



OSLER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

"Learning, Growing.....Together"

June 6, 2014

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, June 13

WOMV track meet at Venture Heights (Grades 4 to 6)

Friday, June 20

Grade 9 Commencement, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 24

Awards Day, 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday, June 25

Final day of classes.

Friday, June 27

Progress report pickup, 9 to 10 a.m.

Awards Day

Our annual school Awards Day will be held **Tuesday, June 24**, beginning at 1:15 p.m. in the gymnasium. Parents and community are welcome to attend.

Moving?

Parents, please let us know if your children will not be back in September. We need this information in order to plan for the new school year.

Lost and Found

PARENTS, please stop by the Lost and Found box in the front lobby to claim your children's misplaced items. The box is filled with many quality items.

We will be donating unclaimed items to charity.

Dear Parents,

June is a wonderful month at school. Many of our Grade 1-5 students successfully completed another badge in the Red Cross swimming program. Fields trips and special June activities are being planned. We are glad the track and field meet escaped the forecasted showers. It was an awesome day. The buzz of activity preparing for Grade 9 Commencement is humming quietly in the background and our Awards Day will be held at the end of the month. Grade 6-9 teachers are learning more about the new progress reports which will be introduced next year.

I am excited that this newsletter will be delivered to you in two forms, a print copy and an electronic copy. PowerSchool, our student information database, has been equipped to send out emails to all parents who have supplied us with an email address. Please be aware that a copy of our newsletter is also posted on our school website at www.spiritsd.ca/oslerschool.

If you have any compliments, questions or concerns, please contact your child's classroom teacher, Mr. Key or myself.

Yours in education,

Audrey Kampen

'School's Out' BBQ Fundraiser

Wednesday June 25, 2014, 11:00 - 12:30

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks and Treats will be available
Parents and Community Members are invited to
join us for lunch!

Cinderella Musical

Remember to place your order for a photo and/or video DVD of our musical, Cinderella. DVD's are \$5.00 each. Please send in the order forms and money to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, June 6th. DVD's will be distributed the last week in June.

Year End Reminders

We are almost to the end of another school year..... a few reminders and requests to help us wind down the year smoothly.

- Last day of student attendance is Wednesday, June 25.
- Progress reports will be issued to students the morning of Friday, June 27. We request students come to their homeroom between 9:00 and 10:00 to pick up their progress report. This will help teachers in preparing the classroom and school for summer cleaning and maintenance.
- There will be no school bus service on Friday, June 27.
- If you or your child will not be picking up the progress report on June 27, please make arrangements with a friend, neighbour, relative, etc. to pick up the report card, and let your child's homeroom teacher know through a note, day planner message, etc. Progress reports not picked up on June 27 will be kept at the office until September.

June Library News

Another year has flown by and we will soon be enjoying our summer holidays! Thank you for your support of our spring Scholastic Book Fair. Once again we had a very successful sale and the many new books have been added to our collection.

Our library hosts a selection of more than 13 000 items! Hundreds of books are signed out of our library every week making it a very busy place – just the way it should be!

A very *HUGE* thank you to Mrs. Elaine Kimpinski who has spent many hours volunteering in our library shelving and organizing! Your work is immensely appreciated and, because of it, our library runs smoothly!

In order to round up all library materials and to make sure the library is in order by the end of the school year, please take note of the following dates:

The last day for borrowing materials from the library will be:

Monday, June 16th.

All library books must be returned to the library **no later than Wednesday, June 18th.**

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer holiday!

Mrs. S. Nadeau

OSLER READS 2014

Sponsored by Osler SCC

Thursday, May 8

Thank you to our guest readers and guest panelists:

Mayor Ben Buhler, Const. Cory Adrian, Joelle Tomlison and Kevin Stanfield of Global News, Jake Buhler of Saskatoon, Nettie Balzer of Osler, Mike Bacon of Saskatoon and Const. Alecia Lowe.

What a great morning reading and discussing some of our favourite books!

PE Clothing

Just a reminder to send in your intent forms to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, June 13th regarding PE clothing for next school year. If you are planning on ordering new clothing, payment does not need to be made until September.

Clothing will be available on Friday for students to try on sizes if needed. All grade 3 students will try on clothing and a note will be made in the students' day planners regarding sizes of shirts and shorts.

Please contact Mrs. Milnthorp or Mrs. Lane with any questions about PE clothing.



We have had another successful year with the healthy snack program.

A big thank you to all of this year's volunteers: Tracy Unger, Tash Peters, Wendy Belyk, Andrea Mitchell, Marjan Petter, Melissa Ens, Whitney Markson, Tamara McRae, Melissa MacLeod, Mel Harms, Shelley Penner, Kristen Neufeld, Lindsay Yasieniuk. Please contact us if you are interested in helping next year.

Kathy Heppner and Verna Peters, Co-ordinators
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The YMCA of Saskatoon offers day camps to meet the needs and interests of both parents and campers. Blackstrap Day Camp offers an out of city camp experience and each week of the Super Summer Day Camp is uniquely themed. Both camps keep children active and encourage them to try new activities in a safe and supportive environment. The YMCA offers financial assistance to ensure that no one is denied a camp experience because of an inability to pay. For more information on YMCA camps and financial assistance, please visit us at 25 22nd St. E or online at www.ymcasaskatoon.org.

Sonia's School of Ukrainian Dance Inc.

Pre-register now!

Pre-registration fee is \$50.00 (non-refundable). This will be deducted from your fall registration fee.

We are a non-profit organization teaching Ukrainian culture and dance to dancers ranging from 3 to 16 years of age.

Contacts:

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Canada Day / Sports Day Celebrations in Osler Tuesday, July 1

- * Pancake Breakfast
- * Parade
- * Plastic Bat and Ball Tournament
- * Food Booths
- * Fire Department Demonstration
- * Bouncy Castles
- * Cotton Candy and Sno-Cones
- * Cow Patty Bingo
- * Talent Show
- * Cake
- * Fireworks



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SHORT NOTES

Daily math

Use the calendar to give your youngster extra practice with math facts. Each day at breakfast, take turns making up problems that have the date as the answer. Facts for April 10, for example, could include $6 + 4$, $40 - 30$, 5×2 , and $100 \div 10$.

Volunteer for spring events

Helping your child's teachers shows your youngster how important school is to you. Ask his classroom teacher if she needs volunteers for a class party or another end-of-year event. Or you may be able to assist the PE instructor with Field Day or the music teacher with a spring concert.

Whisper magic

Having trouble getting your child to listen? Here's an idea teachers often use in the classroom: Instead of raising your voice, talk softly—or even whisper. Chances are your youngster will stop what she's doing to hear what you're saying.

Worth quoting

"Smile, and others will smile back."
Jean Baudrillard

JUST FOR FUN

There are two pigs in a pen. The first pig says, "Oink." The second pig says, "That's what I was going to say!"



Succeed with school projects

Whether your child is making a poster about plants or writing a report on Thomas Jefferson, a school project is a great learning opportunity! Share these tips to help him get the most out of his next big assignment.

Start early

If your youngster begins an assignment the day it's given, he will have time to experiment with different approaches to see which works best. He'll also feel more relaxed if he doesn't leave the project until the last minute, so his ideas may flow more freely. And he will be less likely to take shortcuts or make mistakes.

Try something different

Encourage your child to make the project his own—while still meeting his teacher's guidelines. For example, after finding the required information about plants, he might search for little-known details to make his paper more interesting. Or if he's supposed to give a history



presentation, he could ask if he's allowed to dress up like a historical figure. He'll discover more about the person's life as he researches what to wear.

Polish it

When your youngster finishes his project, suggest that he set it aside for a day—a fresh eye will help him see where it might need improvement. As he reads it over, he may realize that a part doesn't make sense because he forgot to define an important word or to explain what happened during a key event. ♥

Choosing appropriate shows

Your youngster wants to go to a movie or watch a TV show—how can you make sure it's appropriate for her?

First, find out what it's rated and why it received that rating. You could read reviews online (try common.sensmedia.org) or in the newspaper.

Also, think about your child's personality and maturity level. For example, not all 7-year-olds will be ready to watch a show that's rated "Y7" (for kids age 7 and older). If your youngster is especially sensitive or easily frightened, a scary movie might not be right for her.

Tip: Watch together so you can explain anything that's confusing or upsetting. ♥



Nonfiction read-alouds

A nonfiction book about frogs or Antarctica makes a great bedtime story. Consider these read-aloud ideas to expose your youngster to more “real” books:

- At the library, help your youngster find nonfiction books that are in line with her tastes or reading style. For example, if she likes fictional dogs (Clifford, Biscuit), you could read aloud from a guide to different dog breeds. Or if she enjoys comic strips, she might like an illustrated encyclopedia or trivia book.
- Pair nonfiction and fiction. Try reading a story set in another country and then a nonfiction book about the



discover that they add information to the main text—and to her enjoyment of nonfiction.♥

customs or geography of that place. Or follow up a sports novel with a biography of a famous athlete.

- Many nonfiction books have colorful diagrams or boxes with interesting facts. Point out features like these, and encourage your child to explore them. She'll

Resolving conflicts

Conflict is a normal part of life—and something your child should know how to handle so she has good relationships. Here are two strategies.



State the problem. Saying what's wrong is a first step toward fixing a conflict. Perhaps your youngster is upset because her friend always picks what to play. She could tell her, “It would be more fun if we took turns deciding.”

Discuss conflicts calmly. Do family members often argue about taking the last serving of a favorite snack or borrowing each other's video games? Bring up the issue when everyone is in a good mood, since problems are harder to solve when people are angry or tired. Then, brainstorm solutions, and try to compromise.♥

OUR PURPOSE

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

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Q & A

Steps to independence

Q: My son is the same age as my sister's son, but his cousin seems more independent. How can I help my child do more for himself?

A: Show your youngster that independence is fun. Have him make phone calls—he might order your family's pizza for dinner or check to see whether a store has an item he wants. Or let him stay at a safe place without you, like a friend's birthday party or a supervised community center event.

Also, show him that it's okay to make mistakes or to do things his own way. If he spills milk, quietly suggest that he get a paper towel. If he loads the dishwasher differently than you do, consider letting it go. Or say, “I wonder how more dishes would fit,” and leave it to him to decide how to rearrange them.

Finally, if he says he can't do something, ask, “What part *can* you do?” He might not be able to wrap a gift by himself, but he could fold up the ends or put on the tape, for instance.♥



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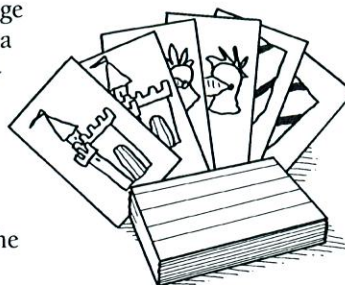
A homemade card game

If your youngster wants a new card game to play, suggest that he invent his own! He'll use his imagination and practice logical thinking.

Materials: index cards, paper, pencil, crayons

1. Pick a theme. Encourage him to create a game about a favorite topic, such as medieval times or gymnastics.

2. Determine the object. Maybe players win by collecting the most matching cards or earning the most points.



3. Design the cards. Your youngster can decide how many cards to make and what to draw on each one (examples: castle, knight, dragon; or trampoline, vault, high bar).

4. Write the rules. He should explain how to set up the game and what you do on each turn.

5. Play the game. Follow the instructions exactly. Your child may discover that he needs to change or add steps to make the game work.♥