



# Oakville School

## January 2023

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. We all hope that your holiday season was safe, restful and peaceful.

Please ensure that your children are coming to school with proper winter clothing. The school division policy is that at -27 or colder, all outdoor activities such as outdoor recess will be held indoors, however if the temperature is warmer than -27 then all students will go outside for their scheduled recess breaks.

Encourage your children to engage in **productive struggle** by supporting them during challenging assignments and praising them for their persistence and by not intervening too early. Research shows that when students solve problems that are challenging, but still within their abilities, they deepen their learning. Allow students to wrestle with problems before intervening. Persistence and resilience are important skills that we all need and coaching your children through such situations with school work is an excellent teachable moment for them.

On January 17 & 19 we are proud to welcome **Indigenous author David Robertson** who will be at OVS to work with all of our students in editing and revising their writing. We are very excited for this unique opportunity. David Robertson is an Indigenous author, public speaker, and two-time winner of the Governor General's Literary Award from Winnipeg, Manitoba. Robertson is a member of the Norway House Cree Nation. He has published over 25 books across a variety of genres. Please see the end of the newsletter for more information about David.

Our PBIS theme this month is: **Perseverance and Responsibility.**

Calling all future Panthers who will turn 5 in 2023—**Kindergarten registration** for the fall is February 8 at OVS. Please spread the word!

Please note that OVS is no longer collecting pop can tabs. What we have collected to date will be sent to the Tabs for Kids program.

# Dates to Remember



**January: 5-** Classes resume

**January 11**—PAC meeting @ 6:30

**January 12 (5:00-8:00)** Student-Involved Conferences

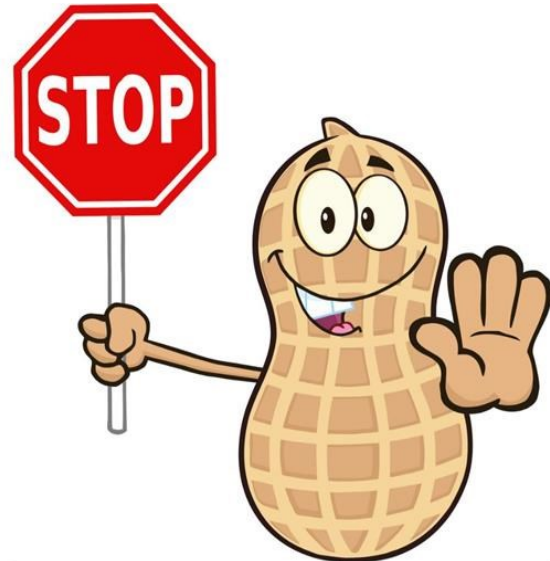
**January 13 (10:00-12:30)** Student-Involved Conferences

**January 17 & 19 (PM)** David Robertson writing and editing workshops

**January 18**—Pizza day

**January 19**—OVS Pre-School Party @ 2:30

**January 27**—Assembly @ 2:30



We are a Nut Safe School

Just a friendly reminder that our Grades 3, 4, 7 and 8 are Nut Free Spaces.





# From the Library

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Thank you to everyone that shopped at our Virtual Book Fair! We appreciate all the support we received. The winner of the Family Collection of Books, was Georgina Trusty.

For all Oakville School e-transfers please use [ovs@plpsd.net](mailto:ovs@plpsd.net).

## CO-OP

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.



# Quebec Trip



It's still not too late to book your child's trip to Quebec City, Montreal and Ottawa this coming spring break!! If you still want to enroll your child for this experience of a lifetime, contact Mr. Burnett for more information.



# Guest Author

Oakville School will be having a guest author in our school in January. David A. Robertson is the author of many indigenous short stories and books, including the famous trilogy - The Barren Grounds. He will be joining our school to discuss the writing process and his favourite part - editing and revising, and truth and reconciliation through storytelling .



DAVID A. ROBERTSON (he, him, his) was the 2021 recipient of the Writers' Union of Canada Freedom to Read Award as well as the Globe and Mail Children's Storyteller of the Year. He is the author of numerous books for young readers including *When We Were Alone*, which won the 2017 Governor General's Literary Award and the McNally Robinson Best Book for Young People Award. *The Barren Grounds*, Book 1 of the middle-grade *The Misewa Saga* series, received a starred review from Kirkus, was a Kirkus and Quill & Quire best middle-grade book of 2020, was a USBBY and Texas Lone Star selection, was shortlisted for the Ontario Library Association's Silver Birch Award, and was a finalist for the 2020 Governor General's Literary Award. His memoir, *Black Water: Family, Legacy, and Blood Memory*, was a Globe and Mail and Quill & Quire book of the year in 2020, and won the Alexander Kennedy Isbister Award for Non-Fiction as well as the Carol Shields Winnipeg Book Award at the 2020 Manitoba Book Awards. *On The Trampoline*, illustrated by Julie Flett, won David's second Governor General's Literary Award, won the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award, and was named one of the best picture books of 2021 by the CCBC, The Horn Book, New York Public Library, Quill & Quire, and *American Indians in Children's Literature*. Dave is the writer and host of the podcast *Kiwew (Key-Way-Oh)*, winner of the 2021 RTDNA Praire Region Award for Best Podcast. His first adult fiction novel, *The Theory of Crows*, was published in 2022 and is a national bestseller. He is a member of Norway House Cree Nation and currently lives in Winnipeg .