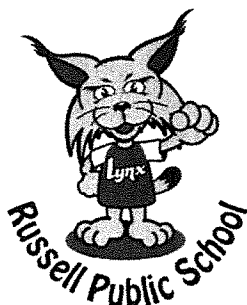


# Russell Public School Newsletter

January 2018

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## Absence Line:

613-445-2190, press 1.

**It is important that you  
call the absence line if  
your child is away or late  
for school. Messages can  
be left  
24 hours/day.**



## From the Principal's Desk

Happy New Year! We are excited to be back at school and are ready to continue our learning together!

Thank you again to all of you for your support of our Christmas Elves campaign. We bought Christmas gifts for 15 children in our school community. Our school dance was also successful and we raised \$125 for our Champions for Kids Foundation.

As 2018 begins we start to plan a bit for next school year and of course our Kindergarten Registration night! We count on our school community to spread the word about all the wonderful reasons to choose Russell Public. We will be hosting an information session on Thursday, January 25 at 6:30. Please pass the word on to any families you know with kindergarten age children!

Skating begins this week. Students will walk over to Russell Arena on Thursdays. Parent volunteers are always welcome to help lace up the many pair of skates. Please see the schedule in the attached calendar.

We welcome back Leo Brooks of Tree Frog Percussion to continue our drumming sessions. Leo will join us for the next 5 Mondays – a huge thank you to Parent Council and all of you for supporting these workshops!

We are very happy to welcome the Carleton University Science Outreach Program to school this Friday. Their staff will give Science workshops to our grade 3-5 students.

Our grade 4 students will travel to Gatineau Park for a Life Below Zero workshop on January 16 and the Grade 5s will visit McSkimming Education Centre on January 26<sup>th</sup> for a session on Explorers and First Nations, First Contact. Our Grade 6 students will travel to St. Donat, QC for a three day/two-night winter experience at Animatour Adventures from January 24-26.

We will kick off our bi-annual MS-Read-A-Thon campaign on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Students will be invited to collect pledges and all classes will set aside 15 each day to read for this worthwhile fundraiser. Our school goal is to achieve a total of 42 000 minutes of reading over the two-week campaign!

Our Parent Council meeting is Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 this month. Please consider coming out and joining us! We are also looking for Volunteers to read with our struggling readers. Any time you can give makes a difference for our students. Please note: all school volunteers require a Criminal Reference Check.

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### January 2018: Monthly Insert for School Newsletters EOHU

MyQuit is a personalized one-stop shop program for smokers in Eastern Ontario to address the resources and expertise needed for great chances for success in their quit attempt. Coaches trained in the latest quit smoking techniques deliver this program free of charge.

When you start the program, you meet with a coach to determine your needs and the method of support that suits you best: individual coaching, group coaching, coaching by phone or online.

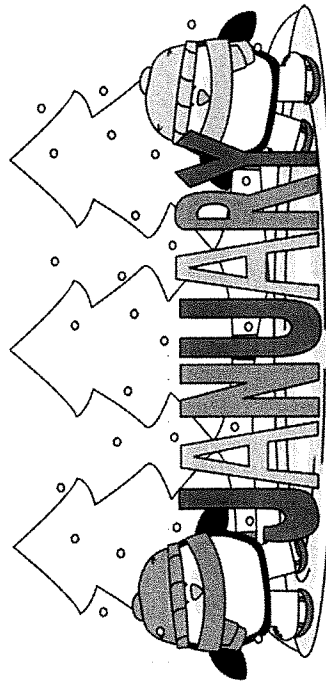
Services are accessible at various locations across the region and can be combined with quit smoking medications, which you may be eligible to purchase at a reduced cost.

For more information about the program, visit [www.MyQuit.ca](http://www.MyQuit.ca) or call 1 877 376 1701.

**Students may arrive no earlier than 8:50 am**

It is our goal to support our teachers with uninterrupted instructional time. With that in mind, we respectfully request that parents strive to schedule appointments or any other matters of interruption outside school hours. Please refrain from making late day changes in your child's dismissal routine. Classrooms and the office are extremely busy at that time of day. Please be aware that if arrangements are made for someone other than parents or regular emergency contacts to collect a child from school, the office requires advance notice of name and time of pick up. The person collecting the student will be required to present identification by way of driver's license, government ID or other forms of photo identification. Thank you for your support with this matter.

*We would like to remind you that our school is a peanut-free school. We kindly ask that you do not send products that contain peanuts. There are food suppliers who are marketing peanut-free products that look, taste, and smell like peanut butter. These products can cause confusion and create an unsafe environment for our students and staff that are peanut anaphylactic. Therefore, due to the difficulty in differentiating between peanut butter and a peanut butter substitute, we do not allow these products in our school. We thank you for your support in keeping a safe environment for all.*



# January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Drumming	11 9:30 Skating Mm Winchester Gr 3/4 12:45 Mm Winchester Gr 3	12 Science Workshop to Gr 3-5 by Carleton University Science Outreach Program	13
14	15 Drumming	16 Life Below Zero Workshop in Gatineau Park for Gr 4 Parent Council Meeting at 6:30 pm	17	18 9:30 Mm Winchester Gr 3/4 12:45 Mm Winchester Gr 3	19	20
21	22 Drumming	23	24 Jan 24-26 Animatour Adventures in St Donat, QC for Gr 6 Kick off for our bi- annual MS-Read-A- Thon Campaign	25 9:30 Skating Mm Winchester Gr 3/4 12:45 Skating Mm Winchester Gr 3 1:45 Skating Mm Bertrand Gr 6 Kindergarten Registration Night 6:30 pm	26 McSkimming Education Centre for a session on Explorers and First Nations, First Contact for Gr 5	27
28	29 Drumming	30	31 PA DAY			

# Skating 2018

	Jan. 11	Jan. 18	Jan. 25	Feb. 1	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 22	March 1	March 8
	Day 5	Day 5	Day 5	Day 4	Day 4	Day 4	Day 3	Day 3	Day 3
9:30	Mime Winchester Gr 3/4	Mime Winchester Gr 3/4	Mime Winchester Gr 3/4	Mrs. Bradford Leger Gr 2/3 C	Mime Bertrand Gr 5/6	Mrs. Bradford Leger Gr 2/3 C	Mime Winchester Gr 3/4	Mime Bertrand Gr 6	Mime Bertrand Gr 6
10:00				Mime Lynn Gr 1/2 Mime Joseph Gr 2	Mr. Ostler Gr 4/5	Mime Lynn Gr 1/2 Mime Joseph Gr 2	Mime Lynn Gr 1		Mime Lynn Gr 1
10:30				Ms Tiernay Gr 6C	Ms Tiernay Gr 6C Mrs. Bradford Leger Gr 2/3	Ms Tiernay Gr 6C			
12:45	Mime Winchester Gr 3	Mime Winchester Gr 3	Mime Winchester Gr 3	Mime Lynn Gr 1	Mime Lynn Gr 4/5	Mime Lynn Gr 1	Mime Winchester Gr 3	Ms Tiernay 6C Mrs. Bradford Leger Gr 2/3	Mime Lynn Gr 1/2 Mime Joseph Gr 2
1:15							Mime Earle Gr 4/5 Mr. Ostler Gr 4/5	Mime Earle Gr 4/5 Mr. Ostler Gr 4/5	Mime Earle Gr 4/5 Mr. Ostler Gr 4/5
1:45			Mime Bertrand Gr 5/6	Mime Bertrand Gr 6			Mime Lynn Gr 1/2 Mime Joseph Gr 2		Mime Bertrand Gr 5/6