

École Willows School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

We want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of our families a wonderful Spring Break. This is a time to recharge ourselves with whatever activities you enjoy. Some of you will be travelling away from Victoria and others will be enjoying themselves closer to home. Whatever your adventures, we hope they will leave you with wonderful memories.

Term two was busy with the added fun of Victoria Sings, French dance lessons, Pink Shirt Day, and our musical rehearsals.

Our final term brings the school musical; rugby; track for students in grades 3,4,&5; visits to Middle schools for our grade 5s; swimming for grade 3s; the Heritage Tea and Oak Bay Tea Party; and, of course, there are still many learning opportunities for our children to explore.

We look forward to seeing you after our break. School reopens on **Monday, April 1st**. Enjoy spending time with your children.

Wendy and Dianne

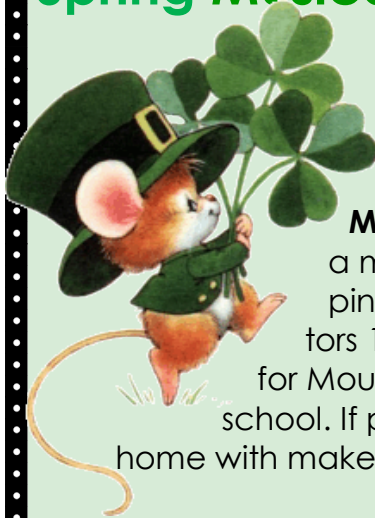
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Dates to Remember

- Fri. Mar. 15—Report cards go home
- Mon. Apr. 1—School begins
- Apr. 8 & 9 Oak Bay Fire House
- Fri. Apr. 12—Pro D Day
- Sun. Apr. 14— Dress rehearsal for CAST 1:00—4:30
- Fri. Apr. 19—Good Friday
- Mon. Apr. 22—Easter Monday

Spring Musical - OF MICE AND MOZART - Costume List



Mice – please wear all one colour in any colour that a mouse can be: grey, white, black, silver, brown or pink. Please no tails on mice except for Mouse Narrators 1 -4. (There may be some mouse tails at the school for Mouse 1 - 4 to use.) Mouse ears will be provided by the school. If parents could add a mouse nose and whiskers at home with make up, it would be very helpful.

Papa Mozart – dark pants with long socks pulled up over pants to the knee. White shirt with vest. Dark shoes. Hair gelled back, please.

Mama Mozart – long skirt, blouse, long apron, dress shoes or dance shoes

Nannerl Mozart – costume 1: longish skirt, white blouse, dress shoes or dance shoes

costume 2: provided

Wolfgang Mozart – costume 1: dark pants with long socks pulled up over pants to the knee. White shirt, vest. For Violet – hair in braid at the back
costume 2: provided

Bimperl (the dog) – costume provided. Face make up at home would be helpful.

Herr Canary (the bird) – costume provided (hopefully), yellow pants and socks would be very helpful .

Herr Schachtner: dark pants with long socks pulled up over pants to the knee. White shirt with vest. Dark shoes. Girls, please pull hair to the back in a braid or low ponytail.





Student musicians and clavichord player – if you are playing a male, then dress as Herr Schachtner above. If you are playing a female then same as Nannerl costume 1.

Empress Maria Theresa – hair up, long ball gown, tights or nylons, dress shoes. (Ball gown may be provided, crown also provided.)

Marie Antoinette - hair up, tights or nylons, ballet slippers or dress shoes, dress provided. (We may have a tiara for her – if you have one already please let us know.)

Royal Children - Boy – dress pants with long socks pulled up over pants to the knee. White dress shirt, vest, hair pulled back in low pony tail or braid.

Girls – party dress (We have some dresses in the costume cupboard, so we will have to see what fits). Ballet slippers or dress shoes, tights or nylons, hair up or half up/half down. If you have a tiara in the dress up box, that would be helpful.

Butler – choir uniform with white apron (provided) tied at waist.

Head of Academy and Composers - dark pants with long socks pulled up over pants to the knee. White shirt with vest. Dark shoes.

Adult Mozart - dark pants with long socks pulled up over pants to the knee. White shirt with vest. Dark shoes. Girls, please pull hair to the back in a braid or low ponytail.

Constanze - long skirt, blouse, long apron, dark shoes or dance shoes.

Alleluia Singers - mice

Finale Dancers – mouse costume with ball cap.

Mrs. Evans



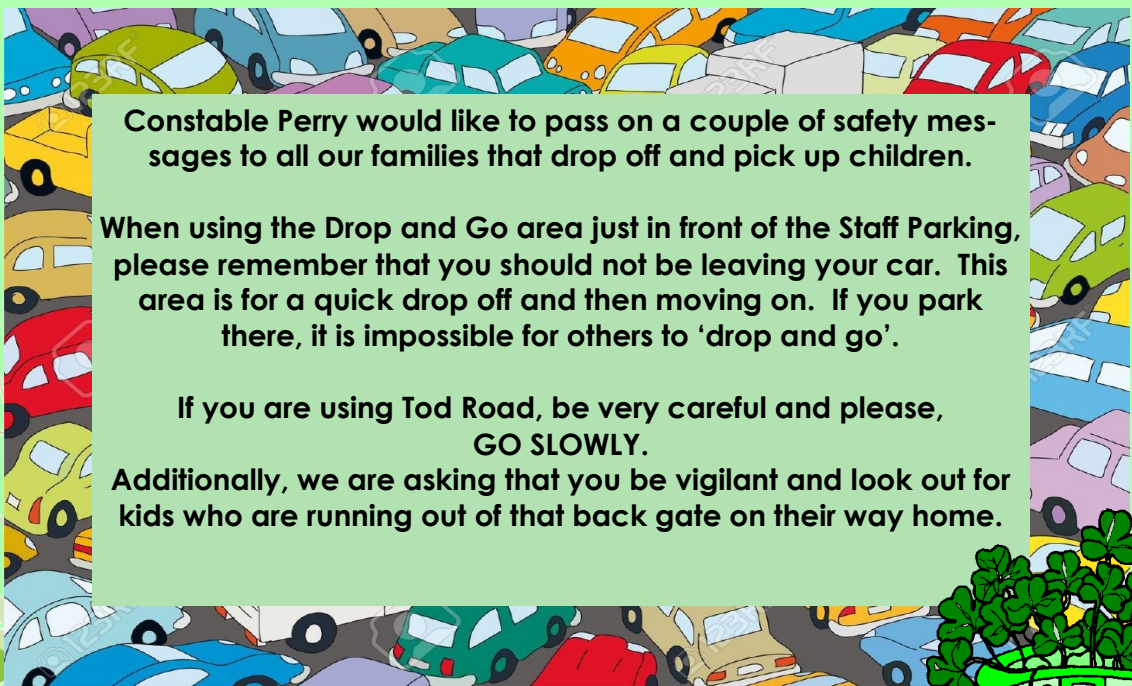
Report Cards

Second term report cards will be going home today. **We know that there are some parents that like to speak with their child's teacher right after the report card has gone out and, we welcome those conversations. Should you wish to meet with your child's teacher regarding the report card marks or comments please, we encourage you to make an appointment once we are back to school. The teachers will be happy to meet with you.**

Student Led Conferences / Parent Teacher Interviews

Student-Led Conferences or Parent/Teacher interviews will take place in May this year. The staff would like to use this informal reporting time to be an opportunity for students to celebrate their learning with parents. **The dates that have been selected are Tuesday, May 14th and Wednesday, May 15th. Students will be dismissed at 11:52 on both days.** Student-Led Conferences/Celebrations are always an exciting time for students as they take great delight in showing their parents all that they have learned during the term.

Tod Road Concerns

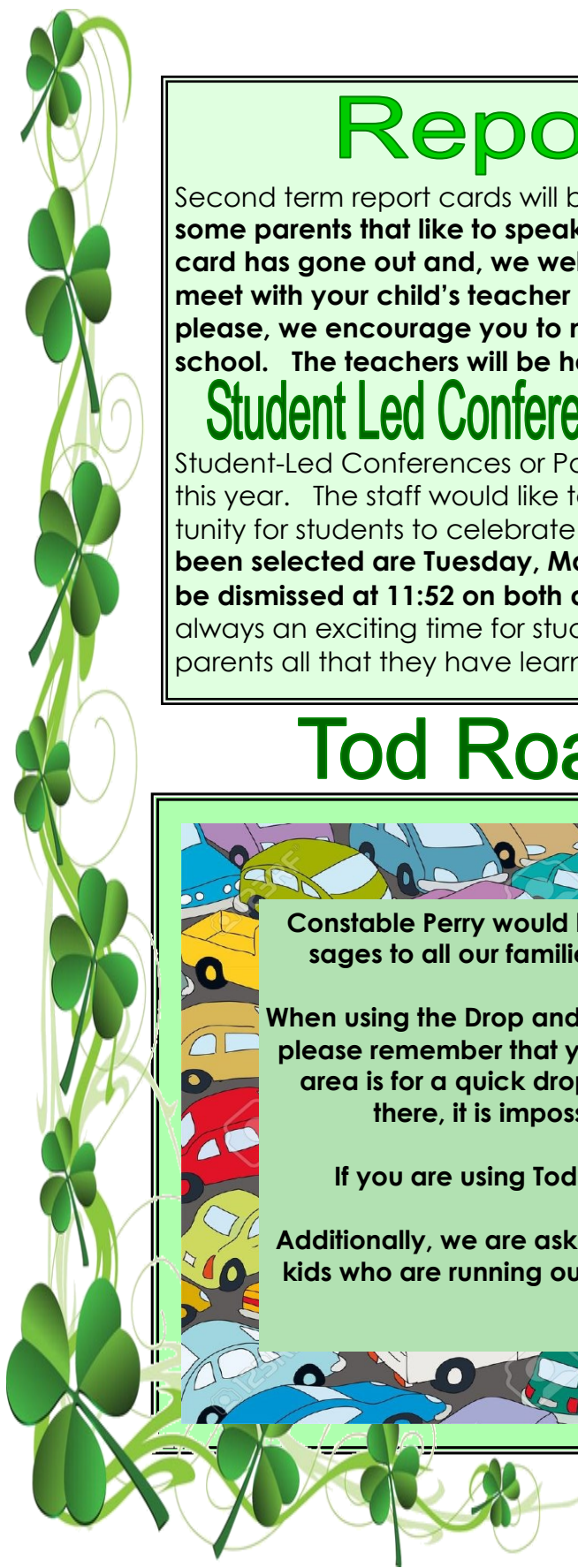


Constable Perry would like to pass on a couple of safety messages to all our families that drop off and pick up children.

When using the Drop and Go area just in front of the Staff Parking, please remember that you should not be leaving your car. This area is for a quick drop off and then moving on. If you park there, it is impossible for others to 'drop and go'.

If you are using Tod Road, be very careful and please,
GO SLOWLY.

Additionally, we are asking that you be vigilant and look out for kids who are running out of that back gate on their way home.





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1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria
Take Spring Break to Round Up Extra Books

A community that values and shares literacy is a community that prospers. Every young child who is read to before starting school is more likely to see reading and learning as pleasant and achievable. We thank you for your donations of books for babies and pre-schoolers. This last week, 12 volunteers cleaned, labelled, and gift bagged books for Songhees Preschool, Victoria Native Friendship Centre and several Best Babies programs

Thanks to you, next week we will do the same for other families.

But, beyond numbers, the difference that you are making in the lives of so many of our children's families is immeasurable. They would not have these books and a love of reading without you.

Please take spring break to check the corners of your house and continue to drop your book donation into the pink bin just outside the office door.



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We are hiring!

The Greater Victoria School District is looking for passionate and qualified individuals to join our team in the following key roles:

- *Educational Assistant Spareboard*
- *Clerical Spareboard*

StrongStart Program - Early Childhood Educators

*If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about what positions we offer, please visit our website here: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/employment/>
You can submit your resume, cover letter and qualifications to: hrr@sd61.bc.ca*



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SUN	MON LUN	TUE MAR	WED MER	THU JEU	FRI VEN	SAT SAM
	1 School opens after Spring Break	2	3	4	5 Lice Check 9:00	6
7	8 Fire Safety House Gr. 3 & 4 - am	9 Fire Safety House Gr. 3 & 4 - am 1:50 Dress rehearsal	10 Staff meeting 3:05	11 1:50 Dress rehearsal	12 Pro D Day no school in session	13
14 Rehearsal for cast and crew 1:00—4:30	15 Afternoon Performance 1:00 Orange and Chatham and Estevan Jr.	16 Afternoon Performance 1:00 Green and Discovery	17 Evening Performances 6:00 O Cast & Chatham & Estevan Jr. 7:15 O Cast & Discovery	18 Evening Performances 6:00 G Cast & Discovery 7:15 G Cast & Chatham & Estevan Jr	19 Good Friday No school in session	20
21	22 Easter Monday No school in session 	23	24 PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Library	25 PAC coffee meeting 9:00 am Staff-room	26 Pizza Sushi Day 	27
28	29	30	31			