



# Oakville School

## October 2022

It is hard to believe that our first month of school has come and gone. We trust that your children have all settled in nicely to the routine at school and are making important connections with their learning. We would like to thank all of our students and staff for participating in the Strong Beginnings program which was a great success this year. We received much positive feedback about Strong Beginnings and it's importance and value in your child's education plan for the rest of the year. Now that fall is here, so is cold and flu season. If your child will be absent please ensure that it is emailed/called into the office or you contact your child's home room teacher to inform us. Also, to help everyone get through the cold and flu season, please review with your child the importance of eating well, getting enough sleep (turn off those devices at least an hour before bed time), proper and frequent handwashing and sneezing/coughing into the crook of your arm (not into the hands).

### **Are you reading with your child at home?**

Here are some suggestions that you can use at home to help your child's reading comprehension/understanding on what they have just read:

Have them re-read what they just read (more information = more understanding)

Activate prior knowledge (ask questions to your child that they already know the answers to)

Use context clues (using the other

words in a sentence to understand an unknown word)

Infer meaning (read between the lines)

Think aloud (talk through it)

Summarize what they just read (who were the characters, where did the story take place, was there a problem in the story, what was the solution)

Last month we worked hard and spent time school-wide learning about the importance kindness, inclusion and of anti-racism and the residential school system through our **Orange Shirt Day** activities. We are proud at OVS to be learning and practicing inclusion and acceptance of everyone.

Stay warm and dry, be kind, be gentle, be humble, look for the goodness in each other and have a great month!



*Happy Thanksgiving!*

## **Power School and Bright Arrow Updates**

On October 2, we sent out a test email to OVS families using the new Bright Arrow messaging system for the school division and it was a success. We will now resume sending information from the office via emails to OVS families.

There is a parent portal service through Power School that allows parents to update their contact information, and their child's information directly as well. That part of Power School is not yet ready to be used but when it operational we will let everyone know. In the mean time if contact information changes for your child, please ensure that you let the office know.

## **Thank you to Our Local Co-op**

We wish to give a loud panther paw thank you to our local Homestead Co-op for donating \$3400 to our school as part of the Fuel Good Day campaign—thank you so much!

## **Assemblies**

On September 26 OVS held it's first end of month assembly since the pandemic started that we could have everyone together to celebrate our first month of school. Families, you are always welcome to attend our assemblies. Our October assembly will be held at 2:15 on October 27. Please join us!

The following OVS students received

Panther Shout Outs for being kind and inclusive in September:

Kasen, Ruder, Jayden, Cam, Casey, Tom, Allana, Chase, Cazden, Paisley, Aaliyah, Cassidy, Rylan, Caleb, Mhairi, Asher, Dylan, Mia, Daniel, Bella, Parker, Hollie, Donovan and Hudson.

**Picture Day is October 28, 2022 (retakes are on November 25)**

## **Going Home For Lunch**

Children who are within walking distance of home are asked to go home for lunch. If there are circumstances that may prevent this, please contact the office.

**Congratulations to all of our runners** on our cross country running team for a great season. We had many athletes finish in the top 10 during our 3 meets. Thank you to our coaches: Mrs. Smoliak and Ms. Metzloff.



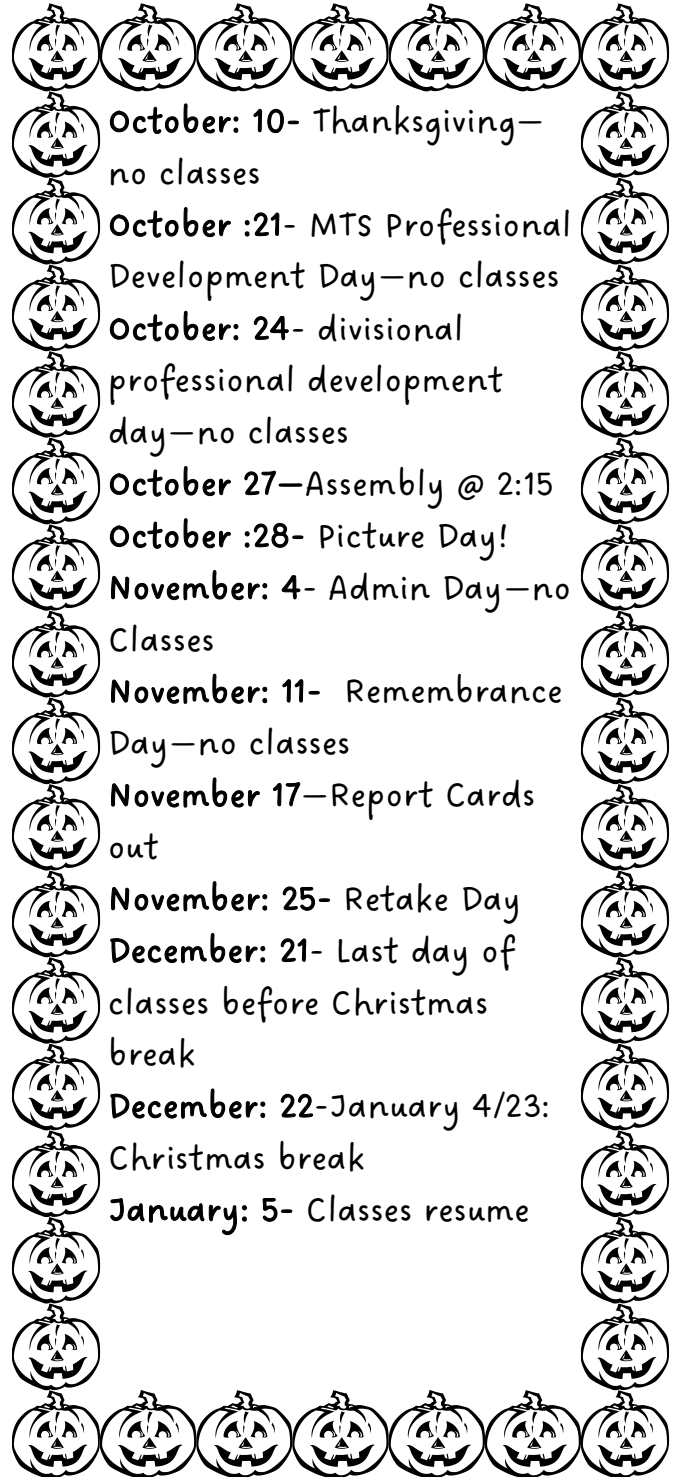
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# From the Library

The library will be having a Scholastic Virtual Book Fair in November.

Oakville School has raised a total of \$ 670 for Coins for Cancer .





There will be a Quebec trip this spring and we will be travelling to Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Niagara Falls. The trip is open to all students in grade 6,7&8. It is not too late to register. Contact Mr. Burnett @ 267-2733 or [greg.burnett@plpsd.net](mailto:greg.burnett@plpsd.net).



Oakville School has a Co-op number that can be used at Carman, Treherne, Portage ,Oakville, La Salle and MacGregor locations.

Feel free to use 32603 and support Oakville School. Thank you to our Co-Op for donating \$3400 to OVS as part of the Fuel Good Day last month.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming Parent Council Fundraisers:

Big Box Cards later this month

Mom's Pantry beginning of November

Bothwell Cheese end of November

These fundraisers help fund projects and supplies that support the students, staff and greater community.

The next Parent Council meeting is November 9 @ 6:30 in the library.



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