



# OSLER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

May 4, 2015

*"Learning, Growing.....Together"*

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Tuesday, May 12

SCC Annual General Meeting at  
6:00 pm.

### Friday, May 15

Kindergarten Orientation, 9:00 am.

### Monday, May 18

Victoria Day. No school.

### Thursday, May 21

Conference Track and Field Meet  
at Griffiths Stadium (Gr. 7-9).

### Friday, May 29

District Track and Field Meet at  
at Griffiths Stadium (Gr. 7-9).

### Wednesday, June 3

Osler School Track and Field Meet  
(K to 6).

### Wed. June 10 to Fri. June 12

Redberry trip (Gr. 7-9)

### Friday, June 12

WOMV at VCA (Gr. 4-6).

### Friday, June 19

Gr. 9 Commencement.

### Thursday, June 25

Awards Assembly, 1:15 pm.

### Friday, June 26

Final day of classes for students.

### Friday, June 26

Progress Reports issued (Gr. 1-9).

### June 29 and 30

Teacher preparation time. No  
school.

Dear Parents,

Spring is one of my favorite times of the year and the prairie crocus is my favorite spring flower. For the farmers and gardeners it is an exciting time as hope for abundant growth emerges.

The Grade 4-9 One Hallway; One Book Project came to a close at the end of April. The last visit by the author, Mary Harelkin Bishop, was inspiring. The family projects displayed were creative and diverse. They looked like they had been great fun to create. The grand finale which was a field trip through the Tunnels of Moose Jaw and the Western Development Museum in Moose Jaw helped the book, Tunnels of Time, come alive for both students and parents. To paraphrase one of the teachers, this project became so much more than a way to engage students and families in reading. It also opened the door to an author's journey to publishing a novel and it opened the door to interesting stories from Saskatchewan's history. Thank you to the Osler School Community Council for their financial support of this project and thank you to the teachers who dared to dream and turned an interesting book about Saskatchewan history into a real life adventure.

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

Yours in Education,  
Audrey Kampen

## BADMINTON

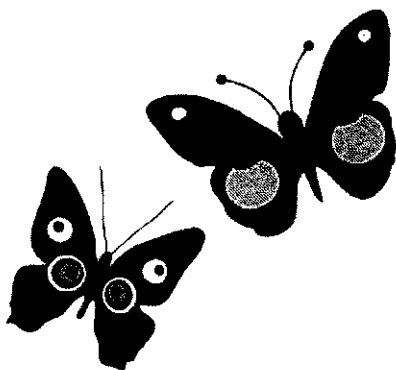
Our badminton team had a very successful season this spring. We hosted the first round of playoffs, with 8 teams in each category, and had half of our teams advance—the best showing out of all the schools.

In the second round of playoffs in Delisle, our girls doubles teams of Kirsten S. & Adriana C-A, and Delaney S. & Shay F., and our mixed doubles team of Kendra R. and Corbin C. played well, but did not advance.

Alison W. in girls singles and Reese T. & Levi K. in boys doubles both advanced to the finals in Warman. During the finals, both these teams made it to the championship games, but came up a bit short in some great games.



- Glenn Key, Coach



## School Community Councils

*A primary link between the home, community and school*

Our School Community Council (SCC) supports student learning success and well-being and encourages parent and community involvement in the school. Prairie Spirit School Division believes that involvement with SCCs is a rewarding and meaningful activity for parent and community members. If you would like to make a difference at our school, please consider running in the upcoming SCC election. Parents and members of the community are eligible to run for the local SCC.

Our School Community Council has 4 positions open for members for two-year terms beginning fall, 2015. We have 5 members who will be remaining for their second year for 2015/16.

**Our SCC election will be held May 12, 2015 during the SCC Annual General Meeting which starts at 6:00 p.m.**

***Please contact the school office for more information and for nomination forms.***

### SWIM PROGRAM

The swim program for Grades 1 to 5 students started today.

Students are divided into 3 sessions:

Grade 4 and 5 – will depart at 8:50 for a 9:25/10:10 swim.

Grade 2/3 and 3 – will depart at 9:40 for a 10:15/10:50 swim.

Grade 1 and 1/2 - will depart at 10:20 for a 10:55/11:25 swim.

Swim days will be: May 4, 6, 11, 13, 20, 25, 27 and June 1.



### Track and Field



Track and field practices are being held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school till approximately 4:15 - 4:30.

Our Division Conference Meet occurs on Thursday, May 21st at Griffiths Stadium in Saskatoon. The CVAC District Meet for those who qualify will be held on the 29th, again at Griffiths. Midget competitors in grade 9 are eligible to qualify for provincials; these will be held in Yorkton June 5 & 6.

### **SAVE YOUR BOTTLES!**

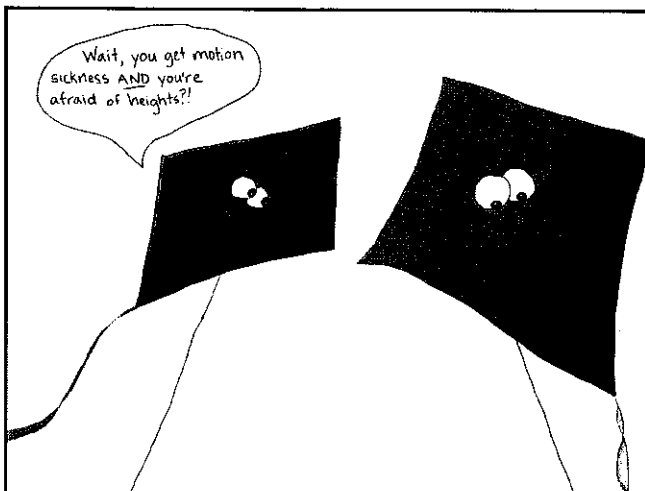
**Tuesday, May 19**, the Grade 7 to 9 students will be doing their annual bottle drive to raise funds for the school Redberry Trip in June.

Please hang onto your bottles, as more information regarding pickup will be coming out closer to the date. We will also require parent volunteers to drive and to sort bottles. Thank you!!



### ***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.



***Immunization Notice from  
Population and Public Health  
April 2015***

All immunization records located in the Saskatchewan Immunization Management System (SIMS) have been moved over to a new system called Panorama.

Panorama is a secure electronic health record system designed to record and store immunization related information. Confidential immunization information is only available to authorized health care workers, such as members of your public health team, physicians, and nurse practitioners across the province using secure networks.

Nurses use Panorama to access records to immunize students in grades 1, 6 and 8 and to control the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases when present in a school or classroom.

If you have questions about Panorama visit [www.ehealthsask.ca/panorama](http://www.ehealthsask.ca/panorama) or call 306-655-4612.

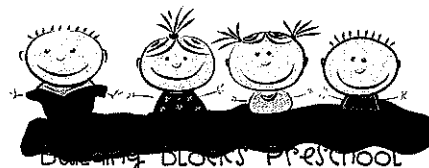


**LOST AND FOUND BOX**

Parents and students please check the Lost and Found box in the lobby. It is overflowing with THINGS that belong to people in this school.

***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!!



invites parents with children ages 3-4 to our  
**Preschool Open House!**

**Wednesday, May 13, 6-8 p.m. (come & go)**

**Osler Community Hall**

**Come out and see our classroom, meet our new teacher & the OFRC board, and register your child for the 2015-16 preschool year.  
We hope to see you there!**

**Town of Osler  
Garage Sales  
May 29 & 30**

The fee to register will be \$5.00 to cover costs of advertising, printing, balloons etc.  
To register please contact Crystal at the Town Office at (306)239-2155

The Osler Library will hold a  
Pulled Pork on a Bun Fundraiser on Friday  
May 29th  
beginning at 4:30 pm  
in front of the Library

***CMAS Youth Country Star Search***

Proudly presented by Country Music Association of  
Saskatoon & The Hillbilly Boogie

Youth from 12 to 18 years of age are welcome to apply!  
Auditions will be in Saskatoon on June 20 to 21.  
Top 10 performers win the opportunity to perform onstage  
at the Hillbilly Boogie on August 1

Check out the poster at school.

**Building Friendships before & after school care. Contact Crystal Campbell at 306-220-0289  
or at [buildingfriendships@hotmail.com](mailto:buildingfriendships@hotmail.com) for more information.**

**FOR PARENTS: Don't miss out on these programs – Register soon:**

**BRIDGING THE GAP : FOR  
PARENTS OF OUT-OF-CONTROL TEENS**

An ongoing support group for parents whose adolescent is having severe behaviour and/or relationship problems.

No Fee | Thurs | 7:00pm—9:00pm | April 2—Aug 27

**REACHING OUT : WHEN TEENS ARE OUT-OF-CONTROL**

Reaching Out is a ten-week educational group designed for parents whose teen is having severe behaviour and/or relationship problems.

No Fee | Thurs | 7:00pm—9:00pm | April 16—June 18

**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES  
JOHN LAKE SCHOOL**

2606 BROADWAY AVENUE

A variety of parenting topics will be discussed  
phone 306 244 7773 for topics. Everyone welcome.

No Fee | 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month | 9:30am—11:30am | Drop In  
No childcare available



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**Student Assessment:**

**Feedback for Learning**

Prairie Spirit progress reports for Grade 1 - 9 students now use a learning progression scale to report student progress.

The goal is to give learners the feedback and information they need to improve, rather than attaching a label to their level of learning.

Go to the *Prairie Spirit* assessment blog for more information:  
[earning2learning.ca](http://earning2learning.ca)



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*Learners for Life*



# Home & School

## CONNECTION®

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### SHORT NOTES

#### Keep friendships strong

Encourage your youngster to stay in touch with classmates over the summer. Let her invite friends over or arrange to meet at a park or a mini-golf course. She'll enjoy the get-togethers, and staying close will help her be ready to work and play with peers when school starts again.

#### Saying thank you

As the school year comes to a close, teachers are sure to appreciate the best gift of all: a simple thank you. You and your child can write notes thanking his teacher for helping him learn to read or teaching fun science experiments, for example.

#### Plan ahead for snack time

Kids are more likely to eat foods they help pick out. Take your youngster shopping for healthy snacks, such as watermelon, plain popcorn, and hummus with whole-wheat pita bread. Stock them front and center in the refrigerator and pantry so your child can grab a nutritious treat when she takes a break from playing.

#### Worth quoting

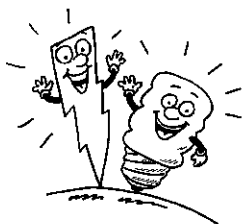
"The true delight is in the finding out rather than in the knowing."

Isaac Asimov

### JUST FOR FUN

**Kyle:** What is the difference between lightning and electricity?

**Jenna:**  
We have to pay for electricity.



## Summer learning games

Learning is more fun when you turn it into a game! Try these family games that let your child play with words, numbers, and science.

#### Spelling cups

Be the first to unscramble the letters and guess the word. You'll need cups and magnetic letters or Scrabble tiles. One player secretly thinks of a word and places each letter under a separate upside-down cup. The other players take turns flipping over one cup. Let everyone see the letter, cover it back up, and slide the cups around to mix them up. At any point, a player can call out the word being spelled—but if he's wrong, he's out. Guess the word correctly, and you make the next word.

#### Bull's-eye math

Have your youngster use sidewalk chalk to draw a target with four rings. He should write 10 in the outer ring, 25 in the next, 50 in the third, and 100 in the center circle. (Use 1, 2, 5, and 10 for a younger child.) To play, stand a few feet away from the target, and take turns

tossing a pebble onto it. Each time, add the number from the ring your pebble lands on to your score. Write the equation you made in chalk ( $50 + 25 = 75$ ;  $75 + 50 = 125$ ). Reach 500 points to win.

#### Science scavenger hunt

Together, think of 12 small natural objects found on the ground. Examples: twig, dandelion, berry, buckeye. Then, each person labels sections of an empty egg carton for the items. Go to the park, search for the objects, and put them in the matching spots. The first person to fill his egg carton wins. ♥



### Outdoor volunteers

Build a family helping habit this summer. These ideas will encourage your youngster to do community service while she enjoys the sunshine:

- Sign up to volunteer during a fund-raising walk. Your child could work with you at a pit stop, handing water cups to participants.
- Lend a hand at a charity yard sale at a school, community center, or place of worship. Together, you might sort and tag donations. Or your youngster could bag purchases for customers as you ring them up.
- Work in the garden at a school or an assisted-living facility. Your child can help weed, plant, water, and harvest. If you garden at home, consider giving some vegetables to a food pantry or soup kitchen that accepts homegrown produce. ♥



## Safe and occupied

What will your youngster do this summer? Whether you work outside the home or not, you'll want to keep her busy, happy, and safe. Here are tips.

**Look for activities.** Public libraries and parks and recreation departments have programs to match any child's interests. Look for free or low-cost activities like music workshops, board game clubs, and tumbling classes.



### Take turns.

Neighbors can set up a schedule for watching each other's children play in a backyard or at a playground. Or consider swapping child care with a parent who works different days or opposite shifts. Also, you

could arrange carpools for driving to camps or day care.

**Find low-cost camps.** Check into city or county camps, where prices are typically lower than at private camps. You might qualify for help with fees or be able to use flexible spending account funds or earn dependent-care tax credits.♥

## ACTIVITY CORNER

### Stuck on crafts

Duct tape is all the rage these days. Look for it in fun patterns and colors, or let your child add stickers to plain duct tape. Then, encourage him to be creative with projects like these.

#### Bookmarks

Wrap duct tape around and around a craft stick to make a bookmark. Or cut two strips the same size, stick them together, and punch a hole in the top to tie a ribbon through.



#### Party decorations

Form miniature flags on toothpicks, and put each one in a cupcake. For place-mats, cut the front and back panels from cereal boxes. Add strips of tape arranged in different patterns and designs.

#### Containers

Cover baby food or canning jars with colorful duct tape to create pencil holders or vases. Make fun storage containers for small toys by decorating shoe boxes with duct tape. ♥

### 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

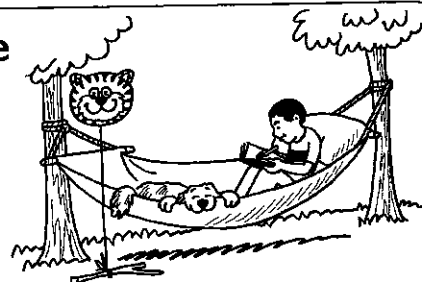
### Avoid summer slide

**Q:** I've been hearing about how children often lose skills while school is out. How can I keep my son from experiencing this "summer slide"?

**A:** It's true that students tend to forget some of what they learned during the school year. Talk to your son's teacher to see if there are specific subjects he should work on, such as writing or math.

Then, use summer activities or time in the car to practice. You could give him a journal, and after a trip to the zoo or a museum, he can write about what he saw. Or as you drive, he might count red and green lights and say what fraction each color represents of the total.

Also, sign your child up for your library's summer reading program. Have him check out books and read at least 20–30 minutes a day. Ask him to tell you about the books, and talk to him about your own reading, too. ♥



## PARENT TO PARENT

### Back-to-school prep

Last year, I made the mistake of waiting until the last minute to prepare my kids for back-to-school. This year, with my younger daughter starting first grade and my older one going to middle school, we're going to try a few changes.

First, I will schedule their physicals right away, since their doctors' calendars filled up fast last year. Also, we'll shop early for school supplies to take advantage of

sales and make sure the kids get the colors they want.

Finally, we let the girls stay up later during summer, and last year they had a hard time adjusting to their school-year bedtime. So in August, we'll gradually move bedtime a little earlier each week.

We'll see if my plan works. I'm sure every year I'll learn something new about helping two kids get ready for school! ♥

