



October 1, 2013

OSLER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

"Learning, Growing.....Together"

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Oct. 1

SCC meeting at 6:00 pm.

Wednesday, Oct. 2

Gr. 4 to 9 students to District Cross
Country Meet at Delisle.

Thursday, Oct. 3

Terry Fox Run, 1:10 pm
(rescheduled from last week)

Friday, Oct. 4

Family Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 to
8:30 am.

Tuesday, Oct. 8 & Thursday, Oct. 10

Student Progress Conferences for
Gr. 1 to 9, 3:30 to 7:00 pm

Friday, Oct. 11

Teacher preparation time.
No school for students.

Monday, Oct. 14

Thanksgiving Day. No school.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

SCC meeting at 6:00 pm.

Monday, Nov. 11

Remembrance Day. No school.

Monday, Nov. 25

Teacher preparation time.
No school for students.

Friday, Nov. 29

Term 1 Report Card Issued (Gr. 1-9)

Dear Parents,

September is exciting with our students participating in many activities. Our volleyball, soccer and cross country teams have been practicing and have already attended several competitions against other schools. Physically active students are students who are academically ready to learn. The confidence students gain when they learn new skills outside of the classroom gives them confidence to persevere when the academic tasks seem difficult. All those out of school activities like club teams, dance or cheer clubs, bible quizzing clubs and youth groups help students gain many important skills and much needed confidence. It is wonderful to hear about all the out of school activities in which our students are involved.

Over the next two weeks there are many opportunities for parents to visit the school. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Pancake Breakfast on Friday. Next week will also be our first set of Student Progress Conferences. There is also a parent information evening on our new Progress Reports in Grade 1-5. If you have any compliments, questions or concerns, please contact your child's classroom teacher, Mr. Key or myself.

Audrey Kampen



Apple Fund Raiser

Wow! Our Apple Fund Raiser has hit record sales this year! We are well over 1,100 boxes which is more than **22,000**

pounds of apples. This year, students from Grades 1 to 9 participated in the fund raiser with the (JMSC) Junior Monarchs Student Council as the sponsor. **The apples should arrive at Osler School on October 7th** just in time to make those Thanksgiving Pies! Pick-up, this year, will be out of the gym because of the high volume of apples sold. Also, several extra boxes of each type of apple have been ordered, so if anyone wants to buy more apples, we can certainly accommodate them. For extra orders, please just call the school.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this fundraiser, and a big thank-you to all those who supported us! Special thanks go to Martha and Peter Unruh for once again getting these apples ordered for us and making this fundraiser possible.

Prize winners for sales will be announced soon. See you on October 7th for pickup!
- Junior Monarchs Student Council

BOOK FAIR begins Friday am at the Pancake Breakfast and continues until Thursday, October 10th. The fair will be open during the Student Conferences on Tuesday and Thursday until 6:30pm.

The Osler School Terry Fox Run has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 3 at 1:10. Students are encouraged to wear red or white that day to show our support for this amazing Canadian hero. Donations may be brought to school or sent on-line at Terryfox.org

***STUDENT PROGRESS CONFERENCES
FOR GRADES 1 TO 9***

Student Progress Conferences will be held for all students in Grades 1 through 9 as follows:

Tuesday, October 8th, 3:30 to 7:00

Thursday, October 10th, 3:30 to 7:00

Scheduled meetings will be held for parents and students in grades 1 to 7. Please call the school October 1 and 2. Students are expected to be part of the conferences. Parents who have not contacted the school to arrange a time will be slotted in an open time on the teacher's schedule.

Conferences with Grade 8 and 9 teachers will be held in their classrooms. Students are expected to be part of the conferences. These are unscheduled and will occur on a first-come first-serve basis.

Grade 1-5 Progress Reports Parent Information Meeting

Tuesday, October 8th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

(immediately following student progress conferences)

Cheryl Shields from Prairie Spirit School Division will be presenting the rationale for the new progress reports, walk parents through a sample of the new progress reports and answer any questions parents may have.

Children's entertainer, **the Wacky Wizard**, will be in the gym from 7:00 to 7:45 ensuring that children in Kindergarten to Grade 5 are enjoying a good laugh while their parents are busy learning!

When the Lights Go Out!

When we have a power failure at Osler School, our phone system shuts down. But we do have an alternate line. If you wish to reach the school during a power failure, please call **306-239-2093**.

School Fees Now Due!!

September is the best looking month of the year! Our students were the envy of the school division when they showed up for the cross country meet in our striking new gym clothing. They also love their new books and school supplies. Thank you for paying for your school fees immediately if you have not already done so. If you are unable to pay the entire amount in the next week please contact the office to make alternate arrangements.

Phone Book Recycling

As in previous years, we are working in partnership with the Sask Tel Pioneers to recycle phone books. Besides helping the environment, this is also a fundraiser for us, as we are paid 10¢ per book. So please start collecting now from friends and relatives—why not recycle the books at your work place? You may drop off books in the foyer at the school OR give Diana in the office a phone call and tell her how many books you have recycled.



Division II Boys Soccer

Our Division II Boys Soccer team has begun practicing in anticipation of a fun season. Practices are held on Mondays at noon and on Wednesdays after school. We have a very large team made up of boys from Grades 4, 5 and 6. The first tournament of the year had to be postponed because of the rainy weather last week but we rescheduled to Monday afternoon. We hosted Warman (Grade 6), Hague and VCA. We have another "Mini Tournament" scheduled on October 10 at VCA. The boys are very keen and enthusiastic and are certainly a pleasure to coach. Go Osler Junior Monarchs!

Team Members are:

Grade 6	Grade 5		Grade 4	
Liam	Shawn	Ben	Dutch	Drew
Marlon	Marty	Chantze	Casey	Noah
Sam	Seth	Jordon	Ethan	Johnathan
Ethan	Dylan	Chase	Maison	Curtis
Ryan	Levi	Micah	Carter	Brandon
Cole	Logan		Liam	Trent
Brendan			Owen	
Eric				



Coaches: T. Milnthorp, P. Bodnar, J. Sorokan

Cross Country

On Monday, September 16th, our cross country team competed in our first meet of the season at the Langham Golf Course. We had the largest team at the meet with 38 runners from Osler School competing! We had many students who ran their personal best times and had 15 runners finish in the Top 20 in their age categories. A special recognition to Adria Buhler and Sierra Janzen who finish 5th and 9th in their age categories, Alexis Arnason who finished 3rd in her category and Raelyn Reimer who finished 6th in the Midget Girls. Congratulations to all runners for persevering and trying their best!

Our team is off to Delisle on Wednesday, October 2nd to compete in the District Cross Country meet.

Mrs. Milnthorp and Mr. Key

Division 3 Girls Volleyball

We have 26 very excited players in Grade 7 to 9. We are running two teams and hoping our girls gain lots of playing experience over the season. Our Grade 8 and 9s came up against some stiff competition at a tournament in Langham. It was a great opportunity to learn more about the importance of playing position and working as a team!



Coach—Audrey Kampen

Accident Insurance

Prairie Spirit provides accident insurance through Industrial Alliance Insurance that provides insurance cover if your child has an accident at school during the school day. Children are also covered if the accident occurs at a time when they are involved in any extra-curricular activities before or after school hours, including school trips. In the unfortunate circumstances of needing this insurance, the school will need to be notified of the accident immediately so that they can submit an incident report to the insurance company and provide the parent or guardian with a claim form. The parent or guardian will need to pay any expenses initially, then ask the appropriate medical authority to complete and sign the form. The parent will then submit the form directly to Alliance Insurance. The claim process is between the parent or guardian and the insurance company.

Industrial Alliance Insurance does offer additional KidsPlus Accident Insurance should you wish to purchase it. Details can be found in the KidsPlus Accident Insurance Package.

The Osler Mennonite Church will
hot chocolate to warm up those
the evening of **October 31**. We
corner of 2nd and Willow Drive



be offering free
out walking on
will be at the
from 5-7:00 pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Parish - ANNUAL FALL SUPPER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2013

300 - 8th Avenue South Martensville

Two Seatings: 4:30 p.m. or 6:15 p.m.

Family **\$35** (2 adults & children living in the home)

Adult **\$12**

Senior/Student **\$10**

Preschool – free

Tickets available for purchase after 11AM masses at the church on Sept. 15, 22, 29 & Oct. 6 or

until sold out! *2012 Fall Supper sold out – so get your tickets early!*

For more information or to purchase tickets contact Julie Paquette at m.paquette@sasktel.net or
306-382-5285.

Enjoy great food & company; Thank you for your support!

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SHORT NOTES

Take note(s)

When your youngster needs to take notes, less can be more. Suggest that she put the ideas in her own words rather than writing down every word her teacher says. That way, her notes will make more sense when she reviews them while studying.

Excellent attendance

Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. If he asks to stay home "just because," remind him of what he'll miss, such as his reading group or art class. Explain that he can be absent only if he's sick or if there's a family emergency.

Lunch guest

Surprise your youngster by joining her for lunch at school one day. It's fun to walk through the cafeteria line and pick out your meals together. Then, you can chat with her and her classmates while you have a healthy lunch. *Note:* Call the office ahead of time to find out when her class eats and to let the school know you're coming.

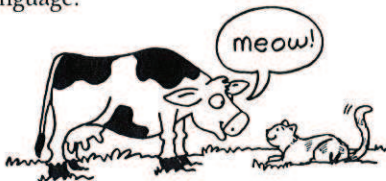
Worth quoting

"It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness." *Charles Spurgeon*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Why did the cow say meow?

A: Because she was learning another language.



Self-discipline: The best discipline!

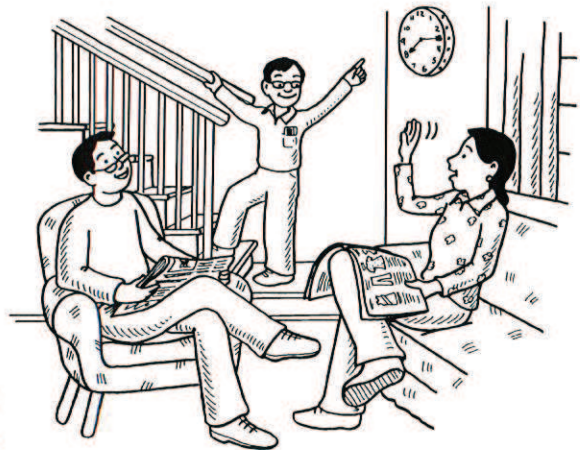
Who's in charge of your child's behavior? The ultimate goal of discipline is for *him* to be in control. You can gradually hand over the reins to him with these tips.

Talk about choices

When your youngster does something he shouldn't (makes fun of his sister's outfit, slams a door in anger), ask, "What would be a better choice?" For instance, he could keep his opinion to himself, or he might take a deep breath and walk away when he's angry. If you talk to him about choices regularly, he will understand that he's in control of his reactions.

Use timers

Let him use a kitchen timer or cell phone alarm to follow the rules. Say you allow him 30 minutes of video-game time—he can set the timer to signal that



his session is up. Or he could create a "set the table" alarm for 6:30 or a "get ready for bed" alarm for 8:15 so he's not relying on you to remind him.

Let consequences happen

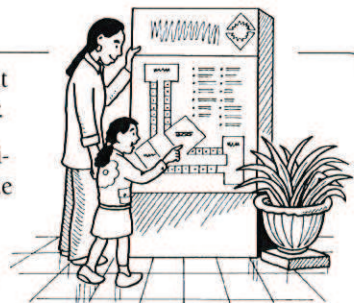
Your child will learn from his own mistakes. Say his favorite sweatshirt is dirty because he didn't put it in the hamper—he will need to wear something else. Or if he drags his feet and is late for school, have him be the one to explain his tardiness to the school secretary.♥

Run errands...and learn

Time spent running errands can be time spent learning. Try these activities with your youngster.

Estimation. Encourage your child to make estimates everywhere you go. She could estimate the number of fish in a tank at the pet store or the weight of apples at the grocery store. Have her count the fish or weigh the apples and see how close she came. Over time, she'll get better at estimating—a skill she will need in math class and in life.

Map skills. In a shopping mall or an office building, look at the map together. Let your youngster locate where you are and figure out how to get where you need to go. Then, she can guide the way. She'll learn to read and interpret maps, which will come in handy even in this age of GPS!♥



Three steps to homework success

You've probably noticed that your child has a little more homework each year. Help her get a handle on this year's workload with a daily plan.

1. Discuss. Begin each afternoon or evening by asking what homework she has. You can set a positive tone with comments like "I loved writing in my journal when I was your age" or "It's exciting that you're old enough for long division."

2. Plan. Ask your youngster what order she will do the work in. You might suggest that she finish



her hardest subject or longest assignment as soon as she gets home and save easier ones for after dinner. Or perhaps she prefers to get simpler assignments out of the way so she'll have fewer tasks ahead of her. She could try each way to see which works best for her.

3. Review. Look over her finished work together. You might compliment your child on something she did particularly well. Then, if you see careless mistakes, have her double-check her work—but avoid telling her any answers. Her teacher needs to know what she's able to do all by herself.♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

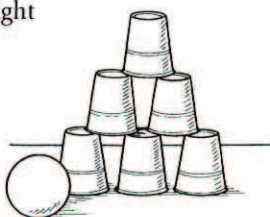
A family carnival

"Come one, come all. It's the Miller family carnival!"

Let your youngster help you organize a backyard carnival this fall—it's an inexpensive way to amuse everyone and spend time together. Plus, he'll learn planning and organizational skills as he designs and sets up events.

First, he'll need to think of games. He might remember ones from a school carnival or a trip to the beach. For example, he can stack a pyramid of plastic cups that players try to knock down with a ball. Or he could cut the centers from paper plates to make a ring toss game with water bottles.

Then, have your child list materials he needs and draw a plan showing where the games will be set up. He might make invitations for friends and neighbors so they can enjoy the carnival, too.♥



Q & A

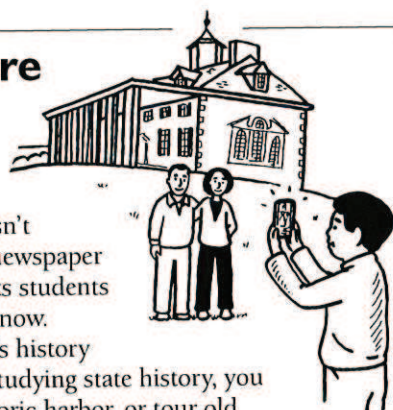
History is everywhere

Q: My son thinks history is boring. How can I make it come alive for him?

A: You can show him that history is being made all over the world every day—it just isn't called history until it has passed! Read the newspaper together, and ask him which events he thinks students will be learning about 10 or 100 years from now.

Also, help him make connections with his history units in school. For instance, if his class is studying state history, you might travel to your state capital, visit a historic harbor, or tour old buildings. Encourage him to take photos and share them with his teacher.

Finally, try getting him hooked on historical fiction. Your librarian can suggest books about people, time periods, or places that will capture his interest. Then, he could check out nonfiction books or look online to learn more.♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Learning to save

A few months ago when I was at the bank, the manager asked if I'd like to open a savings account for my daughter, Elise. She's only seven, but the manager said kids are never too young to learn about money.

So we opened an account, and I helped Elise look at her balance online. I also showed her my accounts. I wanted her to see that I pay bills and add to my savings

before spending money on extras like renting movies and ordering pizza.

We agreed that she would deposit part of her allowance each week and some of her birthday money. She can keep a little bit to spend on toys and other things she wants.

Now Elise's account is growing, and she loves watching the balance inch up. She said that when she's older, she's going to make money by babysitting and put it in her account, too. I love that she's already thinking about her financial future!♥



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