

## September 2023

### **Osborne Public School**

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Dear Osborne Families,

It is hard to believe that summer has made its appearance and is now coming to an end! I had a delightful summer, and I hope that you did too. Between a trip down east to see family, to shooting the rapids on the Churchill, to a few thousand kilometers on my bike, my summer just flew by! I am, however, excited to be back and to see all of our Stingers back at the Hive!

As we begin this school year, we are happy to once again host our Meet the Teacher BBQ on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (5:00pm – 6:30pm), with our first SCC Meeting following at 6:30pm. P4A Cross-Country and Volleyball seasons will be starting soon! We are encouraging all our Stingers to consider these opportunities.

As I conclude this message, I want to say that I am looking forward to reconnecting with the parents and community members of our school community going forward, and my door is always open for conversation. Always feel free to drop me a line.

This school year is going to "BEE Awesome"!

Sincerely,

Mr. Dejan Letkeman -

#### Times for our School Day

AM Classes	8:50 a.m.
AM Recess	10:36 – 10:51 a.m.
Lunch	11:44 – 12:34 p.m.
PM Classes	12:34 p.m.
PM Recess	2:18 – 2:33 p.m.
Dismissal	3:25 p.m.

#### Upcoming Events

October 6 – PLC Day (No Classes) October 9 – Thanksgiving (No Classes)

#### 2023-2024 Staff List

Teresa Miller	Kindergarten/Grade 1/Grade 2		
Brigit Best	Grade 3/4		
Breane Forrest	Grade 5/6		
Eric Knutson	Grade 7/8		
Heather Mackie	Grade 7/8 (am only)		
Michelle Grimard	Educational Support Teacher		
Tanya Magnin	Educational Associate		
Cindy Cochet	Educational Associate		
Rose Paul	Educational Associate		
Aly Larson	Educational Associate		
Melanie Knight	Educational Associate		
Dejan Letkeman	Principal		
Caylee Guidinger	Secretary/Library Technician		
Sidney Bohmann	Caretaker		
Adam Horachuk	Social Worker		

#### **Greetings From Your Teachers**

#### Kindergarten/Grade 1/Grade 2

Greetings from the K to 2 classroom. I am Ms. Teresa Miller and I am so excited to be teaching Grades K to 2 again this year. I am looking forward to working with you to help your child succeed to the best of his or her ability.

Please sign up for Edsby so we can communicate on a regular basis. I will continue our classroom hub on Edsby where I will post classroom messages, reminders, and pictures of what we are doing throughout the year. If your child is in Kindergarten, I will be using the Edsby platform to assess your child's progress throughout the year. Please feel free to message me if you have any questions or concerns via Edsby. You are also welcome to call me at Osborne School at (306)922-8078 or come and see me at the school as well.

I hope to see you all at our Meet the Teacher night on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### Grade 3/4 Classroom

Welcome Back!!! I hope everyone had a fantastic summer! I'm so excited to welcome you all back to school! Get ready for an amazing year of learning, laughter, and growth. Together, we will make it unforgettable.

Mrs. Best

#### Grade 5/6 Classroom

Hello, Osborne community! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. My name is Miss Breane Forrest, and I will be teaching grade 5/6 this year. I am a recent graduate of the University of Saskatchewan's SUNTEP program, and I am thrilled to begin my teaching career at Osborne Public School! I look forward to meeting everyone and working together with students, families, staff, and the community to make the 2023/2024 school year fantastic!

#### Grade 7/8 Classrooms

Hello everyone! I hope you had a great summer. My name is Mr. Eric Knutson and I am the grade 7/8 homeroom teacher. I also teach all of the physical education classes at Osborne Public School. I am excited to be back. I can't wait to see all of the students getting active this fall in physical education class and on our school sports teams. We will be starting cross country and volleyball right away. Let's go Stingers!

Hello Osborne Families! I am Ms. Heather Mackie and I am very excited to be back at Osborne School! I will be back in the Grade 7/8 classroom for the Mornings! I can't wait to see all the students again and am looking forward to a fun filled school year!

#### **Inclusive Education Coach**

I am so excited to be starting my 5<sup>th</sup> year here at Osborne! In addition to continuing as the Inclusive Education Coach, this year I have some new duties. I will be teaching grade 2 Math as well as filling the Dreamcatcher role to help our school achieve our Math goals. I look forward to another fantastic year and seeing all our Osborne families.

#### Allergy Awareness

All Saskatchewan Rivers Public Schools strive to maintain nut-alert environments for the safety and well-being of all students, staff and visitors. We ask that everyone please check food labels to ensure that nut products are not listed as an ingredient when shopping for school food items.

- $\checkmark$  Please send nut-free snacks and lunches to school.
- Cross-contamination is a common cause of anaphylactic reactions. Foods that have come in contact with nut products or contaminated utensils can also trigger allergic reactions.
- ✓ Check packaging labels for peanut/nut ingredients. If a product has "may contain trace amounts of peanuts or nuts" this is NOT safe to bring to school.

As students and staff visit other buildings, for a variety of events, all schools try to keep everyone safe. Our School Division hopes to establish and maintain, but cannot guarantee: schools, school environments and buses free of peanuts and nut products. Thank you for your cooperation with this very important safety matter.

#### **Cell Phone/Electronics**

In this day and age, it is relatively common for students to own and be in possession of cell phone devices. Cell phones are powerful tools for communication, information, and connection, but are also frequently powerful distractions and disruptors within an educational setting. At Osborne Public School, the expectation related to cell phone use is that students are not to use their personal cell phone devices during school hours unless invited to do so by their classroom teacher to support an educational purpose connected to the curricular instruction that is taking place. In the event that students are observed to be violating the school's cell phone policy by having their cell phone out and in use during school time, the following steps will be taken:

First Incidence: The student will be reminded of the school's cell phone policy and asked to put the cell phone away.

Second Incidence: The student's phone will be handed over to the intervening staff member, and will be transferred to the principal. The principal will call home to inform the student's parent about the second infraction of the cell phone policy. The student may retrieve the cell phone from the principal at dismissal time at the end of the school day.

Third Incidence: The student's phone will be handed over to the intervening staff member, and will be transferred to the principal. The principal will call home to inform the student's parent about the third infraction of the cell phone policy, and invite the parent to pick up the cell phone from the school at their earliest convenience.

#### Water Bottle Reminder

The water fountains at school are not in service, so please remember to send your child with a labelled refillable water bottle. We do have a filling station they are able to use to refill their water. Feel free to tell your child to leave their bottle at school during the week so it's one less thing they need to bring with them every morning.

#### Library News

Welcome back, everyone! Mrs. Guidinger is the new secretary and librarian and she's very excited to meet everyone, and spend time with you in the library. She's got big plans to make the library feel like a warm and welcoming place where kids and teachers can spend time reading and learning. Please remember to do your best to bring your books back on time so you can continue to borrow new books each week. If you accidentally damage a book, don't fret! Just bring it to Mrs. Guidinger and she can use her handy book repair tools to fix it up as best she can. Please keep in mind that if a book does get lost, or damaged beyond repair you may be charged a small fee to replace it. Happy reading!

#### Milk Program

Milk and chocolate milk can be purchased individually for \$1.50 each or by card. The cards will be sold for \$12.50 and will provide 10 milks. Cards can be purchased from the office, or by using our online payment system, and can be purchased at your convenience.



#### School Clothing

We have our own school clothing store located on the Entripy website. Simply click on the link and it will take you right to our page! <u>http://osbornepublicschool.entripyshops.com/</u>



#### **Online Payment System**

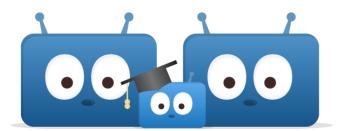


School Cash Simplified

**Registration for School Cash Online is now available!** Please visit <a href="http://www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/">www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/</a> for instructions.







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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division is using Edsby as a communication tool and learning management system. Edsby keeps everything safe and secure within the confines of our school division. If you would like to learn more about Edsby security, there is a lot of information here: <u>https://www.edsby.com/privacy-policy/</u>

Edsby makes it easy for parents to observe all of the wonderful things that are happening in our classroom. From time to time, we will post grades, notes, pictures, videos, or audio clips of your child learning at school. This will help you see the progress your child is making in their learning journey.

In the next few days, you will receive an emailed invitation to Edsby. The email will come from Edsby. It will contain the link you will need to create your new account or connect additional children to your existing account. If you are new to Edsby you should expect to receive one email for each of your children.

Please watch this 2-minute video, it is very helpful: Scan this code to open the video:



Creating your Parent Account OR use this URL: <u>https://tinyurl.com/mr26cv4b</u>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Sincerely Yours,

Dejan Letkeman

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 First Day of Classes	6	7 Meet the Staff BBQ/SCC Mtg 5-6:30 (mtg to follow)	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Terry Fox Run & Hot Dog Sale	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Orange Shirt Day	30

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