



OSLER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 5, 2018

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, February 9

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Tuesday, Feb. 13

SCC Meeting—6pm

Monday, February 19—Friday, February 23

Family Day/Winter Break—NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, February 28

Pink Shirt Day

Monday, March 12

PD/Prep Day

Tuesday, March 13

SCC Meeting 6:00pm

Friday, March 23

Rocks 'n Rings

Progress Reports

Wednesday, March 28

Gr 4-9 Ski Trip

Thursday, March 29

NO SCHOOL—Day in Lieu of Progress Conf

Dear Parents,

The month has been filled with opportunities to work together with many partners in our community. Most importantly progress conferences were an opportunity to connect parents, students and teachers. Students reflected on their accomplishments so far this year and set goals to continue their growth through the last half of the year. I also reflect on the wonderful conversation I had with a local historian regarding Osler's history during World War II; I am thankful for a conversation with Constable Sean Nave of the RCMP and the information he shared with our Grade 8 and 9 about the impact of social media on relationships and advice as to how to stay safe on line. The Osler Fire Department called with an idea to help by sharing their enthusiasm for and expertise with the school. These conversations all remind me why Osler School is such a wonderful place. We are surrounded by wonderful people who like us want to see students grow up and learn to understand the meaning of belonging to and contributing to community.

Please do not hesitate contact to your child's classroom teacher, Mr. Key or myself if you have a compliment, a question or a concern.

Yours in Education,

Audrey Kampen

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, 2018 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.

Check out our [School Website](http://www.spiritsd.ca/oslerschool/) 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/>



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Osler School High 5's

Be Respectful

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Be Responsible

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Be Safe

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Be Grateful

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Be Open to Learn and
Grow



SCHOOL NEWS

Indoor Recess can be fun!

All our students enjoy playing board games at recess. Given the reality of Saskatchewan winter, we have a number of indoor recesses. Our board games are getting older. If you have any board games that are suitable for Kindergarten to Grade 9 students, which have all the pieces and parts and which you no longer use, please bring them to the office and we will distribute them to the appropriate classrooms. Old chess and checker sets are in high demand. Thanks so much!

Prairie Spirit School Division Service Awards

Osler School celebrates the many years of service the following staff members have given to our school division:

Mrs. J. Carter 15 years
Mrs. N. Carter 10 years
Mrs. S. Frie..... 35 years
Mrs. A. Kampen 20 years
Mrs. S. Nadeau..... 25 years
Mrs. H. Wall 20years

Thank you for your dedication to our students!

ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT FUNDRAISER

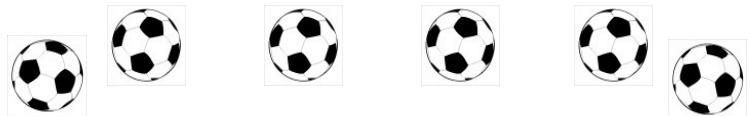
Information and order forms will go home Monday, February 5. This is a school wide fundraiser with the funds raised supporting the various activities we do in our school. They help to offset the costs related to educational trips and speakers, busing costs and sports related costs such as refing and transportation. We are proud to be able to provide our students with many opportunities and this would not be possible without your support of our fundraising efforts.

Orders must be submitted
by **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th.**



Oranges will tentatively arrive at the school on **TUESDAY, MARCH 6th.**

Students will call their customers to confirm arrival date and pickup details.



Osler Soccer Association 2018 Registration

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

JANUARY 17th to MARCH 7th
(late registration fee begins March 1st)

visit www.oslersoccer.ca
for more details



Osler Minor Ball Registration for the 2018 season opens February 1st and goes until March 15. Please contact oslerminorball2017@gmail.com

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SHORT NOTES

I love you because...

Family members can share what they love about each other with this writing activity. Have your youngster cut out paper hearts. Write love notes on them and hide for others to find. For example, maybe your child will put one under her sister's placemat that says, "I love you because you make me laugh."

On the road again

Carpooling with other parents is a great way to save time and money—and to get to know your youngster's classmates. When you drive, you'll probably hear them discuss school, sports, and friends. *Note:* Ask parents about booster seats—if a child uses one in his parents' car, he'll need one in yours, too.

Indoor "recess"—at home

When winter weather keeps your family inside, ask your child to show you what she does during indoor recess at school. She could teach you games, crafts, or songs she enjoys. Then, encourage her to come up with new ideas to try at home or in class.

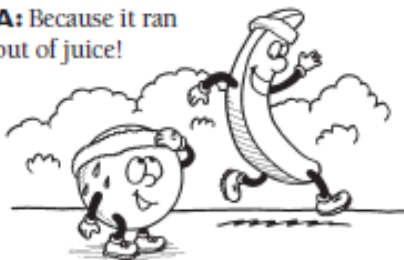
Worth quoting

"Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale." *Hans Christian Andersen*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Why did the orange lose the race?

A: Because it ran out of juice!



Olympic-sized learning

While the 2018 Winter Olympic Games are taking place thousands of miles away, your child can earn a "medal" in learning at home. Turn Olympic magic into educational gold with these suggestions.

Reading

Speed skating, ski jumping, luge... which Winter Olympics sports does your youngster enjoy watching? Head to the library together to pick out books about their history, the rules, and how the athletes train. *Idea:* Hold a "reading Olympics." Let family members count the books they read in February. At the end of the month, everyone can award medals to their three favorites.

Math

Your child will practice gathering, recording, and calculating data to find out which of his favorite countries wins the most medals. Encourage him to divide poster board into four columns: "Country," "Gold," "Silver," "Bronze." In column one, he can list teams he'd like

to follow. Every day, have him check a newspaper or olympic.org and add tally marks for each country's medals. After the Olympics end, he can total them up to see who got the most in each category.

Social studies

Where in the world do the Olympic athletes come from? To explore geography, help your youngster use a map to find countries represented in the Olympics. He might put star stickers on the countries on a wall map. Or let him print out a world map and make a dot on each competing country.♥



Decisions, decisions

Learning to make smaller decisions now will prepare your youngster to make bigger ones later. Here are ways to build her decision-making skills:

- Hearing you think through your choices gives your child an example to follow. You might say, "I'd like to visit Aunt Sue tonight, but then I might not finish this proposal for work. I'll go Saturday instead."
- When possible, give your youngster two to three specific options. That way, she can make a decision without feeling overwhelmed. *Example:* "Do you want to sweep or dust?" rather than "Which chore would you prefer to do?"♥



An anti-bullying attitude

Having a positive attitude toward others can help to keep your youngster from participating in bullying. With these ideas, she'll be more apt to be kind to others and want them to feel included.

1. Watch your words. Let your youngster know you expect her to speak kindly. Before she says something she's unsure about, she could ask herself if she would want you to hear it. If she overhears another



student calling a classmate names or gossiping, she could counter the unkind words with nice ones. ("I hear you're really good at gymnastics.")

2. Accept everyone. Leaving people out on purpose is a form of bullying. Suggest that your child look for chances to make others feel that they belong. For example, she might ask to

join someone who normally sits alone on the bus. Or she could invite a new student to her birthday party. She'll see how good it feels to make someone's day—and perhaps she'll even gain a friend!♥



ACTIVITY CORNER Inspired by art

Art unleashes your child's imagination and lets him practice fine-motor skills. Try these tips to encourage him to experiment.



Use natural supplies

Challenge your youngster to find free art materials right in your backyard! For instance, he might use sticks or feathers as paintbrushes. Or he could draw on rocks with colored chalk.

Try new formats

Suggest that your child arrange objects (toys, fruits) on a table and sketch a still life. Or go outdoors where he can paint a landscape of natural scenery like trees or a pond. If he wants to draw a portrait, he could ask a family member to pose—or look in a mirror and create a self-portrait.♥

OUR PURPOSE

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

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PARENT TO PARENT

Safe to make mistakes

My third grader, Mark, gets discouraged when he can't do something correctly right away. While he was practicing his typing skills, he said, "Forget it, I'm no good at this," and walked away from the computer.

I told Mark that mistakes are part of learning. I admitted that when I was his age, I wanted to quit the violin because I couldn't get the notes right on my favorite piece. Luckily, the school music teacher encouraged me to continue, and Mark knows that I enjoy playing the violin to this day.

To show Mark his mistakes were "stepping-stones," I drew circles across a sheet of paper. Each time he made a mistake while typing, I suggested he cross out a stepping-stone and start the sentence again. I knew that if he kept trying, he'd type an error-free sentence before he got to the last stone—and I was right.

Now Mark has a way to track his progress with typing and other things that require persistence.♥



Q & A Study with a pencil in hand

Q: When my daughter studies for a test, she simply reads through her notes or textbook chapter once and announces she's finished. How can I help her study more effectively?

A: Reading is an important part of studying. But writing and drawing can help cement the information in her mind—in fun and interesting ways.

For example, if she's studying a textbook chapter, she could write answers to

the end-of-chapter questions or even design her own quiz. When she studies with a classmate, they might write questions on index cards and play "quiz show."

Sketching pictures is another good study strategy. To prepare for a test on planets, she can draw and label the solar system. Or she could draw pizzas and write fractions on the slices while studying for a math test.♥

