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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	30 Volleyball @ Shellbrook	1	2	3 Volleyball @ Red Wing	4	5
6	7 -Muffin Monday -Volleyball @ Valois -SLC - Dress as your favorite book character	8 Field Trip Mission: INDIGO SCC Meeting @ 5:30pm	9 SLC - Dress as your favorite Thanksgiving Day Food	10 Walkathon (pm) Hot Dog Hot Lunch	11 No Classes	12
13	14 No School	15	16 Volleyball @ Riverside	17	18	19
20	21 Muffin Monday	22 Volleyball @ Riverside	23	24 Picture Day	25	26
27	28 Volleyball @ B.H	29 Selena's Hot Lunch	30 SCC's Harvest-fest Howl SLC – Paint a Pumpkin	31 SLC- Black & Orange (am) Costumes (pm)		

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: Hot Lunches, Cross-Country Extravaganza, Girls and Boys Volleyball, Student Leadership Council (SLC), the Harvestfest Howl, 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 day is of vital importance to the academic success of our students. It may be difficult to see in the moment, but both research, and our experience at Osborne, have shown 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 our partners! Have a wonderful October and we hope to see you during the month!

Upcoming Dates

November 6 – Parent-Teacher Interviews

November 8 – No School

November 11 – No School

November 4 – Volleyball Extravaganza playoffs

November 29 – Willy Wonka Jr. @ E.A Rawlinson

Walk-a-thon

Osborne School will be having our annual walk-a-thon on Thursday, October 10th, 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 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 9th, even if no pledges were collected.**



Picture Day

We are thrilled to have Genelle Amber studios as our photographer this year! Genelle will be offering individual as well as class portraits. Our picture day is on October 24th. Information on how to order will be sent out closer to picture day.

School Community Council News

Our next SCC meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 8th @ 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.

Stinger Volleyball News

The volleyball team is 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 team, 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!

Activity Fees

School activity fees for the year are \$30/child in grades K-8. 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.**

SLC News

The SLC is having a Halloween craft activity on October 30th. We are asking for donations of glass jars. If you could bring them to school by October 25th that would be greatly appreciated!

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 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

Start Date: October 8th

Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:10pm-5:00pm

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



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