

Osborne School Newsletter

September 2019

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday/Wednesday, September 8 & 9 – First day of classes

Monday, September 14 – School Community Council Meeting 5:30 pm

Friday, September 18 – Terry Fox walk

School News:

Principal's Message:

Welcome back to Osborne School!

I would like to start by expressing how wonderful it is for us to finally be together again as a school. Although the support and encouragement expressed over the last several months has been outstanding, nothing compares to actually being together and seeing the smiles of our students each day.

This year there are many changes in how we do things at our school, but our core beliefs remain the same. The safety and well-being of our students remains our top priority, followed closely by our commitment to providing a high-quality education. We are indeed a small school, with a big heart and this idea underpins everything we do in our community. We also recognize that the differences that we will experience this year will provide us with opportunities to grow and possibilities to explore. I am glad that we have the chance to go on this adventure together.

As part of our commitment to finding new ways to learn, we will continue to develop our outdoor classroom. We have received a program enhancement grant from the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division. Construction is expected

to begin on the physical structure once the school division staff has had a chance to deal with the unusually high volume of service requests this fall. In the meantime, we have started collecting items that can be used as outdoor seating (lawn furniture, milk crates, 5-gallon pails, benches, etc.) so that our students can get outside to learn. If you have anything that might be useful, and that you wish to get rid of, please let me know.

One final change that I would like you to be aware of is the addition of several people to our staff this year. Teresa Miller has joined us to teach our grade 2/3 class, and Sydney Marchant is returning to Osborne as an EA in Mr. Bragg's 6/7 class. Becky Eyre is an intern who will be joining Mr. Bennington in the 7/8 room until December. Each of these people has jumped right in and excitedly joined our team and I know they will be a great addition to our school.

Mr. Walker, Principal

HAVE A FABULOUS SCHOOL YEAR!

SRPSD Attendance Guiding Principle:

Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division, Parents, and School Community Council members believe that regular attendance builds trusting relationships, creates a positive school culture, affirms student engagement, and strengthens student achievement.

School Motto: Small School. Big Heart

Mission of Osborne School is to create a warm, caring environment, which actively develops excellence, acceptance, responsibility and lifelong learning.

School Goals

This year Osborne Public School will working on a math goal.

By June 2021 100% of Osborne students will be:

- **meeting or exceeding outcome expectations;**
or
- achieving 50% catch up growth; or
- achieving an individualized goal in **numeracy.**

Growth Mindset:

This year at Osborne Public School we will continue to examine the concepts of *growth mindset* and *grit*. These ideas state people can grow and improve throughout their lives and that making mistakes and persevering are the keys to success. Some ways we will continue to look at these beliefs is through our Mindset Monday activities and our challenge board. We will also continue to recognize people who demonstrate grit through our monthly Growth Mindset awards.

Picture Day

Picture Day is coming Thursday, September 24.

While picture day may look different this year, your safety remains our priority. Lifetouch has implemented comprehensive picture day safety protocols.

After Picture Day, order pictures on mylifetouch.ca using your Portrait ID and Access Code, which can be found on your Picture Day, order form.

Fundraisers:

We will be holding fundraisers throughout the year at Osborne School. One of the first major fundraisers will be a walk-a-thon in October. More information will follow with details.

The proceeds from these events will go towards outdoor education and special events.

Newsletters:

Regular calendars and newsletters will be sent home at month-end with your child. Additional copies are available at the office. Our calendar of events and newsletter will be on-line at our Osborne School Website <http://www.os.srsd119.ca>

Be sure to check the website weekly for news about what is happening in our classrooms. We will be displaying student work and other interesting topics on our website as well throughout the year.

Registration Forms and Activity Fees:

Pre-printed student registration forms have gone home with students. We are asking parents to please read them over, make any necessary changes and return them to the school as soon as possible so we can have our files all up to date. Activity fees are \$30 per child for grades 1-8 and \$15 for kindergarten students. These fees are collected to offset the fees for special events, which may include special presenters and other events. Although many traditional events may not be possible this year, we are exploring other opportunities to broaden our student's experiences. Please make cheques payable to Osborne School.

Hello from the Desk of the School Community

Council:

As the kids are returning to school and school activities, so is the School Community Council. The School Community Council is made up of all the parents whose children attend Osborne School as well as all the teachers. From the parents a President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer are elected each for a 2-year term. Our president is Sherry Gibson, the vice-chair is Crystal Duncan, the secretary/treasurer is Elizabeth Montgomery. The member at large is Candice Charters and Michelle Grimard is the staff rep. We invite and welcome all new and existing members to attend our meetings, vote on decisions and hold executive positions. Every parent who attends a

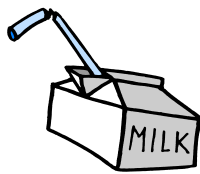


meeting is a voting member of the council. Your child has enjoyed many extras during the school year due to the efforts and commitment of the School Community Council.

The School Community Council meets 7 times per school year **usually** the 3rd Monday of Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Mar, Apr. and May at the school. Our first meeting will be held on Monday, September 14 at 5:30pm. If you are interested in bettering your child's school experience, come out & join us. See you there!

Milk Program:

Milk and chocolate milk can be purchased individually for \$1.00 each or by card. The cards will be sold for \$10.00 and will provide for 10 milk. Cards can be purchased from Mrs. Frantik, and can be purchased at your convenience.



Canteen News:

We try to provide a healthy canteen lunch approximately twice a month. At the beginning of the month students will bring home their order forms. All forms will state a return day. Orders and money must be returned to the school by this day in order for your child's order to go in.

Volunteers:

An important feature of our school is the volunteer base that exists. We appreciate your past and future support as we continue to expand the contributions that volunteers make to our school.

Volunteers can help in many ways. Some may wish to help on a regular basis while others prefer to donate time at special events or at home. Please do not hesitate to encourage retired neighbors and grandparents to get involved. If you are willing to be placed on our volunteer list, please contact Mrs. Frantik. Thank you for your continued support.

Buses and Transportation:

We have an excellent group of bus drivers that are professional and courteous. The following are the names of our bus drivers and their bus number:

Laura Olson #207

Dorothy Cholewa #4

Pati Anderson #234

Greg Farish #76

Shirley Byrne #11 (High School Run)



Respect, Responsibility and Rules:

We will continue to stress the importance of the 3 R's in our daily school lives. Staff will continue to encourage good manners and respectful ways with our students.

Cell Phone/Electronics

Cell phones are **not** to be in use or turned on during the school day (8:50 – 3:25 inclusive), unless permission is given from a staff member. Please remember, the school is **not responsible** for lost or stolen items.

Terry Fox Marathon of Hope

This year Osborne Public School will recognize Terry Fox's legacy by participating in a walk on September 18. This event will supplement the activities that our teachers will be planning for their classes. Each class will complete the walk independently throughout the day. Although we will not be participating in the fundraising portion of the event this year, if you are interested in making a donation to the Terry Fox Foundation you can do so at

<http://www.terryfox.ca/Osborne>.

Outdoor Learning and Seating

Staff at Osborne Public School will be making efforts to get their students outside to learn when possible this year. As such, we welcome the donation of any items that could be used as outdoor seating. These items must be in good repair, clean, and have a hard surface that can be disinfected. Thanks go out to


Sherry Gibson, Susie Lussier, and Leah Boden who have already contributed to the cause.

SafeArrival

Many of our families are familiar with the SafeArrival system that was implemented by our school division last year. We will continue to use this system to track student attendance. It should be up and running again within the next couple weeks. If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school to let us know.

Community News

Follow your child's heart... if they love drawing, make it a part of their life and help them develop their skills at Christina's Art School!!! We have taught many students (adults included!) this life-long soul nurturing skill of creating artwork. We teach pencil drawing, charcoal, pastels, colored pencils, acrylic painting & watercolor. Whether they develop their love of drawing and art into a hobby, or it's their launch into a secondary school and career, the skills they acquire will be with them for life! We are now taking registrations for year-long classes which start in September. Phone Christina Thoen, Certified Teacher (Art Major) for more information and to register: 961-3350 or register online: www.christinathoen.com Also see the students talent in the yearend Art Show on Facebook at "Christina's Art School."



September 2020

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We want to take this opportunity to welcome our students and families back to school for the 2020-2021 school year. We would also like to extend a special greeting to our new students and their families.

The Osborne School staff members for the 2020-2021 school year are as follows:

Katherine Raas	Kindergarten/Grade 1
Teresa Miller	Grade 2/3
Shania Sonen	Grade 4/5
David Bragg	Grade 5/6
Chris Bennington	Grade 7/8
Michelle Grimard	Educational Support Teacher
Janet Wright	Educational Associate
Tanya Magnin	Educational Associate
Maxine Dragseth	Educational Associate
Susan Lussier	Educational Associate
Rose Paul	Educational Associate
Sydney Marchant	Educational Associate
Greg Walker	Principal
Valarie Frantik	Secretary/Library Assistant
Brian Bohmann	Caretaker
Holly Cochrane	Social Worker

We look forward to working with you to make this a rewarding year of learning for your child.

Have a great year!

