

# OSPREY CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

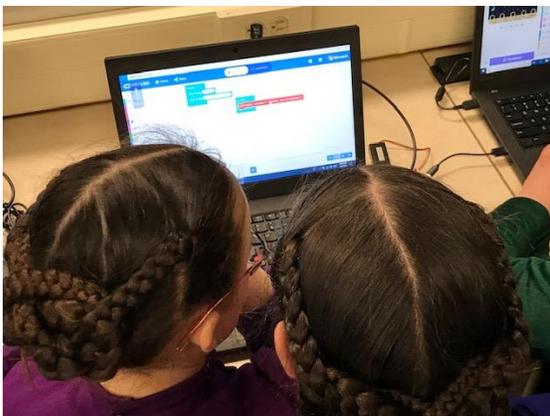
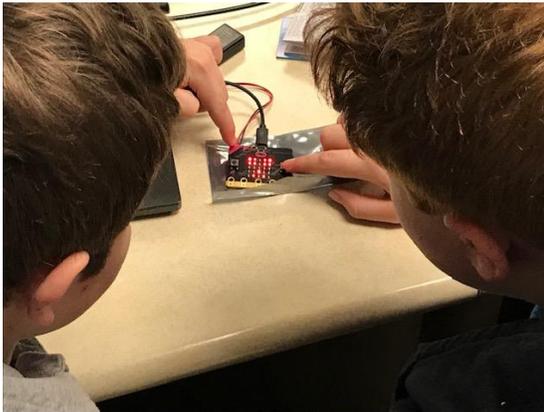
March 2019

## Principal's Desk

A huge thank you to all students who supported our Kindness Cookie Campaign today. The money raised will be used to support kindness and anti-bullying activities throughout the year. The sales went so well today that we have sold out of cookies!

Various staff and students are getting into coding (basic computer programming) with Bill Legate, our Technology Enabled Learning Contact Teacher. This learning is very important as more of us interact with programmable technology from laser cutters to the vehicles we drive. Students are solving design challenges and working collaboratively with their peers and experts.

Today, Mrs. Juniper's class learned how to program one of our new Microbits to react to different prompts. They then taught Mrs. Heatherington's Grade 2 class how to do the same. Mr. Legate will be back to work with our in-school elective students this Friday. He will be visiting more classes throughout the year.



Our LEGO League started up again this week and is training more students to use a more sophisticated version of coding and robot design.

The intermediate students continue to explore different career paths with expert visitors. Most

recently we had a visitor from AgScope expose the students to the multitude of training and careers available in



the agricultural sector. City Planner Scott Taylor took time off work to lead our students through 'The LEGO Building Challenge'. Students designed their own town taking into consideration zoning rules and regulations.



Tomorrow (Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>) students in Grades 4-8 will be participating in Carnival activities between 11:40 – 1:40. These outdoor and indoor activities will be a celebration of French Culture.

We were very pleased to have a visit from our Director, Alana Murray last Friday.

She had a lovely time visiting with students involved with sewing, knitting and crocheting projects. On her retirement list is coming back to volunteer with this wonderful group. She also had time to enjoy some math with our Kindergarten students.



Our lost and found has continued to gather items, if your child is missing clothing, there is a good chance it may be in our lost and found. Please encourage them to check it out or come in yourself before the break. Have a healthy and happy March Break next week!

*C. Griffin*

## Dates to Remember:

Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kindness Cookies SOLD OUT!
Mar, 7 <sup>th</sup>	Carnival!
Mar. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Daylight Saving Time
Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	March Break
Mar. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Painted Nails/Funky Socks
Apr. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Boys' Basketball – Macphail
Apr. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Girls' Basketball – Highpoint
Apr. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Osprey's Got Talent
Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday - Good Friday
Apr. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Holiday - Easter Monday

## SCC – School Community Council

Osprey Parent Council will meet Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am. All are welcomed, this gives parents an opportunity to help improve the learning environment for their child. Any assistance is appreciated.

### World Down Syndrome Day

Help bring awareness and support our friends and families on Thursday, March 21, 2018. We challenge staff and students to paint their nails blue for the day and wear your funkiest socks.



Visit our school website at [www.osp.bwdsb.on.ca](http://www.osp.bwdsb.on.ca). Newsletters, school events, staff, etc. are updated on a regular basis.

### Allergy Reminder

When sending in snacks, remember we have students who have allergies, which can range from peanuts, eggs, latex and strong fragrances.

## School Busses

### Note to all parents and caregivers,

In an attempt to assure the safety of students travelling on school buses, video cameras are often installed. They have often proven to be successful in improving student behaviour, reducing driver stress and assisting drivers with student supervision. A sign has been posted on buses, stating that video cameras may be in use. To protect the privacy of all students on the bus, video will only be reviewed by the Bus Driver, a representative of the Bus Operator, the School Principal or designate and the Manager of Transportation or designate. When recorded information has been viewed for school/public safety purposes, the retention period shall be one (1) year from the date of viewing or for one year from the date of resolution of the incident. If personal information is used for this purpose, section 5(1) of Ontario Regulation 823 under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act requires the information to be retained for one year. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this procedure.

Respectfully,

C. Griffin



### Vaping on the rise among youth. JUUL and other Vape Pods are addictive.

**JUUL is a type of e-cigarette or "vape". It always contains nicotine.**

- The pods for JUUL come in 5% nicotine or 3% nicotine.
- One JUUL pod with 5% nicotine is equal to about 20 cigarettes (or one pack).
- Products similar to JUUL include the Vype, STLTH, and Aspire to name just a few.
- These products put youth at risk for addiction – it can happen quickly.
- Fruity flavours like mango are known to attract youth.



MYTH 1: "It's just harmless water vapour."	MYTH 2: "Flavours are safe to eat so they are safe to inhale."	MYTH 3: "I can stop vaping anytime I want – it's easy."
<b>FALSE!</b> Heating nicotine, propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin and flavours creates new chemical compounds. These tiny particles get inhaled deeply into the lungs and then move to the bloodstream.	<b>FALSE!</b> The manufacturers of food flavours actually warn workers not to inhale heated flavour ingredients. There is limited research on the safety of inhaling heated flavours. Some are known to cause negative health effects when inhaled.	<b>FALSE!</b> Vaping is addictive. There is growing evidence that for youth, vaping increases their risk of using tobacco products, such as cigarettes. Youth may need support to quit vaping.