

Viola Desmond Public School Mid Month Update

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Bell Times:

Start — 8:40 a.m.

Lunch-11:25-12:25 p.m.

Dismissal—3:10 p.m.

September 26, 2019

Meet the Teacher Night and Book Fair

5:30-6:30 p.m.

VIOLA DESMOND MUSIC NEWS

The music department at Viola Desmond P.S. is back in full-swing this fall. **Mrs. Bennett** has been working hard getting the music room ready and organized for our grade 6 to 8 students. There are many ways in which students can become involved in our Viola Desmond musical groups. Here are a few examples of the opportunities that will be available this year in the music room.



Grade % Concert Band: Open to grade 8 and grade 7 students who are adept at their instrument (Mondays at lunch to start, and then will include Wednesday after Thanksgiving weekend).

Grade 7 Band: A beginning group for grade 7 students who are still learning the basics, but want to be part of a musical group. (Tuesday at lunch)

The Viola Desmond Choir (The VDC) for grades 4-8: Open to any students in grades 4 to 8 that enjoy singing, and want to be part of a busy and dedicated group. (Thursday at lunch).

As the year progresses, other opportunities will arise, such as a Bucket Drumming group and Jazz Band. Joining these groups is a commitment, as regular attendance is expected, but it is well worth the effort! Kids in musical groups make connections, do well in music class and develop discipline and commitment.

We also welcome to our school **Mrs. Giles**, who is responsible for teaching some of our younger grades. Here is her message:

"I am excited to be joining Viola Desmond Public School to teach music to some of our youngest Defenders! During music classes students experience and explore the elements of music through singing, playing instruments, listening, moving and creating. Activities and musical games, support multisensory learning that makes learning fun!

Primary students will have the opportunity to join our Primary Choir at lunch recess beginning mid October on Day 5. More information will be sent home closer to this time.

It is my hope to build upon your child's enthusiasm, and confidence while laying the groundwork for a lifelong appreciation of music.

I wish everyone a successful year of learning!"

If you have any questions about these opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Bennett or Mrs. Giles.

All proceeds benefit our school!

Debit & Credit Card

Viola Desmond P.S. Book Fair Hours:

Tuesday, Sept. 24th: 9am-3pm

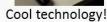
Wednesday, Sept. 25th: 9am-3pm

Adorable erasers! Thursday, Sept. 26th: 9am-3pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm

Friday, Sept. 27th: 9am-3pm

Books for all ages!







Community Events



SATURDAY OCTOBER 5, 2019

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

BOLTON C. FALBY PUBLIC SCHOOL

80 FALBY CT, AJAX, ON L1S 1N4



FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.dben.org

DURHAM BLACK EDUCATORS' NETWORK presents The Engaged Village, Parent, Caregiver and Student Conference.

> This initiative recognizes the many ways that parents, the community, and a child's entire village, partner with schools to ensure successful outcomes. We seek to reinforce Durham District School Board's Action Plan outlined in the Compendium of Action for Black Student Success.

Youth Engagement (1:00 - 2:00 pm) Choice of:

- Youth Empowerment through the Arts -Spoken Word/Vocal Performances
- Panel discussion highlighting Parents' / Caregivers' and Students' experiences within the Education system
 - Bursary / Scholarship writing workshop

Special Musical Interludes

Keynote Presentation (2:20 – 3:20 pm) – Kike Ojo, KOJO Institute

Sessions for Parents' / Caregivers' and Students' (3:40 - 4:45 pm) Choice of:

- Role of the Trustee
- Building relationships and advocating for your child
- The Culturally Responsive and Relevant Classroom
- Inclusive student advocacy; The Individual Education Plan
- Black Identity and Intersections; getting support for your child

