach with the children and families in our school community has been unwavering and we have been most fortunate to have had her in our Avalon world. The Emily Carr school community is very lucky to receive such an amazing person into their school family. We also have four colleagues moving into wonderful new chapters in their lives. Louise Michaud, Marie-Claude Morin, Brenda Muggleton, and Sue Rochette-Lovsin are retiring. This amazing group of educators has poured their hearts and souls into teaching over the course of their very rich careers. They have been leaders in our school community and mentors

to many. They will be sorely missed by our school team, students and the school community. We wish all of our leaving team members the very best and hope that they leave with fond Avalon memories.

We will be welcoming two new colleagues next year. Kelly Haslam will be joining us as Vice-Principal in September and Katia Theriault will be welcomed to our French Immersion team next year.

We continue to solidify our organization for the 2017 - 2018 school year. A tentative organization is detailed below for your reference, keeping in mind that this could change before the beginning of the next school year. Grades 1 to 6 students will be provided with their teacher's name and class location on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. On the first day of school there will be many helpers on hand to provide class assignment information and direction to students who require assistance on the first day of school. Returning Kindergarten students will start on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and our students new to Kindergarten will start either Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> or Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Exact start dates for first year Kindergarten students will be communicated directly to families.

The last day of classes for students is Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of our entire school team, I wish you a safe and happy summer.

### **THE TENTATIVE AVALON 2017-2018 TEAM**

\*\*Please note that changes may occur prior to the beginning of the school year

#### **Administration**

Principal: Martina Sherwood  
Vice Principal: Kelly Haslam

#### **Support Staff**

Office Administrator: Anne Berkley  
Office Assistants: Pauline Koch  
Chief Custodian: Stevin Veroba  
Library Technician: Dawn Fanjoy

#### **Special Education**

Learning Support Teacher: Erin Clamen  
Learning Resource Teacher: Juliet Robinson  
English Second Language Teacher: Alicia Karn  
Educational Assistants: Anita Gracey & Sara Quesnel Raine

### **Kindergarten Teams (Kindergarten is a Two Year Bilingual Program)**

Kindergarten: Monique Charbonneau, Christine Harris/Pam Majkowski

Kindergarten: Amanda Edge, Valda Goudie/Vanessa Mercier

Kindergarten: Vanessa Mercier/Valda Goudie, Sheryl Rupp

### **Homerooms**

Grade 1 EFI: Chantal Demers

Grade 1/2 EFI: Sandra Lockman

Grade 1/2 English: Stephanie Ettinger

Grade 1/2 English: Sandra Roy

Grade 2 EFI: Shari Langevin

Grade 2/3 EFI: Françoise Havard

Grade 3 EFI: Katia Theriault

Grade 3/4 English: Vicki Monty

Grade 4/5 EFI: Ann Marcil/Jennifer Titley

Grade 4/5 EFI: Ann Marcil/Greg Burke

Grade 4/5 English: Cynthia Neale

Grade 5/6 English: Sarah Filsinger

Grade 5/6 English: Jessica Wilson

Grade 6 EFI: Jennifer Titley/Katia Theriault

\*\*EFI – Early French Immersion Program (program entry point Grade 1)

### **Core French**

Julie Cormier

### **Science & Technology**

Greg Burke

### **English and Math to French Immersion**

Kelly Haslam

Alicia Karn

### **Physical Education**

Chris Lacasse

### **Office Reopening and First Day of School**

The school office will reopen on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am. The first day of classes for all students in Grades 1 to 6 is Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00am. Students will be provided with their teacher's name and class location on the first day of school. There will be many helpers on hand to provide class assignment information and direction to students who require assistance.

Year 2 Kindergarten students will start Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and First Year Kindergarten students will follow a staggered entry process beginning on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten parents/guardians will receive a letter detailing exact entry dates and plans prior to the start of school.

Please, do not drive your child or children to school the first day, September 5<sup>th</sup>!! We need to know which bus your child is on in order for us to safely deliver him or her home at the end of the school day. From the first day of school we work hard to familiarize your child with bus routines and connect them with the appropriate bus. If you drive your child to school, we are lacking this vital information!!

### School Year Calendar 2017-2018

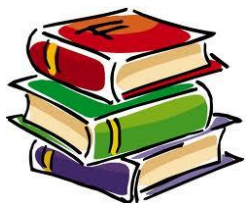
PA Day	June 30, 2017
Labour Day	September 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
First day of school	September 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
PA Day	October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
Thanksgiving	October 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
PA Day	November 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
Holiday Break	Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 – Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
PA Day	January 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
PA Day	February 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Family Day	February 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
March Break	March 12 <sup>th</sup> – March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Good Friday	March 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Easter Monday	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2018
PA Day	April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Victoria Day	May 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2018
PA Day	June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Last Day of Classes	June 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
PA Day	June 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2018

### Medication/Life-Threatening Condition Forms

Parents/guardians of students who either have medications administered at school or have life-threatening conditions are reminded that forms held by the school expire at the end of each school year. New forms will be sent home with students at the end of school together with medications including EPI-Pens, if parents/guardians request that they be returned. Please complete these forms and send in the newly completed forms with your child in September. Old forms or medications cannot be used in September. Please ensure EPI-Pens and medications are “in date” for the whole school year. Forms can be found online at our board website at [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca), then go to About OCDSB, then go to Policies, Procedures and Forms, then go into Forms. Forms are also accessible through our school website. These forms need to be printed off, completed and then need to be passed to your doctor to sign before your child hands them in to our office in September.

### Library

#### LIBRARY BOOKS NOW DUE!!



We are presently in the midst of our annual inventory and all books are now due back in the library. Students with outstanding library books have been issued

overdue reminders. All books not returned or damaged will be subject to a replacement cost. We ask parents/guardians to assist us in rounding up overdue books by checking bedroom bookshelves or under beds for misplaced books and having the students return them to school as soon as possible.

### Lost & Found

If you are missing an item, please check our Lost and Found before the end of the day on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Any unclaimed items will then be donated to a local cause.

### Volunteer Appreciation

On Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> the staff at Avalon were able to demonstrate their gratitude for all of the hard work, time and dedication given by all of our volunteers. Thank you, volunteers, for all that you do, each and every day of the school year.



### AVALON HAPPENINGS...

#### EXTRACURRICULAR, EVENTS AND NEWS

#### News from the WITS and WE Team!

Ms. Filsinger and Mrs. Monty would like to thank the members of the WITS and the WE Team for their



dedication and commitment to creating a more positive school climate. The WITS and WE team members have met every Friday to discuss and plan possible initiatives and opportunities for fundraising. They had a RocketGram Fundraiser in the fall to raise money for a school in need and they also had a fundraiser for the Humane Society. Both teams also worked hard to raise awareness on bullying and peer victimization and will continue with this work next year. We thanked them for their hard work last Friday with a pizza lunch from 1 for 1 Pizza. We would also like to thank Sobey's for their ongoing support and donations. It's been an incredible year with incredible children. Have a safe summer and remember to use your WITS!

#### The Avalon WITS and WE Team

#### From the Green Team

Avalon's Green Team has had a very successful year of “greening” our school. They ended the year with a team nature walk along the EcoTrail in Lalande Conservation Park.



A small group of students also attended the Ottawa Carleton District School Board's Stewardship Day. During this day they participated in three workshops

including a 3-D art activity, an outdoor education lesson and the creation of an environmental song. They were treated to lunch and then had time to brainstorm and reflect on future environmental efforts they could lead at their schools.

### **Science and Technology Update**

31 students from Avalon attended the IEEE group's 15th annual Lego Robotics competition on Saturday May 27th. Teams from grade 4 to 8 challenged 500 other students from schools around the region in a variety of events such as "robot sumo", robot drag racing, and the Da'Vinci robot art creation. The students enjoyed the day thoroughly and learned a LOT! Though we didn't place in the top 3 in our three categories, the attendees can't wait to get back to it next year!

### **Concours d'art oratoire**

On March 22nd, Keshav G. in grade 6 EFI, participated in the new format of the OCDSB's Concours d'art oratoire/ Impromptu Category. This new format is not a prepared and memorized speech. Students are given a photo to look at and are allowed 15 minutes to prepare their ideas and commentary about the photo. The grade 5 and 6 EFI classes have been practicing this new format in class. At this time, only grade 6 students are allowed to participate. Keshav placed third. Bravo Keshav!  
Mme Marcil

### **School Bus Information**

This year's School Bus and Pedestrian Safety Day is scheduled for **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017** and **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017** and will run at sites across the city, including Sir Wilfred Laurier Secondary School. This important safety program is geared primarily for parents and children new to school bus transportation and for all elementary school-aged children who ride a school bus. Families and students can register to attend and can find more information on School Bus Safety Awareness Day at: [www.ottawaschoolbus.ca](http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca).

Parents are encouraged to check out the Frequently Asked Questions section of the OSTA website under the School Bus Routes menu option. There are links to requesting stop changes, eligibility information and links to Stop Finder.

A number of improvements have been made to our website including allowing parents and students to receive bus information via Twitter (follow us at @OttSchoolBus), or by signing up for our email notification system. OSTA is available to answer queries during the summer months from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday, please call 613 224 8800 ext. 2382

### **Safe Fun in the Sun**

Outdoor activities are a great way to be active. While outside having fun make sure to take care of your skin. Too much sun exposure can:

- Burn skin
- Damage eyes
- Cause wrinkles
- Make it hard for your body to fight germs that can make you sick
- Cause skin cancer

To protect yourself from harmful effects of the sun and still have fun remember your **Sun Safety ABC'S**:

**A**void the sun- seek shade under a tree or umbrella,  
**B**lock the sun's rays; use a sunscreen of SPF 30 or more 20 minutes before going outside and don't forget to re-apply every 2 hours,  
**C**over up with a hat, sunglasses and clothing,  
**S**ay something/tell others- about sun safety. Signs of too much sun are: your skin gets hot and red. You may also feel tired and thirsty.

For more information contact Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744 or visit [www.ottawa.ca/health](http://www.ottawa.ca/health).