Osborne School Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, October 7 – Chris Chittick, Tornado Hunter Presentation

Friday, October 9 – Boston pizza hot lunch

Monday, October 12 - Thanksgiving Day - No School

Friday, October 16 – Walk-a-thon, Harvest lunch

Monday, October 19 – SCC meeting @ 5:30

Monday, October 19 – Osborne School clothing store opens

Friday, October 23 – Boston Pizza hot lunch

Monday, October 26 – PLC - No School **Friday, October 30** – Osborne School clothing store closes

<u>Principal's Message</u>

October is here and there have been some changes at Osborne Public School. I would like to welcome Mr. Eric Knutson to our staff. Mr. Knutson joins us from Riverside and is working hard as he settles in as the teacher in our 7/8 classroom. Our students have also worked hard to learn some new routines and are doing a fantastic job of wearing their masks and avoiding physical contact with each other. We have even found some ways to "make lemonade" by

hosting our first virtual back-to-school assembly, celebrating our August and September birthdays, and even observing Orange Shirt Day by joining with schools across Canada for a special presentation on September 30 (grades 4-8).

October shows no signs of slowing down as we find new ways to celebrate and existing traditions to maintain. We are currently collecting pledges for our annual walkathon and have many great prizes for our top sellers. These include an air hockey table, a remote control stunt bike, a scooter, and a guitalele. The top selling class will win a pizza party and I have added some incentive for us to raise some money. If the school raises \$5000, I will spend a day dressed as a clown. If we raise more than \$7000 one student from each class will also get to squish a pie in my face! Funds raised will be used to help pay for our outdoor classroom and school garden, as well as other school improvements and events. The event will be held on October 16 and will include a scaled-down version of the Harvest Meal followed by our walk and other activities. Although we are unable to host the community for the event this year, we hope that students will wear their Osborne clothing and enjoy a great afternoon.

Speaking of Osborne clothing, our online store is prepared and ready to go live on October 19. The link will be sent to families that day so they can order the ever popular Osborne t-shirts, hoodies, and sweats. We have also added a few additional items to the list this year so if you bought last year,

you will still be able to find something new and exciting.

I can't talk about new clothes without also mentioning our spirit day planned for October 30. In the spirit of Halloween, students are encouraged to wear orange and black to school in the morning and change into their costumes for the afternoon. We will not have a big dance this year, but stay tuned for the other fun activities that will happen that day.

Mr. Walker, Principal

Mindset Winners

At Osborne Public School, we value hard work and determination. Each month we recognize a student in each homeroom who has demonstrated a growth mindset and shown grit. Our September winners are:

K/1 - Rebel

2/3 – Jordyn

4/5 – Jessie

6/7 – Drayden

7/8 – Marvin

School News:

Walk-a-thon/Harvest Dinner:



Osborne School will be having our walk-a-thon on Friday, October 16, beginning at 1:00pm. This is our major fundraiser for the school year.

Students have been busy collecting pledges. The money raised from the walk-a-thon will be used for special events and classroom

improvements, like our outdoor classroom and school garden.

The top student fundraiser will be eligible to win a remote control stunt bike, an air hockey table or a scooter. The classroom with the most pledges for each division will win a pizza party for their classroom. We also have many other prizes that have been generously donated and will be awarded to the top fundraisers.

In order to comply with health directives, parents and community members will not be allowed to join us this year. We hope to see everyone again next year.

Parents/guardians please ensure that students are dressed properly, with good walking shoes and warm clothes. Once again, we are asking for your support with this event. Please help your children collect pledges and support Osborne School! All forms must be returned to the school by October 14, even if no pledges were collected.

In conjunction with the walk-a-thon, our SCC committee will be providing a scaled down version of our annual Harvest Dinner. Staff and students will be served hot dogs at noon.

No School

There will be No School for students on Friday, October 12 for Thanksgiving or Friday, October 26 for a staff PLC day.

School Community Council News:

Our next SCC meeting will take place on Monday, October 19 @ 5:30 pm. Please join us! The SCC is a great way to become involved in your child's education. We hope to see you there.

Milk Program:

We have started our milk program. 2% Milk and Chocolate milk are sold by the card for \$10.00 or \$1.00 each. The cards provide for 10 drinks. Cards can be purchased at any time from Ms. Frantik. Ms. Frantik or Mr. Walker go to each classroom every noon hour to deliver the milk to those students who wish to have one that day. Purchasing a card doesn't mean that your child has to have a drink every day, only the days that they want to.

Activity Fees:

We still have some outstanding fees. If a monthly payment system would be more convenient, please call the school at 306-922-8078 to make arrangements. Activity fees are \$30 per student for grades 1-8 and Kindergarten is \$15 per student.

Grades 5 - 8 Extracurricular

All extracurricular activities, volleyball, basketball etc. are still on hold until further notice.

Sask Lotteries:

Many of our activities and field trips are partly sponsored by Saskatchewan Lotteries. We appreciate their continued support and the support of our local Rec. Board.

Canteen News:

We will be offering Boston Pizza hot lunches again this year. These lunches will be offered twice per month for the remainder of the year. At the beginning of the month, students will bring home their order forms. You can order both or order by the due date to ensure your child's order is placed on time. All forms will state a return date.



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.

Community News!

BE WISE AND IMMUNIZE

Immunization is the best way to protect children from many dangerous diseases. It protects individuals, families, and communities by preventing the spread of disease. It is important to keep infant and children's immunizations on time and up-to-date to provide the best protection. In Saskatchewan, immunization is provided through public health beginning at two months of age. Immunizations are given throughout the infant and preschool years as well as in Grades 6 and 8.

There are resources available to parents that can help answer immunization questions. These resources include:

- Caring for Kids –
 www.caringforkids.cps.ca. This website
 from the Canadian Pediatric Society has a
 section on immunization. This site provides
 information on vaccines, vaccine safety,
 common concerns, myths and facts and
 general information regarding
 immunization.
- Kids Boost Immunity –
 www.kidsboostimmunity.com. This resource is a free online learning resource for Canadian students with lessons linked to science, social studies and health curriculums. It is designed for teachers and their classroom students. By completing quizzes, students have the opportunity to earn vaccines for children through UNICEF Canada.
- I Boost Immunity –
 www.iboostimmunity.com. This site
 provides information regarding
 immunization and communicable diseases
 by doing "Booster" quizzes. If the average

score for a quiz is beaten, a vaccine is earned for a child in a developing country through UNICEF Canada.

- Immunize Canada www.immunize.ca.
 Immunize Canada provides information for the public regarding immunization, diseases and vaccines. There are sections for parents and adolescents who may be looking for more information.
- Information regarding Saskatchewan's immunization program is available at Government of Saskatchewan Immunization Services. This site includes information on the immunization programs, the immunization schedule and vaccine information.

For further information on immunization, please contact your local public health office. You can find the contact information for public health offices at Government of Saskatchewan Public Health Offices.

