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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Crystal Bay Centre for Special Education

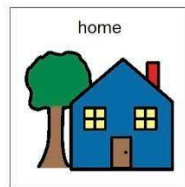
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NEWS FROM OUR SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT



SUPPORTING INCREASED COMMUNICATION AT HOME

Through the Use of Sign Language, Picture Communication Symbols and Communication Devices

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend on January 17th. It was a pleasure to meet with you all. Please see below some of the recommended strategies to boost communication with your son or daughter:

- Model the use of your son or daughter's communication system (signing, pictures or communication device) as well as spoken language as often as possible across settings. If they see you using the communication system they will be more motivated to use it themselves.
- Give Your Child a Reason to Communicate and Wait (Communication Temptations). Allow extra WAIT time while your son or daughter responds to you.
- Communicate with your son or daughter at a slower pace with more pauses to support them in processing and understanding your message.
- If your son or daughter uses a communication book, board or device please try to bring it with you everywhere you go if appropriate (e.g. the grocery store, visiting friends or family, when eating out, outdoor activities) as well using it in your home. The following link focuses on the importance of family members using your son or daughter's communication system.
[Aided Language Stimulation Explained](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fIFNMky22-U)
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- Please contact the school Speech Language Pathologist for recommendations specific to your son or daughter.

The following link shows an educator using a communication board actively with a student.

[Aided Language Stimulation Boards - Core Word Vocabulary Board](https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=QmuBaL-xWfw)
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Kerry Jenkins (Speech Language Pathologist)
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Krista Smith (Communication Disorders Assistant)

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday February 18th at 6:30 in the school's conference room.

School Council's Indigo Fundraiser –

Please check out and support the School

Council fundraiser: <https://indigofundraising.flipgive.com/teams/110219-crystal-bay-centre-for-special-education>

Our school clothing website is up and running! All clothing can be individually purchased and shipped right to your home. A portion of the proceeds will go towards School Council who are fundraising for a new wheelchair accessible swing for our school yard.

Please visit the following website to browse the wide variety of items available:

crystalbayschool.entripysshops.com

CLOTHING:

Please ensure that **all clothing** that comes to school with your child is **labelled**. As we are in a season of snow pants and mitts, it becomes very easy for these items to get mixed up. We appreciate your attention to this. As well please ensure your child is fully dressed to go outside for morning recess when they arrive at school in the morning. School Council is also selling Mabel's Labels if you need something to identify your child's clothing.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

Follow us on Twitter and see all the wonderful learning that is happening at our school.

If you are interested in following us please visit <https://twitter.com/CrystalBayOCDSB>

TRANSPORTATION

If your child needs to be dropped off at a registered **respite** at any particular time, it is required that you **give the office a minimum of 3 business days written notice** in order to make the necessary arrangements with transportation. All **permanent address changes require 5 business days'** notice; please request a form from the office for both of these purposes.

If changes are needed, please email Kathy AND Gayle, our office administrators at:

kathy.trotman@ocdsb.ca and gayle.jorgensen@ocdsb.ca Thanks!

ILLNESS POLICY

In order to prevent the spread of flus and colds, we would appreciate your support as we implement the following:

The Health Department of Ottawa-Carleton provides guidelines and recommends, that a child who is vomiting, has diarrhea, and/or a fever, remain at home until he or she has been symptom free for a period of **24 hours**.

MEDICATION FORMS

Please be reminded that a school board form is required for the administration of any medication at school, including non-prescription medication. A copy of this form is available in the office.

ALLERGIES

We have students/staff who have anaphylactic reactions to nuts and chalk so please ensure that your child does not bring any of these items to school. We also request that no scent is worn in the school due to significant allergic reactions. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Dates to Remember:

February trips - Please note NO School Feb. 14 and 17)

	A1, A2, A3	p.m.		B1, B4, C2	a.m.	
4	Centrepointe Library		12:30	4	Winterlude-Confed. Park	9:00
18	West Park Bowling		12:10	18	Kanata Rec Centre	9:30
25	Ocean Wave Fire Co		12:30	25	Museum of S & T	9:15
	C1, C3, C4	a.m.		A4, B2, B3	p.m.	a.m.
7	Winterlude-Confed. Park		9:00	6	West Park Bowling	11:30
	Winterlude-Confed.					
11	Park	Park ALT	9:00	13	National Art Gallery	11:30
21	Aviation Museum		9:00	20	Kanata Rec. Centre	11:30
28	RCMP Stables		9:00	27	O-Train Tunney's Pas	11:30