

Osborne Public School

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NOVEMBER 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Girls VBall @ KG/Boys VBall @ JD	2 Parent/Teacher Interviews & Book Fair 3:30-8:30	3	4
5	6	7 SCC Meeting @ 5:30pm	8	9 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10	10 No Classes	11
12	13 Remembrance Day Observed	14	15	16	17	18
Volleyball Extravaganza						
19	20	21	22	23 Picture Retakes at PACI	24 Hot Meal	25
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Principal's Message

Dear Osborne School Parents & Caregivers,

I was just getting accustomed to the beautiful fall colours that had flooded our community, and then it snowed! It's amazing how quickly Old Man Winter steps onto the stage at this time of year! With winter just around the corner, the Osborne Hive life also begins to change within our walls. For example: Basketball season will begin shortly, floor hockey intramurals with Mr. Horachek and Mr. Knutson will be starting, Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews are upon us (Nov. 2), and our Remembrance Assembly is just around the corner (Nov. 9). And before we all know it, we will begin hearing the jingling of bells, happily gazing at lighted trees, and being bathed in the melodies of the Christmas season!

I want to take a moment to thank all the parents and caregivers who have made themselves present in the life of our school: helping to drive athletes to their matches, helping in the classrooms, serving the Harvest Meal, or taking part in the School Community Council (SCC), or sharing posts from our school Facebook, or offering suggestions to make activities and events even better. The list could go on! Please know that every little contribution builds up the educational program here at Osborne Public School and adds to the positive experiences of our students.

With the soon-to-arrive frigid temperatures and inevitable blanket of snow on the ground, there is often a decrease in school attendance for some students. I want to take this time to encourage all of you to make school attendance a priority for your children. One might ask: how much is too much when it comes to missed school days? Typically, we say 10% of the school year – which is 2 days a month. Studies show that at 10% of the school year (or 2 days a month), it is enough to begin knocking a student off track academically. Good school attendance usually computes to students being able to read well by the third grade, middle school students achieving outcomes in important courses, and high school students staying on track to graduate. So, let's make school attendance a priority!

Again, I want to thank you for the many friendly visits and positive and friendly phone calls that I received in the last two months. I thoroughly enjoy getting to chat with everyone in the Osborne School community and look forward to many more of these chats! Please know that my door is always open to discuss the success and positive development of our students and troubleshoot any problems or concerns that you may have. Education is a partnership, and I truly value the partners of Osborne Public School!

Sincerely,

Mr. Dejan Letkeman – *Principal*



Walk-a-thon

On Thursday, October 12th, Osborne School held a very successful Walk-a-thon. A total of \$8606.15 was raised. Thanks to all the students and parents who helped to make this so successful, good job everyone! We would like to extend a big thank you to the following for their donations to our walk-a-thon: Fresh Air Experience, and Montana's.



Harvest Meal

We had our annual harvest meal on October 20th, and it was as delicious as ever! Thank you so much to the SCC, Chelsea Jackson, and Mrs. Magnin for organizing, and also to Neil Finch, Tom Michaud, Karen Sinoski, Tricia McEwen, Jasmin Tiessen and Dorothy Schluff for helping to serve our amazing meal. Lastly, thank you so much to every family who supplied the items needed for the meal. We cannot create this lovely meal year after year without your help and support, and we truly appreciate it.

SCC Update

As we are rolling with the school year, the SCC already has a few events under our belt, and with great success!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out and came out to our harvest dinner this year! Always nice to share a meal with our school and community.

Another big thank you to those who helped and came out for our 1st Harvestfest Howl! We had so much fun! The carved pumpkins were so creative, and the dance was a big hit.

"Lids for Lids" every Friday is going great. For those who aren't familiar, students are able to pay \$1 every Friday and wear a hat during school. The money brought in throughout the year will go to buying skating helmets for the rink.

Looking ahead, our next SCC meeting will be held on Nov. 7th at 5:30 pm at the school. All parents are welcome; hope to see you there!

Chelsea Jackson - SCC

Picture Retakes

This year, retakes look slightly different. Lifetouch will be located at PACI on November 23rd. Please use the following link to book an appointment time if you are in need of a picture retake.

https://book.appointment-plus.com/1drclp14/?employee_id=13581#/

Grade 5 – 8 Volleyball

Thank you to our coaches, Miss Mackie, Miss Forrest, Mrs. Best, Mr. Knutson and Adam Horachek for their time spent practicing with the volleyball teams. Both the boys' and girls' teams are doing very well. The extravaganza is coming up the week of Nov. 14th. Go Singers, Go!

Student/Parent /Teacher Interviews

Student/Parent /Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday, November 2nd from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sign-up for our interviews will be done on Edsby. Please be sure to sign up for your account, if you have not already done so. If you are unsure of how to get onto Edsby, please call the school for help. We look forward to seeing you all on the 2nd!



Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is back again! The fair runs from October 30th to November 3rd. The students will have time during the week to purchase any books or trinkets from the fair, as well as during parent/teacher interviews on the 2nd from 3:30-8:30. All purchases from the book fair give an opportunity to increase our library's collection. See you at the fair!

Remembrance Day Assembly

On Thursday, November 9th at 10:00a.m. all classes will gather to pay respect for the sacrifices made by our fellow Canadians, some of which were family members, friends and neighbors. Students are encouraged to wear red and black or white to support our Canadian Veterans. We will have a silver collection to support the Poppy campaign, with all proceeds going to the local Legion Association. Parents and community members are welcome to join us.

Community Events

Volunteers Needed for Operation Red Nose 2023

The Prince Albert Lions Club will be sponsoring Operation Red Nose in Prince Albert again in 2023. Community volunteers are the key to the success of the program. In 2022 we provided 130 rides to 275 clients who were impaired or who did not feel fit to drive their own vehicle. They all got home safely.

Although the service is free, clients usually provide donations, which under the provisions of the Operation Red Nose Program must be allocated to youth groups or groups that support youth in Prince Albert and area. The Prince Albert Lions Club has selected area schools as the recipients of these donations to assist with programming for students. As a result of the campaign a total of \$4,400 was donated to 11 elementary schools in Prince Albert and area.

The program operates on Friday and Saturday evenings. This year will be starting on Friday, December 1st and run for 5 weekends plus New Year's Eve. We start around 9 pm in the evening and usually run until 2 am the next morning. New Year's tends to run a bit later due to house parties.

Volunteers must be at least 19 years of age. They are organized into teams of 3 people, an escort driver, designated driver and navigator.-All volunteers, require a police background check (provided at no cost) and are insured for liability by our provincial sponsor the SGI. Volunteers do not have to use their vehicles since escort vehicles are provided by vehicle dealerships in the city

Volunteers can choose to work one night, a weekend or the whole season. Come as an individual or put together a team of 3 people. We find New Year Eve is one of our busiest nights. Volunteers are provided with food, coffee and camaraderie during the evenings they work.

If you are interested in helping out with Operation Red Nose, please contact me at (306)763-7434, (306)425-7804(cell) or by email at rbraaten@sasktel.net.



**Operation
Red Nose™**

Beau "Lac"

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Join
us!!!

Tuesday, December 5th
7:00 p.m.
Memorial Square at
City Hall

**Bring your family, friends and
voice as we sing carols and light
our City Christmas Tree for the
first time!**

