



OSLER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Learning, Growing.....Together"

March 6, 2017

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, March 6

Oranges, Grapefruits & Pears Arrive!

Tuesday, March 14

SCC Meeting—6 pm

Friday, March 17

Term 2 Progress Reports Issued

Tuesday, March 21

Grade 5/6 Basketball Playoffs

Thursday, March 23

Teacher Prep Day—NO SCHOOL

Friday, March 24

Day in Lieu of Progress Conferences—NO SCHOOL

Friday, March 31

High 5 Assembly—9:00 am

Friday, March 31

Pizza & Booster Juice Hot Lunch

Dear Parents,

Our last High 5 assembly highlighted the theme of "Be safe." At the assembly we watched a short video with Inspector Garfield who reviewed how to stay safe when on the Internet. We also had several visitors to our school who discussed safe choices with our students. Constable Sean Nave, our school liaison officer, shared his experience of working with the drug unit in Saskatoon with the Grade 8 class. Ken Dueck, a retired school counsellor is spending two mornings with our Grade 5 students discussing "Bullying Prevention."

Our busy extra-curricular program continued in February. Our Division 3 students have moved their focus to badminton with their successful basketball and curling seasons wrapping up. Our Grade 5/6 basketball teams continue to learn more with each game and each practice.

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 learning,
Ms. Kampen

Check out our [School Website](#) for updates, reminders and announcements.

Sign up to receive daily emails with our daily school announcements!

Keep up to date on our team practices and games.

Subscribe to our google calendar to transfer dates to your hand held devices.

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

Welcome to our Student Teachers!!

Allie Greig in Mrs. Saunder's Grade 1 Class/
Mrs. Frie's Grade 3 Class and Amanda Hetu
in Mrs. Nadeau's Grade 2 Class.

We hope you are enjoying your time with us at Osler School!



Osler School High 5's

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



SCHOOL NEWS

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, 2017 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!



Spirit Week

Staff and students showed their school spirit with various dress up days and activities from February 13th to February 17th. From Hawaiian Day, Decade Day, Character Day, Valentine's Colours Dress Up Day, to Standing up to Bullying and Random Acts of Kindness activities along with basketball games and grade 7-9 gym activities, it was a busy time but a lot of fun.

Thanks to all those who dressed up and participated!

ORANGE, GRAPEFRUIT & PEAR FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all families who sold fruit for this fundraiser. Orders were strong again this year. The introduction of pears appears to be very popular. The delivery date for the fruit is scheduled for Monday, March 6th. Pick up times are Monday, March 6, 3:30—6:30; Tuesday, March 7th, 3:30—5:30.



Thanks so much for your support!!

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: **Frieda Teichroeb, Frieda Rempel, Edna Zacharias, Kathy Giesbrecht, Myrna Loeppky and Hella Banman.**

The Book Winners from Osler School are:

Division I—*If You Happen to Have a Dinosaur*

Division II—*Frostbite Hotel*

Division III—*Fragile Bones: Harrison & Anna*

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

Dressing for Winter!

- * Even with our unusually warm weather the past few months, we must not forget that winter is not over!
- * We use -27 degrees Celsius (with wind chill factor) as a guideline for whether to send students outside for recess. Please help your children dress appropriately so they can be comfortable outside and enjoy their recess/noon breaks.
- * **The school's doors open at 8:30 a.m. Students should NOT arrive at school before then as we have no teachers available for supervision. Students will not be allowed to enter the building, even if it is very cold outside.**



Grade 7-9 Girls Basketball

The Junior Girls Basketball teams had a fun and extremely successful season this year. Because there were so many girls interested in playing basketball, they were divided into two teams; a grade 7 team and a grade 8/9 team.

The grade 7 team had an incredibly successful season with a record of 9 – 1! Their only loss was the first game of the season. They learned from their mistakes and were constantly practicing to improve their skills in every way. They show potential to be a very strong team as they grow!

The grade 8/9 team competed in the "B" League in our school division. In addition to our weekly games, the grade 8/9 team attended three tournaments throughout the season, including an overnight tournament in Melfort.

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 played Hanley in the second round of playoffs and played a great game to advance to the finals on Saturday, February 11th in Langham. Despite playing well, we lost a tough game in the morning to Waldheim. In the afternoon, we played in the bronze medal game against Vanscoy, winning a close game to bring home 3rd place for our school!

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

Grade 7: Jaymie, Kylee, Isabelle, Sierra, Emily, Keira, Johanna,
Cheyenne, Adria, Emma, Kadence

Grade 8: Maddy, Carlee, Megan, Brittney

Grade 9: Hannah, Trinity, Arielle, Autumn, Kaitlyn



Mrs. Milnthorp

Curling

Thank you to everyone who participated in curling this year. We had many first time curlers. It was wonderful to see the progress the students made. We curled at the Martensville Curling Rink. Prairie Spirit curling playoffs will be held on March 3rd and 4th in Aberdeen. Congratulations on a great season! Curling will be held for a couple more weeks.



Osler School Curlers: Cheyenne, Adria, Kadence, Bo, Keira, Kylee, Sierra, Jessica, Owen, Benjamin, Kendal, Isabelle, Autumn, Dallas, Abby, Trinity, Kaitlyn

Ms. Sorokan & Mr. Chorneyko

Badminton

Badminton season is here again - tryouts will be happening after school on Feb 28th, and March 1st, 7th, and 9th.

Badminton is the only sport we have to make cuts in due to the fact that we are only allowed 2 slots per category in playoffs. This only allows us room for 8 boys and 8 girls on the team, although we generally bring a couple of alternate players along for practice games.

A Knight To Remember filled up almost instantly and will take place on **Monday, March 13th from 3:30 - 5:00**. This is a great opportunity for students to try out state of the art racquets, win prizes, and support the Special Olympics.

Mr. Key

Division III Boys Basketball

Another basketball season has come and gone. It was truly a fun and successful season. With much interest from the boys to play basketball, there was an "A" and a "B" team this year. This ensured that we could play as many games as we could and allowed a lot of playing time for the boys. Both teams were part of a league.

The "A" team played in a tournament in Melfort in early December. The boys played well, even with a small roster, and lost in the "B" final to North Battleford. They also played in the "Blast-off" tournament in Warman on January 13-14. The "A" team lost in the third place game against Melfort. The boys made it to the "Final Four" tournament in Clavet on Feb. 11. They lost the first game versus Clavet 50-29. They played Warman in the third place game, losing a close comeback effort 54-50. Great season boys!

The "B" team had a good showing in league play. They also played in a tournament at VCA on January 24. They played well and showed much improvement throughout the season. Well done boys!

Members of the boy's team were: Brendan M., Eric G., Chase P., Seth K., James S., Levi B., Jordon W., Grady V., Florian W., Adam W., Jaret R., Xander K., Dylan Q., Owen M., Trent L., Casey M., Bo D., Carter P., Noah T., Ethan M.

I just want to add a big "THANK YOU" to Mrs. Lane for scheduling our games and booking the refs throughout the season.

Mr. Lewchuk



SPORTS NEWS

COMMUNITY NEWS



Osler Soccer Association 2017 Registration ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

JANUARY 18th to MARCH 8th
(late registration fee begins March 1st)

www.valleysoccer.ca

**** click on the *TOWNS* link and
select *OSLER SOCCER ASSOCIATION* ****

Email Collin at oslersa.secretary@gmail.com or Jennifer at oslersa.president@gmail.com with any



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.campredberry.ca

Family Health Information

- ◆ [Eat Better Eat Together](#)
- ◆ [Head Lice](#)
- ◆ [Safe School Lunches](#)
- ◆ [Do MORE Watch Less](#)

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www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca
(Search: school newsletter inserts)

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SHORT NOTES

Which way?

Improve your youngster's sense of direction by having her observe the sunset from a window in your home—that's west. Then, let her make north, south, east, and west signs to hang on the walls. Next, hide a toy, and give her directions to find it. ("Take two steps south and three steps east.") When you walk outdoors, she can try using the sun to figure out directions.

Use medicine safely

Teach your child about drug safety from an early age. If medicine is prescribed for him, read the label together, and explain that it's important to take it exactly as directed. Then, dispense doses yourself, and store it in a locked cabinet. Also, tell him he should never share medication—or accept medicine from a friend.



The first day of spring (March 20) is also World Storytelling Day.

Celebrate it by spending an evening telling family stories. Your youngster will probably enjoy hearing tales from your childhood—or the story of the day she was born.

Worth quoting

"Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather." *John Ruskin*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What was the farmer doing on the other side of the road?

A: Catching all the chickens!



The importance of helping others

Your child will discover that the world is a better place when people help each other. Consider these ideas for raising a helpful youngster.

Take on chores

Helping starts at home, and regular chores are a good place to begin. Point out that your household runs more smoothly when all family members help take care of it. Get your child in the habit of everyday chores (washing dishes, folding laundry). Then, suggest that he look for other ways to help, perhaps cleaning the attic or weeding the garden.

Assist classmates

Let your youngster see that he has the power to help others. If he mentions someone who might need help (say, a classmate who is struggling with math facts), ask, "What could you do?" Your child could invite the student to study with him. Tell your youngster about



everyday ways you lend a hand, such as bringing morning coffee to a coworker who broke her ankle.

Volunteer together

Your child can be a community volunteer with your help. For ideas, contact the parks and recreation department, community centers, and service agencies like the United Way. Your family might take part in a park cleanup day, be a foster family for rescue dogs, or do face painting at a fund-raiser. When your youngster sees how good it feels to make a difference, he may want to make volunteering a habit!♥

Tips for test day

Good news: Everyday strategies your youngster uses in reading and math will come in handy on standardized tests. Here's how:

- Help your child prepare for sections where she has to read paragraphs, answer questions, and give supporting details. When you read to her at home, talk about the book, and ask her to show you *evidence* to back up her ideas and opinions.
- Your youngster may be asked to show how she solves math problems during the test, just like she does on regular assignments. Tell her that it's better to write too much rather than not enough, especially if the test isn't timed. She might also include drawings, such as a sketch showing how she found the area of a trapezoid.♥



It's cool to learn new words!

At home or on the go, your youngster can expand her vocabulary. Try these suggestions.

My word wall. Many classrooms have word walls—why not let your child make one at home? Her closet door, a side of the refrigerator, or any other open spot will do. She could write words she



is learning on index cards and arrange them by category. *Examples:* History words (*expansion, treaty*), science terms (*photosynthesis, mineral*). Each time she adds a word to her wall, ask her what it means. Then, she can refer to the wall as she does her homework or writes stories.

Games to go. In the car, let your youngster pick a random letter (say, G), and take turns calling out something you see that begins with

that letter (*grass, gazebo, girl*). If you say an unfamiliar word, point out the item so she learns it. When you reach the next block, someone else can pick a different letter. *Tip:* Later, help her remember the words by asking questions like “What was that round wooden structure that started with G?” (*gazebo*)♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

Structural engineering

Your child will have fun exploring engineering with homemade building blocks. Share these steps.

1. Make triangle blocks

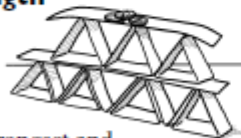
Let him cut poster board, file folders, or index cards into 24 strips, each about 1" x 5". Then, have him fold each strip into thirds, bend it into a triangle, and tape the ends together. (*Note:* He should save a few unfolded strips to use for building.)

2. Build a structure

Encourage your youngster to experiment with different designs. He can fit triangles together into rows with every other block pointing up, lay an unfolded strip on top, and continue alternating layers. Perhaps he'll make the rows all the same length or make them different lengths.

3. Test strength

Ask your child to check each structure to see which design is the strongest and most stable. He could put a strip of paper on top and add pennies, counting as he goes, until the structure topples. Which arrangement of blocks holds the most pennies?♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Spring events: A family affair

The last quarter of the year at my son Andy's school is always filled with fun activities like plays, concerts, a student-teacher basketball game, the book fair, and curriculum nights. I like to attend or take Andy to as many as possible, but I'm a single mom with two jobs, so we usually end up missing some.

This year, I sent the calendar of events to my mom, my brother, and my cousin, and I asked whether they could each take Andy to one. They were happy to help! My mom took Andy to the school play, and my brother is going with him to the basketball game. My cousin, who's studying to become a teacher, is excited about literacy night.

I'm relieved that my son will attend so many evening activities. And Andy looks forward to sharing his school events with other family members.♥



Q & A

Encourage good school behavior

Q: My daughter has been misbehaving in school. The teacher sent home a note saying she's goofing off and not listening. What should I do?

A: First, contact your child's teacher. Find out when your daughter tends to act up, maybe during silent reading time, in the hallway, or at lunch. Together, you and the teacher might be able to figure out what triggers the behavior. Perhaps she

is struggling in a particular subject, or maybe sitting beside her best friend makes it a challenge for her to follow the rules.

Then, talk to your daughter about the importance of behaving well in school.

Discuss strategies for solving the problem like asking for help when an assignment is hard or sitting near different kids. Finally, plan to keep talking to your child and to stay in touch with the teacher to make sure her behavior improves.♥



OUR PURPOSE

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

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