



Oakville School



Principal Message

Oct. 2021

'Together We Achieve'

Newsletter # 1

Our students have had a great start to the year and there has been a lot going on at OVS. We have implemented our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports program, PBIS. It focusses on clear expectations and rewarding positive (Respectful, Responsible, and Safe) behavior. Carole Fullerton has been working directly with our teachers, and in classrooms, to strengthen mathematical thinking. She comes with a wealth of experience and engaging lessons to share. It is a great learning experience for both students and staff. I hope to see our families at the Math Games Night!

Covid Update

We will continue to navigate changes to Public Health orders as they apply to our school and our health region. Our students and staff are doing a great job of staying safe. We will be sending home sick students and recommend parents call health links for further advice. If it is recommended a student gets tested, they can return after a negative result and are symptom free for 24 hours. If they choose not to get tested, they can return to school after 10 days if they have been symptom free for 24 hours. I appreciate the parent cooperation we have received.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Nov. 25 – 5:00pm – 8:00pm, Nov 26 – 10:00am – 12:30pm

We will start scheduling times for parent teacher interviews next week. Each interview slot will be 15 minutes to allow for teachers to meet with all their students and parents. Meetings will be virtual on Google Meet, Zoom, or by phone call. Please contact Mrs. Mekkes in the next couple of weeks to set up a time on one of the days and what meeting method you choose.

Attendance

Our school team will continue to encourage and support our families on the importance of regular attendance. We understand the difficulties families are facing with students displaying Covid-19 symptoms and having to keep them home. Please remember to call or email the school if your child will be missing a day.

Halloween

We will be welcoming costumes again this year and students are able to bring a nut free snack for themselves. However, we won't be bringing in class snacks and sharing food again this year. Please make sure that costumes are school appropriate (not too scary for our little ones) and don't include a weapon.

Remembrance Day

Oakville School Remembrance Day will be honored on November 10, 2021, at 10:30. Our ceremony will be virtual and will be displayed in each of our homerooms. We will hear from veterans, and classes will be honoring those who served to give us our freedom. A reminder that November 11 and 12 schools will be closed.

Eye See...Eye Learn

Parents of K-2 students will be receiving an information newsletter, brochure and an eye exam form for the Eye See...Eye Learn program. This information is for families who have not yet taken their child to their optometrist. If you have already visited with your optometrist, please dis-regard. If you have any questions, you can contact Ms. Mellen.



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		Important Dates
Oct.	Tues-Fri -26-29	Spirit Week Gr 4-8
25	Monday	Divisional PD -No Classes
26	Tuesday	Support (dress up) your favorite sport or favorite team
27	Wednesday	Dress up as your hero (can be sports idol, movie star, singer, family member, etc.)
28	Thursday	Dress up as your favorite animal
29	Friday	School Halloween Day (costumes) All Grades
29	Friday	Subway Lunch
NOV.5	Friday	Photo Re-takes
11	Thursday	Remembrance Day— SCHOOL CLOSED
12	Friday	K-8 School PD— NO CLASSES
24	Wednesday	Reports emailed home
25	Thursday Evening	K-12 Parent/Teacher 5:00—8:00pm (Virtual)
26	Friday	K-12 Parent/Teacher 10:00—12:30pm (Virtual) NO CLASSES
29	Monday	K-8 Admin Day/9-12 PD NO CLASSES

Please Note: Dates are subject to change.



This year the students will attend a virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony to honor those who protected our freedom.



This Years Leadership Team

Paige Ferguson Jazi Botterill

Katie Wolfe Rihanna Assiniboine

Freeman White Paige Holmes

Bella Botterill

All Student Fees and Home Ec./ IA Fees are now Over Due please pay the Office ASAP. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank You

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All students' absenteeism must be covered by an explanation from the parent or guardian. Written explanations, including date, directed to the teacher are preferred. Phone calls to the office are also acceptable in place of a note.

Panther Pride Paw Tickets

At OVS we are so proud of our students' positive citizenship and have been catching kiddos doing fantastic things such as; being **respectful**, Responsible, and Safe. Students have many opportunities to be caught by staff and will have their tickets entered into a daily draw for a prize. Keep up the good work!

Remind your children to check the **Lost & Found** in front of the Library for missing clothes, mittens, shoes, lunch kits...



Grade 6&7 Collaborative Art Project

Together We Soar

For this project, we looked at:

- Watercolour painting techniques
- We worked with the *Element of Colour*
- Indigenous symbolism of a feather
- Comparing how the *symbolism of a feather* can be compared to the *symbolism of a community*
- Each student contributed *three feathers* to our wingspan



Don't Forget to always let your Bus Driver, Teacher, and or Secretary know important information about your student(s) if they are not riding the bus that evening.

**We do not have a "Bus Binder again" this year" :(



Spirit Week

Spirit week will take place for:
Gr. 4 - 8
Tuesday, Oct. 26 to Friday, Oct. 29

~If you choose to dress up, all clothing must school appropriate~

Tuesday, October 26th - Support (dress up) your favorite sport or favorite team

Wednesday, October 27th - Dress up as your hero (can be sports idol, movie star, singer, family member, etc.)

Thursday, October 28th - Dress up as your favorite animal

Friday, October 29th - Wear your Halloween costumes



If anyone in the community would like to donate prizes for our

Panther Pride draws, we would really appreciate it. No prize is too big and no prize is too small.

Thank you!!

Please ensure your child is dressed for the cold weather. Extra socks and mittens are advisable on "wet" days.



Lifetouch.

REMINDER

There's still time to order your pictures!

Order Online at mylifetouch.ca

Or Photo Retakes on Nov. 5:

Basically, students should bring either their original proof order form or a purchased photo package to the photographer on photo retake day.

- The order form has a **Retake Request** check box where the family can indicate if they want retakes. It also tells them to bring the proof sheet to the photographer.

- Some schools collect the old proofs ahead of time which works well to determine roughly how many retakes are expected that day. These can then be given to the students as they are called down for photos.

Please note - we will still photograph students who forget to bring their old proofs or package; it's just harder to confirm the family actually wanted retakes.

- After retake day the process is the same – proofs of the new photos arrive in a few days and families can order online or with the order forms again.

FRIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

NEW COVID MEASURES - AS OF OCTOBER 5

GENERAL INFO

Dates/Times: October 22 & 23, 2021 (5:00pm-10:00pm)
Cost: \$5.00/person (4 and under are free, and do not require a ticket)
Location: Fort la Reine Museum (2652 Saskatchewan Ave E, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba)
Tickets: Visitors must purchase tickets in advance at either the front desk of the Museum during open hours, or online through Eventbrite (link on website).
Theme: This year, we will be featuring aspects of historic spiritualism and ghost stories from Manitoba

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Do I need to be fully vaccinated to attend? *Yes. As of October 5, all seasonal/festive outdoor events are limited to fully vaccinated patrons (aged 12+)*
2. Do I need to wear a mask? *Yes, for certain indoor spaces masks are required (please bring one).*
3. How do I present my tickets? *Bring your mobile/printed or physical tickets with you to the front entrance. Your tickets will be processed upon arrival.*
4. Do I get a discount if I am a Museum member? *Yes! Museum members (with active and valid membership cards) are eligible for a 50% discount on special events. You may present your membership card when purchasing tickets to receive the discount. Only 1 discounted ticket per individual Membership, and up to 4 discounted tickets per Family Membership (2 adults, 2 children).*
5. How are you keeping the event Covid-19 safe? *We are implementing a one-way directional pathway that visitors must follow (outdoors). Groups will be separated along the path by volunteers. More volunteers will be stationed to sanitize high-traffic areas. The event will have a separate entrance and exit to ensure traffic flow*
6. Is this event appropriate for young kids? *Yes! During our Family-Friendly hours (5:00pm-7:00pm), the Museum will still be decorated for Halloween, but no scare tactics will be implemented until after 7:00pm. All of the interactive activities will be fun for all ages, but you know your kids best. If they are scared of ghosts or mild spooky elements, this event may not be fun for them.*
7. What kind of activities are going to be offered? *We are offering spooky ghost stories around the fire, ghost-themed games and crafts, a hot drink station, interactive living-history actors, and a large-scale Corn Maze quest. Some specialized food vendors will be present for more food options (not free with admission).*
8. When should I arrive? *We recommend arriving no later than 9:00pm to make sure that you experience all of the activities during the event. Depending on your pace, the entire experience should last between 1-2 hours.*
9. Is the event wheelchair accessible? *Unfortunately as the event takes place outside, we cannot guarantee a smooth path for wheelchairs.*
10. Will washrooms be available? *Yes, but access is limited. We recommend using the washroom beforehand.*
11. Where do I park? *The Museum has two large parking lots available for use. The first parking lot is located to the left when you enter the main gate, and the overflow parking lot is on the right.*

Terry Fox Foundation

Oakville School Raised \$ 1248.49 to this Fabulous Fundraiser



Oakville School Blog

Just a reminder that we have our own blog. We have many resources to share with our families, literacy and numeracy sites, general information and important dates.

<https://ovsresource.blogspot.com/>

We will also have times when we are asking for your input. For example we want to know what the kiddos would like for prizes for our OVS Panther Pride Paw Draws.

Check out the blog and follow by email.

If you have any questions or would like to share some links to be placed on the blog, please contact Ms. Mellen pmellen@plpsd.mb.ca

TABS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

CATIE



Catie is 7 years old and is in Grade One at Earl Oxford School in Brandon. At ten months old, she was diagnosed with hemiplegia, which is a type of cerebral palsy. She was later re-diagnosed with spastic quadriplegia. This is a condition where all four of her limbs were affected to some degree. Catie's right arm functions better than her left, so she uses a one arm drive manual wheelchair. With spastic cerebral palsy, she suffers from muscle stiffness which is only exacerbated when she exerts the energy needed to propel herself in her present wheelchair.

Catie is an eternal optimist who is always seeking out the good in life. She is quick to say hello and make new friends and even quicker to offer compliments and encouragement. It is impossible not to be inspired by her positive attitude and sweet smile!

Catie is so excited to be the 2022 recipient of a power wheelchair that will provide her with the ease of independence she desires and deserves!



It will be Tabs for Wheelchairs' privilege to present Catie with a power wheelchair in June 2022!



Oakville School OVS

Ms. Jill Fast (PCI) and volunteers from the PCRC along with our students painted orange hand prints to commemorate **Orange Shirt Day.**



Mrs. Tully's Grade 4 Class enjoying the lovely fall weather while learning about cardinal directions.



Is this what they were looking for?

Ye Landlubbers stay clear of me bounty!



Mrs. Mekkes
(keeper of many treasures...)



Gr 4 & 5 Field Trip to the MB Museum on October 15th



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS - NEW REQUIREMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2021

FULLY VACCINATED STUDENT

- If a student is asymptomatic and fully VACCINATED they can still attend school when someone in their household has been identified as a close contact, is waiting for COVID test results or is not feeling well. The student does not need to self-isolate.
- If a student is fully VACCINATED and is not feeling well the student should complete the COVID Self-Screener, contact health links and follow their direction.

UNVACCINATED STUDENT

- If a student is UNVACCINATED and the student or someone in their household has been identified as a close contact, is waiting for COVID test results or is not feeling well, the student must remain home until a negative COVID test result is produced.
- If an UNVACCINATED student or household member chooses not to take a COVID test the entire household must isolate for ten days and be asymptomatic upon return.