



# OSLER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

March 3, 2016

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Monday, March 7

- Oranges Arrive!

### Tuesday, March 8

- SCC Meeting—6 pm

### Friday, March 11

- High 5 Assembly

### Friday, March 18

- Gr 1-9 Term 2 Progress Reports Issued
- Kindergarten Grandparents Day 9:15 am

### Friday, March 25

- Good Friday—NO SCHOOL

### March 28—April 1

- Easter Break—NO SCHOOL

### April 12

- SCC Meeting—6 pm

### April 15

- Time in Lieu of Student Progress Conferences—NO SCHOOL

### April 19 & 21

- 'Aladdin' Performances—7:00 pm

Dear Parents,

The 16 school days of February were filled with fun, learning and excitement: Junior Boys and Girls Basketball Playoffs; Cybersafety presentations for students and parents; Spirit Week (including a day of Laser Tag for the older students), the ski trip to Table Mountain; the Rabbit and Bear Paws Puppet Theatre; Munsch it Up Puppet Theatre; the Grade 8 business fair; an extraordinary visit from the Saskatoon Symphony; the Junior Boys curling playoffs; Gr. 5 & 6 Basketball games and voting day for the Willow Book Awards. I don't know how we could have packed more into those 16 days.



All of these great activities happen thanks to the support of our great school community. Thank you once again to the **Osler Branch of the Wheatland Library** for bringing the Rabbit and Bear Paw Puppet presentation to our students.

Thank you to the **Osler SCC** who gave parents an opportunity to learn more about Cybersafety. Thank you as well to the **Osler General Store, Osler Restaurant** and **Affinity Credit Union** for co-sponsoring the Cybersafety presentation for our students. Thank you for supporting the many extracurricular activities at our school. We love our fans and we are thankful for the extra driving that make games and practices a reality. Ski trips are a lot more fun for students and staff when many parents join us in the chalet and on the ski slopes. I am also very thankful for the community support of our apple and our orange sales which make our sports program accessible for all students. We were very happy that many parents and preschoolers joined us for awesome puppet shows and beautiful music. Great scrutineers from the community ran the vote for the best new books as selected by Saskatchewan students.



**Check out our School Website for updates, reminders and announcements.**

**Sign up to receive daily email notifications of school announcements!**

**Keep up to date on our team practices, games and competitions.**

<http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/oslerschool/>

Lastly we need to recognize that these great activities couldn't happen without the wonderful staff at Osler School who are so giving of their time and talents. Thanks to the parents who delivered a special staff luncheon during Staff Appreciation Week and recognized the great work of our staff.

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

Yours in education,  
Audrey Kampen



## Osler School High 5's

- ✎ Be Respectful
- ✎ Be Responsible
- ✎ Be Safe
- ✎ Be Grateful
- ✎ Be Open to Learn and Grow



## YEARBOOKS



UNFORTUNATELY, due to the very low number of yearbooks pre-ordered this year, we will not be able to publish a 2015-2016 Osler School Yearbook.

Refunds will be issued to all those who pre-ordered a yearbook and should arrive in the mail by the end of the Easter break.

## Spirit Days

All staff and students showed their school spirit with various dress up days and activities from February 1st to February 12th. From Favorite Team Day, Hawaiian Day, Fake Injury Day and Valentine's Colours Dress Up Days, to laser tag, skiing, sock hop and a school-wide movie, it was a busy time but a lot of fun.

Thanks to all those who dressed up and participated.



## Spring Musical

We revealed this year's musical to students on February 1st. The staff and students are excited to present to you *Aladdin* during the week of April 18th. Over the next two months, we will be practicing and preparing to put on a great show for you.

We will be changing our daily timetable to accommodate an all school practice period. ***Please note that lunch will be from 11:50—12:41 starting Monday, March 14th until Friday, April 8th.***

**SHOW DATES AND TIMES:** Tuesday, April 19th, Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 pm

## Willow Book Vote

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in making our Willow Book Vote a huge success. Students, staff and our grandparent volunteers: **Sarah Hiebert, Frieda Teichroeb, Nettie Balzer, Edna Zacharias, Helena Enns, and Hella Banman.**

The Book Winners from Osler School are:

- Division I - *If Kids Ruled the World*
- Division II - *Seconds*
- Division III - *To This Day*

These votes will be added to the votes taken throughout Saskatchewan and we will wait to see which books will win the Willow Awards!

Thanks again to everyone who participated!



THE  
WILLOW  
AWARDS

## ***Please pre-register for Kindergarten***

Kindergarten is a special time that children look forward to. All children who are five years of age as of Dec. 31, 2016 may be admitted to kindergarten this fall. If you have an eligible child, please contact Osler School at 306-239-2077 to pre-register.

This information is necessary for planning programs, budgeting and staffing for the upcoming year. Please share this information with your neighbours if they have eligible children, and call at your earliest convenience.

Kindergarten! ... here I come!



## **Orange/Grapefruit Fundraiser**

Thank you to all families who have sold fruit for this fundraiser. Preliminary numbers look like we are doubling our order from last year. It is great to see this growth in only our 3rd year. The delivery date for the fruit is scheduled for Monday March 7th. We will be sending home your order lists by the end of the week so that you can contact your customers.

**Thanks so much for your support!!**



## **Cybersafety Update from the Osler SCC**

The Osler SCC was happy to sponsor the presentation by Retired Sgt. Brian Trainor. If you would like more information about Cybersafety, Sgt. Trainor recommended [connectsafely.org](http://connectsafely.org). It has many resources for parents and Sgt. Trainor felt it was updated often to reflect new trends and new technology.

**ConnectSafely**  
Smart Socializing Starts Here™

## Curling

Thank you to everyone who participated in curling this year. We had a successful curling season. It was wonderful to see the progress the students made. Congratulations to the boys that competed in the Prairie Spirit Playoffs in Dalmeny on Feb 26th. Skip-Will M., 3rd-Corbin C., 2nd-James W., Lead-Adam B. and Jadrian G. The boys won their first game, lost their second and had a very close third game that came down to an extra end.

Thank you to the parents who came out to cheer on the boys. Special thank you to Mr. Miskolzie for his coaching expertise this year. Congratulations on a great season! Curling will be held for a couple more weeks.

**Osler School Curlers:** Kendra, Meg, Kaitlyn, Madison, Trinity, Rachel, Kristin, Dallas, Will, Jadrian, Adam, Corbin, Eric, James.

# SPORTS NEWS



Ms. Sorokan

### Girls 7-9 Basketball

The Junior Girls Basketball team had a fun and extremely successful season this year. We competed in the "B" League in our school division. In addition to our weekly games, our team attended two tournaments throughout the season.



At the end of the regular season, our team was seeded in the top three teams in the school division, so our team received a bye in the first round of playoffs. We then played Vanscoy in the second round of playoffs and played a great game to advance to the finals on Saturday, February 6. Our school hosted both the boys and girls finals that day. Despite playing well, we lost a tough game in the morning to Rosthern. In the afternoon, we played in the bronze medal game against Venture Heights, where we won a convincing game to bring home 3<sup>rd</sup> place for our school! The highlight of the game was a buzzer beating half-court shot by Kendra Reimer! What a great day!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Lane who was our manager this year – she organized all the games and refs for us which was a big help. THANK YOU!

Also, thank you to the wonderful ladies below. These girls showed great commitment throughout the season, coming to many early morning practices. They showed up willing to learn and give it their best and they showed a positive attitude all season long. They displayed excellent sportsmanship every game and they supported each other. These young ladies were a true pleasure to coach!

Mrs. Milnthorp

<u>Grade 7</u>	<u>Grade 8</u>	<u>Grade 9</u>
Alexis A.	Autumn C.	Madison H.
Carlee C.	Dallas J.	Shayla J.
Brittney J.	Hannah M.	Kendra R.
Megan W.	Arielle S.	Cabri R.
	Trinity W.	Kirsten S.

### Badminton

Tryouts for our grade 7-9 badminton team are complete. All practices and games will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays and team members will be bringing home a schedule. Playoffs are May 3rd, 5th and 7th.



### Division Three Boys Basketball



It was another energetic and successful basketball season. With a mix of experience, youth, and first year players, the boys gelled together as a team, and therefore reaped the benefits of hard work and enthusiasm for the game. The boys went undefeated during the season, and culminated the year as "CVAC Junior B Boys Champions".

**Team members were:** Adam B., Eric H., Brayden A., Brendan M., Eric G., Marlon M., Chase P., Seth K., Adam W., Jarret R., Levi B., Micah G., Xander K., Grady V., Jordon W., James S., and Florian W.

Special thanks to Mrs. Lane for organizing the game and ref schedule throughout the season.

Mr. Lewchuk

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Family Health Information

- ◆ Family *in motion* Day
- ◆ Pink Eye
- ◆ Healthy Relationships
- ◆ Dental Clinic Services

Find more family health info  
at:

[www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca](http://www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca)

(Search: school newsletter inserts)



Population and Public Health



## **Osler Soccer Association 2016 Registration**

**\*\*LESS THAN 2 WEEKS REMAINING\*\***

Last date to register is March 15th  
on our registration website

<https://ssa-osler.goalline.ca/register.php>

(late registration fee after March 1st)

Email Collin at [oslersa.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:oslersa.secretary@gmail.com) or Jennifer at  
[oslersa.president@gmail.com](mailto:oslersa.president@gmail.com) with any questions.



## SUMMER CAMPS

It's the time of year that summer camps start sharing info with us. Below are camps that have sent information to our school. Please go to their websites for further details or to register:



**Redberry Bible Camp**  
[www.redberrybiblecamp.com](http://www.redberrybiblecamp.com)

**Dallas Valley Ranch Camp**  
[www.dallasvalley.com](http://www.dallasvalley.com)

**Summer Basketball School**  
[www.yas.ca](http://www.yas.ca)

## **OSLER WINTER CARNIVAL**

**March 5th, 2016**

### Community Hall Events

**Funland**—Games and Prizes! 10:00 am—1:00 pm  
(sponsored by Osler Family Resource Centre)

**Lunch** 11:00 am—1:00 pm PIZZA by the Slice  
(sponsored by Osler Grocery Store)

**Elephant Ears** 11:00 am—1:00 pm  
(sponsored by Osler Museum Board)

**Family Bingo** 1:00—3:00 pm \$5/card  
(sponsored by Osler Rec Committee)

**Sleigh Rides** 2:00—4:00 pm

**Kaiser Tournament**—Cancelled

**Family Movie Night** 7:00—8:30 pm  
FREE Popcorn, juice & Coffee

**FREE Hot Chocolate** 1:00—4:00 pm  
Osler Grocery Store  
(sponsored by Store Owner John)

**Bonfire** 6:30 pm  
(sponsored by the Osler Fire Department)

### Osler Rink

**Shinny Tournament ALL DAY!**



## **Building Blocks Preschool registration is now open!**

Choose from

"PreKinders"

our once or twice per week classes for four year olds or

"Just For Three's"

a once per week class for younger preschoolers!

Pick up your registration package at the Osler Town Office,

or online from our website:

[oslerpreschool.blogspot.ca](http://oslerpreschool.blogspot.ca)

### **Questions?**

Call the Town Office at 306-239-2155

or email [preschool@townofosler.com](mailto:preschool@townofosler.com)

You can also visit us on Facebook!



**Building Blocks Preschool**

## **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.



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## SHORT NOTES

### Car chats

If you carpool, your child's conversations with the other kids can shed light on what's happening at school or with activities. Later, use what you heard to start a conversation. ("You mentioned something about a new science club. Is that an activity you'd be interested in?")

### Double-check homework

Looking over completed assignments carefully will help your youngster turn in her best work. She should check for skipped questions and math errors like adding numbers instead of subtracting them. Suggest that she pay attention to mistakes she often makes. Then, she could write reminders ("Put my name on my paper!") to post in her homework area.

### Which group am I in?

As your child gets older, you may notice him placing more emphasis on how he fits in with peers. Explain that it's natural for youngsters to form groups, but it's nice to be friends with a wide variety of people. For example, he might have friends in class, friends from soccer, and neighborhood friends.

### Worth quoting

"You can observe a lot just by watching." Yogi Berra

## JUST FOR FUN

**Q:** Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?

**A:** Of course. The Empire State Building can't jump!



## In real life: Beyond screen time

Today's children—and parents—are spending more and more time in front of computers, tablets, smartphones, and TVs. And that means fewer opportunities to interact as a family. Try these steps for cutting back on screen time and increasing the amount of time you enjoy together.

### 1. Track habits

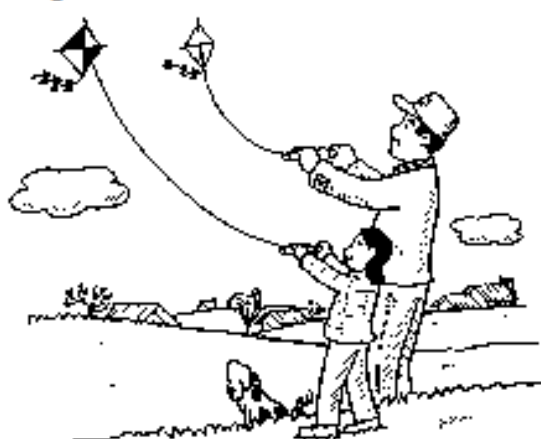
A little screen time here and there really adds up. For one week, have each person carry a small notebook to log usage. Every bit counts—your youngster might write "Music video on laptop, four minutes," and you could write "Facebook on phone, two minutes."

### 2. Set ground rules

Share your logs to see how you spent your screen time. Then, come up with rules to help you cut back, and ask your child to write them down. Her rules might include doing homework first, turning off screens an hour before bed, and not using devices in the car. A whole-family rule could be no screens during meals.

### 3. Brainstorm alternatives

Together, think of screen-free activities for home and on the go. *Examples:* Fly kites, play hangman on restaurant napkins, read aloud to each other from magazines in the doctor's office. *Tip:* Post the list. Have your child refer to it regularly—and add ideas to it, too.♥



## RE + MANIA

Encourage your youngster to explore word parts and sounds by making his own *rebuses*, or puzzles that use pictures, symbols, and letters to represent words and phrases.



Take turns making rebuses for each other to figure out. For instance:

🌲 + 🏠 = tree house

👁 + ♥ + U = I love you

Suggest that your youngster say words aloud to get ideas. He will hear word parts that may help, such as *arrow* in *wheelbarrow*:

🌀 + B + →

Mention that he can subtract letters, too! What does he think this one means?

⚙ - S + 🔓

Answer: unlock

## How to talk about report cards

Report cards are one way that teachers communicate with parents about how their youngsters are doing. Use these ideas to discuss grades with your child.

**Start out positive.** First, ask your youngster to tell you about his report card. Have him show you something he is proud of, such as maintaining a good grade in writing or bringing up his social studies mark. Then, point out something positive you noticed.



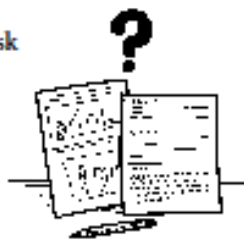
but his effort grade went up. He'll appreciate hearing, "You're really trying in math. Keep up the good work."

**Note:** Avoid paying your child or giving him prizes for grades. Instead, help him focus on the built-in rewards of doing his best. ("Your reading grade improved—soon you'll be able to read that new series you saw at the library!") ♥

## Q & A Understanding state tests

**Q:** My daughter will be taking "performance-based" tests this month. What are these, and how can I help her prepare?

**A:** These tests ask students to perform tasks based on information they're given. For instance, your daughter may have to read a graph, answer questions about it, and then create her own graph. Or she might need to read two nonfiction articles on the same topic and compare the facts in them.



The best way for your child to prepare is by working hard in school each day and by reading regularly for pleasure. If the teacher sends home a test review packet or a practice test, look it over together when your youngster has finished—this will give both of you an idea of what to expect. ♥

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

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## ACTIVITY CORNER

### Pin the magnet on the map

Where in the world is Iceland? How about South Africa? This version of Pin the Tail on the Donkey will help your youngster learn locations on a map.

Hang a world map on the refrigerator, and stand with your backs to it. One person names a continent or an ocean. Each player takes a turn closing her eyes, spinning around, and trying to place a refrigerator magnet on the correct location. **Variation:** Call out countries or states, and have players "pin" small sticky notes onto them.

Who came the closest? Let your child use a length of string or a ruler to measure the distance from each person's magnet to the place. Older students could use the map's scale to calculate how many miles away it is. The person who wins that round picks the next spot. ♥



## PARENT TO PARENT

### Parent volunteering: A first-time experience

I recently changed to the second shift at work, and the first thing my son Tony said was that now I could be a classroom volunteer like some of his friends' parents. I figured it was too late in the year, but I sent a note to the teacher anyway. I was glad when he called and said he'd love to have my help.

It turns out that my ability to speak Spanish and my sewing skills have come

in handy. First, I worked with a group of Spanish-speaking students who are learning English. Now I'm sewing costumes for the class play.

Mr. Brown told me that even if my hours at work change again, he has ways for me to lend a hand. Tony was happy to see me at school, and he and his classmates are excited about wearing the costumes in the play. ♥

