



May 5, 2014

OSLER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

"Learning, Growing.....Together"

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, May 5

Swim program for grades 1 to 5 begins.

Tuesday, May 6

SCC Annual General Meeting,
6:00 p.m. in the school library.

Friday, May 16

Kindergarten Orientation, 9:30
to 11:00 a.m.

Monday, May 19

Victoria Day. No school.

Thursday, May 22

CVAC track meet at Griffiths
Stadium (Grades 7 to 9).

Friday, May 30

Div. 3 District track meet at
Griffiths.

Tuesday, June 3

SCC meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4

Div. 1 and 2 track meet
(alternate date is June 9).

Thursday & Friday, June 5 & 6

Grade 8 and 9 Regina trip.

Friday, June 13

WOMV track meet
(Grades 4 to 6).

Friday, June 20

Grade 9 Commencement.

Tuesday, June 24

Awards Day.

Wednesday, June 25

Final day of classes.

Friday, June 26

Report card day.

Dear Parents,

To say that April went by in a blur seems appropriate for a number of reasons. We all feel that there was far too much snow in April and we are happy to see the white stuff disappear. As well April was very busy with the musical. What a wonderful production it was! Cast, choir and staff spent hours preparing and the result was spectacular. Whether the choir practiced in the band room, the construction crew created the awesome stage, the cast practiced on the stage or the backstage crews created decorations for the gym, our school was a hive of activity for several weeks. This intensive blast of time dedicated to our arts curriculum allows us to fulfill the provincial requirements in the area of music, drama, visual arts and dance. I appreciate working with an experienced staff like this who recognize the importance of our focus on literacy and numeracy during the remainder of the school year.

In the midst of preparing for the musical, Mr. Key and I were able to meet with the Grade 4-8 classes to reflect on changes in our progress reports and to examine how the school acknowledges the great ways our students contribute to the life of our school community. We are in the final steps of preparing the parent survey on-line. We will send details home when we have it live on our website.

We have great news for the 2014-2015 school year. Our enrolments have increased over the last two years and we are pleased that we will be hiring an additional teacher next year. This is very welcome news for our school. I will share details about our classrooms for next year in the next newsletter.

If you have any compliments, concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher, Mr. Key or myself.

Yours in education,
Audrey Kampen

Planning for 2014-15: Changes to Practical and Applied Arts Programming

As of September 2014 Osler Students will be transported to Warman Community Middle School (WCMS) for Practical and Applied Arts Programming (PAA) (formerly called Home Economics and Industrial Arts). The new facility at WCMS offers great opportunities for our students in Grade 8 and 9 and also allows Warman High School to target their PAA program to older students. This will benefit our students when they reach Grade 10-12.



Lost and Found

Please stop by the Lost and Found box in the front lobby to claim your misplaced items. The box is currently filled with many quality items. We will be donating unclaimed items to charity.

Osler School Community Council Annual General Meeting

The 2013-2014 AGM for our SCC will be taking place on **Tuesday, May 6 at 6:00 pm**. Please mark your calendars. If you are interested in being involved in the council, please contact Chairperson, Shaun May 239-4833 or contact the school at 239-2077. The evening includes our annual report and a review of the year's expenditures.

Track and Field



Track practices for those grade 7, 8 & 9 students wishing to participate in the CVAC track meet at Griffiths Stadium on May 22, will start on Tuesday, May 6. Practices will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays after school until about 4:30. Due to the very short season, attendance at these practices is very important, and those who do not attend regularly will not be given the opportunity to compete.

The district meet will be on May 30th for those who qualify at the division meet.

Mr. Key & Mr. Lewchuk



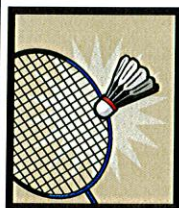
Please save your cans and bottles—we will recycle them for you!!!

The Gr. 8 and 9 students will be holding a bottle drive in the near future to raise funds for their Regina trip in June. Please keep us in mind!

A note to parents of Gr. 7, 8 and 9 students: We require some volunteer drivers for the bottle drive. Please call the school if you are able to help out. More info to follow.



Badminton



Our 2014 badminton season, which started with badminton club in January, concluded on April 10th. This was the second round of CVAC playoffs at Stobart Community School, where Alison W. (girl's singles), Reese T. and Jordan B. (boy's doubles) and Chantel F. & Raelyn R. (girl's doubles) had all advanced after the first round of playoffs at the CREC.

Participating in the first round, but not advancing were: Shay F. (girl's singles), Shawn P. (boy's singles), Adam B. & Adriana C.A. (mixed doubles), Eric H. & Emily N. (mixed doubles), Kirsten S. & Delaney S. (girl's doubles), and Joshua B. & Preston W. (boy's doubles).

Thank you to all team members – you put forth a great effort and represented your school and yourselves with honour!

Mr. Key

DIVISION 2 BOYS BASKETBALL




Wow, what a fantastic year the boy's team had this season! After an opening defeat at home by four points, the boys went on a great winning streak. This streak took them to the division final against Warman, and the boys played a terrific game and won the championship. They were so determined to win the final game that the preparation to play their best game was very evident.

The boys showed up for morning practices diligently, practiced hard, and had fun. They listened well, played tough and exemplified good sportsmanship. It was great to see the boys increase in skills and be very creative in their play.

The boys team players were: Brendan M., Ryan C., Eric G., Cole D., Marlon M., Seth K., Micah G., Chase P., Jaret R., Jordon W., Adam W. and Dylan Q.

Coach, Mr. Lewchuk

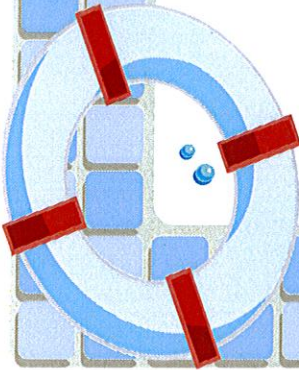


SWIMMING LESSONS FOR GRADES 1 TO 5

Schedule for swim lessons:

Monday, May 5
Wednesday, May 7
Monday, May 12
Wednesday, May 14
Wednesday, May 21
Monday, May 26
Wednesday, May 28
Monday, June 2

Times:



Grades 4 & 5 depart Osler at 8:50
(Lesson 9:25 to 10:10)
Grade 2/3 & 3 depart Osler at 9:40
(Lesson 10:15 to 10:50)
Grade 1 & 1/2 depart Osler at 10:20
(Lesson 10:55 to 11:25)

Students on Buses that are not their regular routes:

Our bus drivers expect a written note from parents when students who are not on their route would like to ride the bus to a friend's house. "Hosting" families should contact the bus driver to ask if there is room for extra passengers on the bus. Your communication is much appreciated by our bus drivers! Thanks.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL TRAFFIC

We continue to notice some dangerous situations in terms of traffic around our school, especially in the morning. As the safety of our students is everyone's main concern, we would like to pass on some reminders:

- We ask that the bus zone remain free of traffic.
- U-turns and two or three point turns are particularly risky with small children around. Please drop off your child and continue in the direction in which you are headed. The small amount of extra time this causes is more than worth it in terms of safety.
- If at all possible, drop off your children across the street and have them use the crosswalks marked by cones.

If you have concerns or wish to discuss the matter further, please give me a call or drop by the school.

Glenn Key, Vice-Principal

Campbell's Labels for Education

Osler School continues to collect Campbell Soup labels. Please help us by saving your labels and sending them to school. Please note that soup labels must include the UPC and front label. The more labels we collect, the more points we earn. These points will be redeemed for merchandise for our school—books, sports equipment.



Canadian Tire \$\$\$\$\$

Mrs. Lane continues to collect Canadian Tire dollars. Students can turn in their \$\$ to Mrs. Lane or Mrs. Buhler in the office. Thanks so much for your support!!

Prairie Spirit School Division
Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 7 p.m.

**Hanley Composite School
316 Bodeman Avenue, Hanley**

The meeting will include a report from the Board of Education, the Director of Education and the Chief Financial Officer.

In addition, Hanley Composite School, Dundurn Elementary School and Colonsay School will share their learning improvement plans.



**PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION**
Learners for Life

**Town of Osler
Garage Sales
May 30 & 31**

The cost of will be \$5.00 to cover advertising and balloons

To register please contact Crystal at the Town Office at (306)239-2155

There will also be a BBQ on May 30th for Supper and the 31st for Lunch at the Concession Stand (Northend Soccer Field)

**Warman Osler Skating Club
Spring Registration
for 2014-2015 Skating Season**



Would you like to learn to skate or advance your skills?

We offer Skating instruction for all ages and skating styles

**-PreCanskate, Canskate, Advanced Canskate,
Starskate, Adultskate**

Our coaches are Skate Canada Accredited

<http://www.skatecanada.ca/warmanoslerskatingclub/en-us/home.aspx>



**June 5, 2014
6:00-8:00pm
Legends Centre
Meeting Room**



Building Friendships before & after school care. Contact Crystal Campbell at 306-220-0289 or at buildingfriendships@hotmail.com for more information.

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SHORT NOTES



Dictionary games

Playing with a dictionary can teach your child to enjoy our language. Let him secretly choose a word from the dictionary and give family members clues to guess it. He might read its definition and then its synonyms or language of origin. Whoever figures it out first picks the next word.

DID YOU KNOW?

It's possible to get sunburned even on cloudy days. Help your youngster put on sunscreen every day before school, camp, or day care. For even more protection, have her wear a hat with a brim. *Idea:* Carry an extra bottle of sunscreen and a hat in your bag for unexpected outdoor adventures.

Yard sale

Consider having a yard sale this summer—and making your child your business partner. He could practice writing by helping you with the newspaper ad and creating signs to hang in the neighborhood. Then, use math to sort and price items together. *Tip:* Agree ahead of time on what share of the profits he gets for helping out.

Worth quoting

"Now and then it's good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be happy." *Guillaume Apollinaire*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Which hand is best to write with?

A: Neither.
It's best to write with a pencil.



Summer field trips

The school year is almost over—but the classroom isn't the only place your youngster can learn new things. Here are suggestions for family field trips that are fun and educational.



Ballpark

Batter up! Attend a local ballgame, and ask each family member to choose a batter and calculate his batting average for that game. Your child will need to track the player's number of at-bats and hits. Then, she'll divide the hits by at-bats. Whose player gets the highest average?

Airport

Explore the science of flight by visiting a regional airport (call first to see if they allow visitors) or going to a viewing point. Beforehand, your youngster can read up on airplanes in a library book or online. Then, watch planes take off and land, and have her point out parts she recognizes, such as the jet engines, wings, cockpit, and landing gear. She

could time how long a plane rolls down the runway before takeoff or how long it takes to stop once it lands.

Farm

A local farm is a great place for your child to discover where her food comes from. Find one that's open to the public, and take a tour. She could see farm machinery, learn what crops grow in your area, or watch cows being milked. *Idea:* If possible, purchase eggs or farm-grown vegetables, and have your youngster help cook them. ♥

Appreciating teachers

Encourage your child to tell his teacher "thanks for a great year" with one of these creative gifts:

- A photo book will make a lovely reminder of his teacher's year. Suggest that your youngster arrange photos (or draw pictures) in an album. Then, he should write a caption for each. ("Field Day was fun!") Inside the cover, he might write a thank-you note.

- Combine flowers with teaching supplies. Let your child arrange artificial flowers in a clear glass vase, fill it with colorful magnetic letters and dice, and use ribbon to attach a thank-you card. Or get a plant, and let him tape dry-erase markers or pretty pens around the outside of the pot. ♥



What does respect look like?

Your child's daily dealings with adults and kids alike will be more pleasant if he speaks and acts respectfully. Try these tips for helping him learn respect.

Respectful replies. Think about something that you and your youngster disagree on (say, whether his video game time should be limited). Model having a respectful discussion about it. You might say that his brain and body are growing, and he needs to run and play to stay healthy. Then, suggest a respectful response, such



as, "I want to be healthy, but I love video games." Finally, have him brainstorm other situations where people have different opinions but still speak to each other with respect.

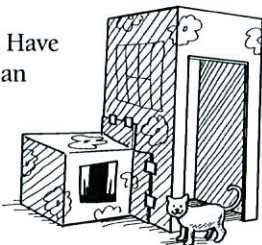
Everyday acts. When you mow the lawn or clean up after your dog, you can teach your youngster about respect for neighbors. Explain that keeping your neighborhood clean and neat makes it nice for everyone. Ask him to think of other respectful things neighbors should do. If you share an apartment laundry room, he might point out that you respect neighbors' time by removing your clothes when they're done so others get to use the washers and dryers. ♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

Fun with boxes

Don't throw away that box! Encourage your youngster to be creative this summer by recycling empty boxes. Here are two ideas.

1. Playhouse. Have your child turn an empty appliance box upside down, and help her cut out a door. Then, she could paint the outside of the box and use construction paper to add windows and curtains. Perhaps she'd like to decorate the inside walls with pictures cut from magazines. *Variation:* Make a smaller box into a playhouse for dolls or toy animals.



2. Garage. Your youngster can use several box lids to make a multi-level garage for toy cars. Suggest that she glue black construction paper into the lids and draw white lines for lanes and parking spaces. Then, let her stack the levels, supporting each one with "posts" (toilet paper tubes). ♥

OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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A strong finish

Q: My daughter seems to have a case of spring fever. Any tips for finishing the year on a high note?

A: It's normal for kids to start getting restless this time of year. Still, it's important for your daughter to continue a regular homework routine and go to school every day. Remind her to turn in all of her assignments on time, since just one or two zeroes could really hurt her final grade. If she is struggling with any subjects, call her teacher or schedule a conference to find out how she can get extra support.

It might also help for her to start thinking about next year. Maybe she's been waiting until she's old enough to be a safety patrol member, a student council officer, or a morning news reporter. Encourage her to ask her teacher how to apply. Having something to look forward to may motivate her to finish strong. ♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Share the load

Between work and taking my son to child care, swim team practice, and tae kwon do lessons, our summer days are anything but lazy. This year, with the help of some other families, I think it will be easier on us.

My next-door neighbor has agreed to pick up my son at child care and take him to swim practice along with her daughter, who

is also on the team. In exchange, I will watch her daughter on Tuesday evenings when she runs errands or has an evening out with her husband.

Then, I found another neighbor whose child is in my son's tae kwon do class.

So we're going to take turns driving the boys to lessons. I feel like this summer will be less hectic. And I've discovered it's nice to have local families who help each other. ♥

