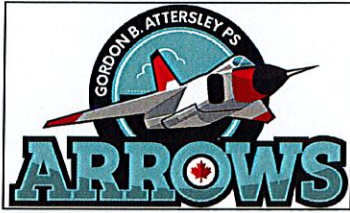


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**Gordon B. Atterley P.S.**

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# Where Learning Takes Flight

## Message From the Office

On behalf of the staff of Gordon B. Attersley P.S. welcome to 2020! We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and restful holiday season and that we are all ready to continue out busy and educationally rewarding school year. As we continue to promote and encourage academic excellence within our caring and responsible school environment, our students will strive for their best, set high standards for themselves, become involved in extra-curricular activities, and nurture friendships.

We have news to announce regarding our administration team at Attersley. As of February 1, 2020, we will have a new Vice Principal. Our current VP, Amanda Clay, has been moved to become the VP at da Vinci PS in Ajax. There are not enough words to thank Mrs. Clay for the dedication and support that she has provided the students and staff at our school since she started with us in July 2017. Her impact will be felt for years to come and we will miss her each day. We know she will continue her learning journey in administration when she joins her new school and we wish her all the best.

We will welcome Mrs. Margeaux Levy as the Vice Principal on Monday February 3, 2020. We have some planned visits for Mrs. Levy over the next few weeks and she will have a chance to meet with students and staff before her official start date. She will share information about herself in the February newsletter. We are looking forward to working with her and welcoming Mrs. Levy into our GBA family.

### P.A. Day

Friday, January 17th is a Professional Activity Day. There will be no school for students on this day. .

Kindergarten Registration begins on Jan. 13th at 4 pm. Again this year, it will be done on-line. Please visit the school website for the link to the registration form once registration begins.



**Principal: Ms. S. Spencer**

**Vice-Principal: Mrs. A. Clay**

**Administrative Assistant: Mrs. P. Pearson**

**Chief Custodian: Mr. D. Ferguson**

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## Message from Mrs. Clay

Ongoing learning is an important part of life! Learning is what brought me to Gordon B. Attersley over 2 years ago and it has been a pleasure to have been part of this school community and staff for the past couple of years.

Schools are so much more than just buildings and books - it is truly the staff, students and parents whom have the greatest effect on the culture of a school. At GBA, we SOAR – See each other, Own our behaviour, Achieve our best and Respect ourselves and others! In my time here, I have truly enjoyed watching our GBA students ‘SOAR’ing to new heights with their learning!



Thank you to the engagement of our GBA SCC and parent community for your participation in supporting the teaching and learning at this fine school. Thank you to the wonderful GBA staff who I have had the pleasure of leading and learning alongside. They never ceased to amaze me with their compassion and dedication to supporting the whole student and their commitment to offering a wide breadth of rich learning opportunities. Thank you to Ms. Spencer for your mentorship, modeling exemplary practice and for your support of my professional leadership development.

As I prepare for my transition to another school at the end of the month, I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you and farewell. I hope our paths will cross again and I look forward to hearing how GBA continues to SOAR on!

Sincerely,

Amanda Clay

## Follow us on Twitter!

GBA has a Twitter feed. Regular announcements will be posted regarding important school information and dates. Check us out at the following [@SchoolAttersley](https://twitter.com/SchoolAttersley)



## Winter Weather Is Coming!

In an effort to better address inclement weather cancellations, DSTS has introduced weather zones. DSTS encourages you to review the new zones on our website at [www.dsts.on.ca](http://www.dsts.on.ca). The four zones are as follows:

Zone 1 - Brock Area

Zone 2 - Uxbridge Area

Zone 3 - Scugog Area

Zone 4 - Southern Durham Region Area

Check the website in the morning during stormy weather.

The website indicates the schools that are in each zone. We would encourage all families to ensure that they have confirmed which zone applies to their school and area.



## EQAO Parent Information Night

For the parents/guardians of Grade 3 and 6 students

Date: Wednesday February 12, 2020

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: School Library

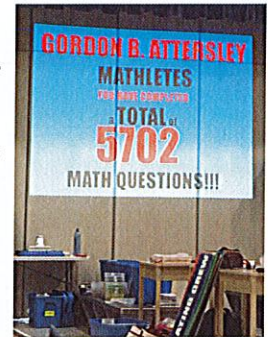
Please join us for about an hour to learn about the 2019 EQAO Assessment Process. There are some changes to the process this year and we will share details about this with you.

Door Prizes for lucky attendees!



## Mathletes is Coming!

We are excited to announce that GBA will be participating in Mathletes again this year. On Friday February 7th, students from grades 2-8 will compete in teams to answer math questions and problems while having fun. We will be in the gym for the day. Last year, students answered over 5800 questions. Let's see if we can beat that this year!



## Dates To for January

Jan. 6	Welcome Back!
Jan. 8	SCC Meeting at 6:30 pm Babysitting is provided
Jan. 9	Pizza Day
Jan. 15	Hot Dog Day
Jan. 16	Pizza Day
Jan. 17	PA Day– no school for students
Jan. 23	Pizza Day
Jan. 29	Hot Dog Day
Jan. 30	Pizza Day
Jan. 30-31	Oral Health Clinic at the school

## Create Healthy Routines for You and Your Family

Did you know that healthy eating and physical activity can enhance your child's ability to learn? Here are some quick tips to try with your family!

### Spend time together:

- Prepare a meal as a family
- Eating meals together as a family with no distractions as often as you can
- Try a new physical activity with your child

### Build healthy eating and physical activity into your day

- Prepare healthy "grab and go" snacks for your kids
- Walk with your children to and from school
- Put away the electronic devices and play hide-and-seek or another active game in your house.

### Get enough sleep

- Try to have the same bed time and wake time every day. Children ages 3-5 years need 10-12 hours, children 5-13 years need 9-11 hours and youth aged 14-17 years need 8-10 hours of sleep.
- Keep TVs, video games and computers out of your child's bedroom. Screens can make it harder to fall and stay asleep.

### Get your child ready to learn

- Allow time for children to eat breakfast
- Pack healthy snacks and lunches as well as water in a refillable water bottle
- Take breaks from homework time to go for a walk as a family

For more tips visit [www.durham.ca/en/health-and-wellness/HealthyRoutines.aspx](http://www.durham.ca/en/health-and-wellness/HealthyRoutines.aspx)



[durham.ca/health](http://durham.ca/health)



If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

# January

"And now we welcome the New Year. Full of things that have never been." Rainer Wilke





## Christmas 2019

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the children and families of Simcoe Hall Settlement House, please accept our sincere appreciation for your thoughtful donation in support of the 2019 Christmas Food and Toy Drive.

Thank you for remembering us and for joining our efforts to care for over 1,500 less advantaged families/clients in our community who are still struggling this Christmas.

Hunger and poverty are very complex social and economic issues, but with your help we can at least ensure that there will be a place at the table and gifts under the tree this holiday season.

We wish our donors, their families, friends and co-workers the very best of health, peace and prosperity in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Kate Korgemagi  
Food Bank Coordinator

