

# October, 2023

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## Osborne Public School

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Dejan Letkeman, Principal



Dear Osborne Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that this is a wrap on the month of September! How the time flies when you're having fun! And things are really starting to ramp up here at The Osborne Hive: Cross-Country Running, Girls and Boys Volleyball, Student Leadership Council (SLC), the Harvest Meal, and Walkathon! Be sure to be checking the school calendar for upcoming events.

I think one thing that has made this month feel so quick is the beautiful warm temperatures we have been enjoying, along with the warmth of the autumn colours. Sadly, these will not last and will come to pass. When they do pass, I want to encourage parents to ensure that students come to school dressed for the cooler temperatures.

Now that we have made it past the September start-up, and gotten back into a routine since Summer Break, I would like to briefly mention the importance of school attendance. Being in class each and every day is of vital importance to the academic success of our students. It may be difficult to see in the moment, but research shows that regular absences (1-2 times a week) begin to erode away at our students' opportunity to build skill in reading, writing, and mathematics. This creates a gap in learning that only widens with continued absenteeism. Parents can encourage their children to attend daily by:

- Setting regular bedtime and morning routines
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Avoid letting children stay home unless he/she is truly sick
- Know that sometimes complaints of sore stomachs and headaches are signs of anxiety
- Talk with teachers, school counsellor, and/or myself for advice on how to alleviate a child's anxiety about going to school or other issues.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid scheduling extended vacations and trips when school is in session.

As always, we appreciate everything that our parents and those in our school community do to support our students' education. Truly the success of our children is a partnership, and we value all of our partners! Have a wonderful October and we hope to see you during the month!

Sincerely,

Mr. Dejan Letkeman - Principal

## Upcoming Dates

November 2 – Parent-Teacher Interviews  
November 10 – No School  
November 13 – No School  
November 14-20 – Volleyball Extravaganza

## SLC Update

The Student Leadership Council has been busy brainstorming and planning for many upcoming events! To celebrate Thanksgiving, the SLC will be handing out clothespin turkeys and feathers to each classroom. Each student will get a turkey to pin on their clothes and their classroom teacher will hand out feathers to students who show thankfulness! The student with the most feathers on their turkey from each classroom will win a prize! Keep an eye out for upcoming spirit weeks and events! SLC will also be having their annual spirit week from Oct. 30 – Nov. 3. Have your students check the posters in the hallway and dress up to help their class win a prize at the end of the week and spread school spirit!

## Walk-a-thon

Osborne School will be having our annual walk-a-thon on Thursday, October 5, 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 presenters, playground upgrades, school snack program, iPad and Chromebooks upgrades and field trips.

The top student fundraiser in K – 4 will be eligible to win a bike and in 5 – 8 students could win a \$250 Walmart gift card. The

classroom with the most pledges 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.

Family members are welcome to come and walk with students on the day of the walk-a-thon. We will hold an assembly immediately following the walk-a-thon where prizes will be awarded.

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 4<sup>th</sup>, even if no pledges were collected.**



## Picture Day

Picture Day is on Friday, October 13. After Picture Day, you can order your pictures on [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca), or by mail through the school. Instructions will be on your Picture Day order form.

## Terry Fox

We held a hot dog sale and had a silver collection for Terry Fox. The money raised will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer awareness. A total of \$285 was raised this year.

## Stinger Volleyball News

The volleyball teams are extremely excited about the upcoming Volleyball Season! Our dedicated athletes have been working hard and can't wait to get on the court. Be sure to come out and support the teams, bring your cheers and excitement to help create a positive and encouraging environment for our players. Let's make this volleyball season one to remember! See you at the games!

### **School Community Council News:**

Our next SCC meeting will take place on Monday, October 2 @ 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.

### **Activity Fees**

School activity fees for the year are \$30/child in grades 1-8, and \$15/child in kindergarten. These fees can be paid by cash or cheque at the school office, or done online by using the School Cash system.

**Thank you to those who have paid their fees.**

### **Milk Program**

Our lunch time milk program is up and running! Milk Cards can be purchased at the office or online. They cost \$12.50 and pay for 10 milks. Once a card has been fully used, it will be sent home with the student in order to let the family know. Milk can also be bought individually each day for \$1.50.

### **Allergy Awareness**

All Saskatchewan Rivers Public Schools strive to maintain **nut-aware** 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.

-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.

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## **Community Events**

Back by Popular Demand: Osborne Community Exercise Classes

Instructor: Cindy Gallegos

Tuesdays 4:40pm-5:30pm and Thursdays 4:00pm-4:50pm

Osborne Gym – enter gym doors

Cindy is planning a variety of classes for us which will include: power walk and weights classes; circuit-type classes, working a variety of muscle groups. Classes are drop-in - \$5.00 per class. Everyone is welcome. Contact Laura for more info: 306-960-8744



**PRINCE ALBERT**  
GOLF AND CURLING CENTRE

### **Junior Curling Program**

**Juniors – ages 11 – 19 – Mondays & / or Wednesdays 4:30 – 5:30 pm**

**League includes league play & instruction**

**League runs October 23 to March 6**

**Cost - \$80 – Sliders & brooms are supplied**

**For more information, contact Pat Bibby 306-961-5353**

**or the PAG&CC office 306-765-5201**

**Junior League – ages 14 – 21 – previous curling experience preferred**

**Wednesdays 7:00 pm - \$100 - October 18 to December 20**

**Registration is available online at [pagcc.ca](http://pagcc.ca) – curling – registration**

**Or at the curling office.**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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1	2 SCC Meeting @ 5:30pm	3	4 Boys' VBall @ JD	5 Walk-a-thon Girls' VBall @ Riverside	6 PLC Day	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Day	10	11 Boys' VBall @ JD	12 Girls' Vball @ WC	13 Picture Day	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Harvest Dinner	21
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29	30	31	<b>BOOK FAIR &amp; SPIRIT WEEK!</b> 			

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

### **LETTER OF FAIR NOTICE – Prince Albert Risk Assessment Protocol**

The Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division Board (SRPSD) is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors and community members. We believe that by working together with students, their families, and the community, we can support young people to be healthy and happy.

Our principals, vice-principals and school social workers receive training developed by the [Centre for Trauma Informed Practice](#) to lead a process called Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO). This training has led to the development of a community protocol to help principals protect students from potential threats to safety or serious harm. The protocol helps schools respond quickly to threatening incidents.

The Prince Albert Community Risk Assessment Protocol outlines how schools will respond to threatening or worrisome behavior. Principals will convene a School Risk Assessment Team, which typically will include the principal/vice-principal, a school counselor and a police officer. Depending on the severity of the potential threat, principals may also consult with the Superintendent of Schools and call in members of the Community Risk Assessment Team. This Community Team may include representatives of community agencies such as local Police, Mental Health and Addiction Services, or Child and Family Services.

Parents and guardians will be notified as soon as possible in the ARTO process. If parents/guardians cannot be reached or if they choose not to provide consent, the risk assessment may still proceed. Personal information shared throughout this process will respect and balance each individual's right to privacy with the need to ensure the safety of all.

This letter is to serve fair notice that SRPSD will take decisive action when a serious threat has been made. Our goal, as always, is to ensure student safety in a caring learning environment.

Sincerely,

Tom Michaud Superintendent of Schools  
Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division