



Osborne Public School

c/o 545 – 11th Street East
 Prince Albert, SK S6V 1B1
 Phone: (306) 922-8078
 Fax: (306) 763-7838
 os.srsd119.ca
 Dejan Letkeman, Principal

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Welcome Back!!	4	5	6 Lids for lids	7
8	9 Muffin Sale Monday... Mmmmmm (\$1.00 each)	10	11	12 Cross-Country Begins	13 Indigo Grant Kick-Off Assembly	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Volleyball Begins	24 Walkathon Kick-Off	25	26	27 Hot Lunch (Selena's Donair)	28
29	30 Orange Shirt Day					

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 home renovations, fishing trips, a road trip to Yellowstone National Park, to a few thousand kilometers on my bike, my summer just flew by! I am, however, excited to be back and to see all our Stingers back at the Hive!

As we begin this school year, we are happy to see extracurricular sports up and running – specifically volleyball and cross country and will be starting soon! We are encouraging all older Stingers to consider these opportunities. You will likely notice – or at least hear about – the many new faces on our Stinger Staff. I would like to welcome to our team Miss Gaudet (K-1 teacher afternoons), Mr. Spehar (teacher intern in Gr. 7/8 and Phys. Ed.), Ms. Wilson (EA), Miss Daigneault (EA), Mr. Jackson (EA), and Mr. Bhat (EA). I also want to mention that we are looking for parents who might be interested in participating in our Osborne School and Community Council (SCC). It is a wonderful opportunity to partner with the school to help students achieve literacy and achievement goals, as well as to provide rich and meaningful educational and community-building experiences for our students. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to reach out!

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 – *Principal*

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 10 - Walkathon

October 11 – PLC Day (No Classes)

October 14 – Thanksgiving (No Classes)

2024-2025 Staff List

Teresa Miller	Kindergarten/Grade 1
Jenna Gaudet	Kindergarten/Grade 1 (pm for Sept)
Brigit Best	Grade 2/3/4
Breane Forrest	Grade 5/6
Eric Knutson	Grade 7/8
Michael Spehar	Grade 7/8 (intern)
Heather Mackie	Grade 7/8 (am only)
Michelle Grimard	IEC/Dreamcatcher Coach
Tanya Magnin	Educational Associate
Faith Daigneault	Educational Associate
Rose Paul	Educational Associate
Kim Jackson	Educational Associate
Melanie Knight	Educational Associate
Stephanie Wilson	Educational Associate
Amit Bhat	Educational Associate (Sept-Nov)
Courtney Feltham	Educational Associate (Nov-June)
Dejan Letkeman	Principal
Caylee Guidinger	Secretary/Library Technician
Adam Horachek	Social Worker

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.

- ✓ 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.

Greetings From Your Teachers

Kindergarten/Grade 1

Hello from the K/1 classroom. I am Ms. Teresa Miller, and I am so excited to be teaching Grades K /1 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 will be teaching in the mornings **only** in the month of September. Miss Jenna Gaudet is teaching in the afternoon. My intention is to return to the classroom full-time in October.

Hello everyone! My name is Miss Gaudet and I will be teaching in the K/1 room in the afternoons for the month of September. I'm excited to be learning alongside your child in math, health, and music! Feel free to reach out to me by calling the school or sending a message on EDSBY!

Grade 2/3/4 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 am thrilled to be teaching grade 5/6 again this year. I look forward to seeing everyone and working together with students, families, staff, and the community to make this school year fantastic!

Grade 7/8 Classrooms

Hello, and welcome back to Osborne School! My name is Michael Spehar, and I'm a student teacher finishing my Education degree through the University of Saskatchewan. I will be teaching intermittently throughout the first weeks of fall, and before long will be teaching Mr. Knutson's classes full-time until December. I look forward to working with the families and community of Osborne School, and I'm sure this year will be filled with knowledge and fun! If you have any questions or need to contact me, my email is

mspehar@srsd119.ca

Hello Osborne Families! I am Miss. 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

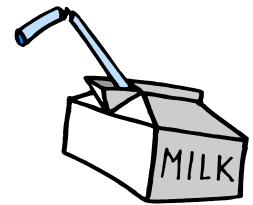
Hello everyone! My name is Michelle Grimard, and I am excited to be returning for my 6th year here at Osborne and my 26th year in the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division! In addition to continuing as the Inclusive Education Coach, I will be teaching grade 2 Math and UFLI instruction, teaching grade 7 Health, as well as filling the Literacy/Math Coach role to help our school achieve our math goals. I look forward to another fantastic year and seeing all our Osborne families.

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.

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! <http://osbornepublicschool.entripyshops.com/>



Online Payment System

Make online payments with

SchoolCashOnline

NOW AVAILABLE

- ✓ Field Trips
- ✓ Sports Events
- ✓ Activity Fees

KEVGROUP
School Cash Simplified

Registration for School Cash Online is now available! Please visit www.srsd19.ca/school-cash-online/ for instructions.

SCC Lids for Lids

Osborne School, along with the SCC is continuing with the Friday fundraiser called "Lids for Lids. On Fridays, if students pay \$1.00, they will be able to wear their favorite hat in and around the school. Normally our dress code requests that students remove their hats when entering the school. "Lids for Lids" is being run to help fund the replacement of an expired inventory of hockey helmets in the school rink shack.



Cell Phone Policy Update

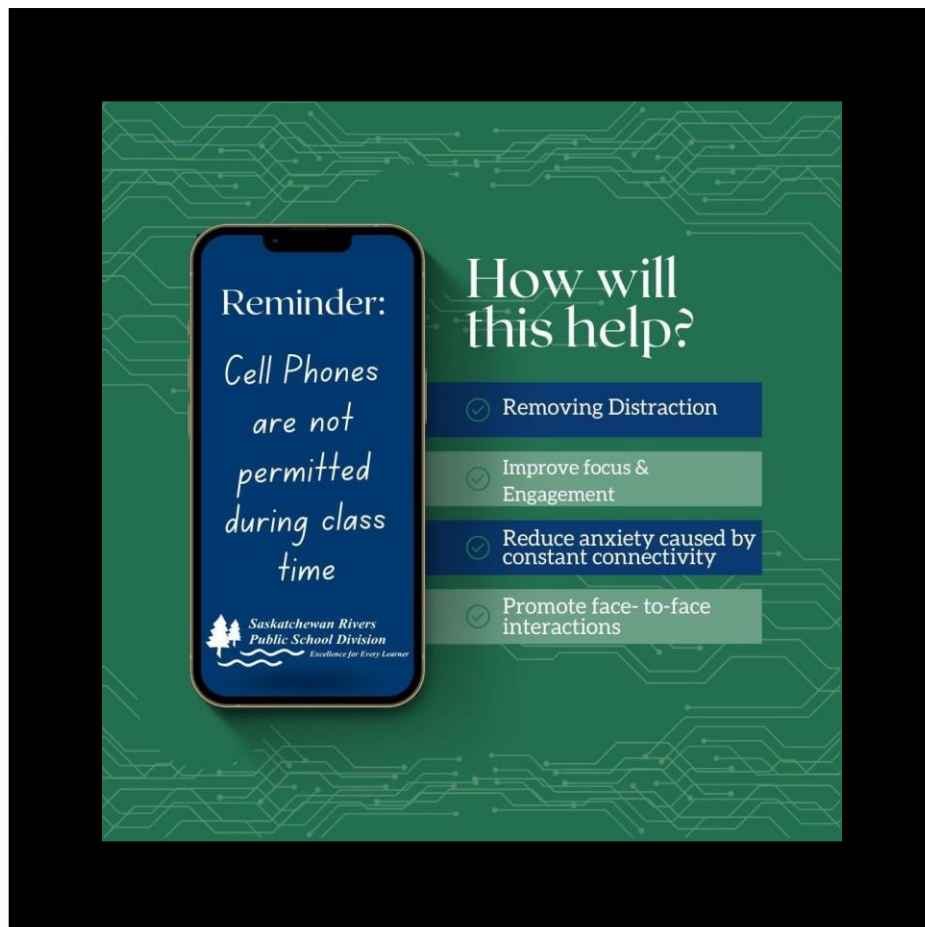
Over the summer, the Saskatchewan government instituted a cellphone/personal device ban on all classrooms in K-12 schools during instructional time. The rationale for this decision is rooted in providing an instructional climate free from the distractions caused by cellphones vibrating or ringing and disrupting student focus. This new provincial policy will not impose significant change for operations at Osborne Public School, as we have long had a no-cellphone/personal device policy during instructional time as well during school hours. We encourage parents to call the school office if they need to speak with their child(ren). As always, we will be having conversations with students at the beginning of this school year about the use of cellphone and personal devices at school.

When a student is found using a cellphone or personal device, our school procedure is as follows:

(1st violation) Student is given a verbal reminder by staff member.

(2nd violation) Student is asked to hand over the phone and it is given to School Administration to be retrieved at the end of the day by the student, and parent is called.

(3rd violation) Student is asked to hand over the phone and it is given to School Administration; parent is called and will be asked to pick up the phone from the school at their convenience.





September 2024

Dear Prekindergarten & Kindergarten Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division!

Our 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: <https://www.edsby.com/privacy-policy/>

Edsby makes it easy for parents to observe all of the wonderful things that are happening in our classroom. We will post notes, pictures, and videos of your child learning at school. This is our tool to 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: <https://tinyurl.com/mr26cv4b>

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

Sincerely Yours,

Dejan Letkeman

