



# OAKVILLE SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Oakville School for 2025-26. To our Kindergarten and new students and families - a warm welcome to our great school!

On *September 3, 2025 between 1:30 and 3:00* we will be having a Meet and Greet where if you would like to bring your child to say hello to our staff, see their new classroom and locker, and drop off any supplies please feel welcome.

The first day of school is *September 4, 2025 (day 1)*. Grade 1-4 students who take the bus are reminded to have their green bus identification badge attached to their backpack. They are the same green tags as last year. Students who take the bus in Kindergarten will receive their tags during their first days of Kindergarten (the first day of Kindergarten is September 5 - day 2). If you need a new tag, please contact the office.

I encourage you to speak with your children daily on what they are learning at school and how their days are going. There are successes every day at school and I encourage everyone to celebrate them. If there are questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or myself at the office. Often issues or problems that arise can be quickly resolved when the school knows about them as soon as possible.

At the beginning of every month you will receive an electronic newsletter that provides you with important information about happenings in our school. I also encourage everyone to check our school website( <https://ovs.plpsd.mb.ca/>) regularly as it contains lots of important and helpful information. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the office with any questions that you may have.

At Oakville School we adhere to *PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports*. I encourage you to read the information about our PBIS program at OVS either on our website or in every newsletter throughout the year. PBIS is a behavior support system that teaches and acknowledges positive expectations at our school and is taught year round to all grades. It is very effective in helping to create a safe, predictable and positive learning environment. A reminder also that Personal Mobile Devices (PMD) are not permitted during the school day and during school activities. I encourage these devices to stay at home. If a PMD is brought to school, it is to remain "off" in the child's

locker for the duration of the day. Please do not hesitate to call the office if you need to get a message to your child.

A reminder that we are a *nut safe school* - *please do not send nut products to school* as we have students and staff with life threatening anaphylactic allergies to nut products. Please double check what food items are sent to school and speak with your child about the importance of washing hands before and after eating, spraying their desk down (or having a grownup spray their desk down for our smaller children) after they eat, to stay in their desk during lunch time, and to never share food.

I ask that *students who live in Oakville go home every day for lunch* if at all possible. Lunchtime is when we have the least amount of supervision available so your cooperation is very appreciated.

*Attendance* and a good night's sleep are crucial to success at school. Days away from school can add up quickly - a half day here and full day there etc. Please try and have your child at school every day. I understand that life happens and people get sick, have appointments, have trips, and other personal or family matters etc that may cause a child to miss school and so if there is any way that the school can support your child's attendance, please let us know.

*Predictable bedtime routines* are also important (try to avoid devices around bedtime) especially now that school routines will be back in place.

A reminder that we have *Strong Beginnings on September 19 & 22, 2025* - there will be no regular classes those days. You will be receiving a separate letter explaining what the Strong Beginnings program is, including your child's appointment time shortly.

Our *Tuesday and Thursday Breakfast program* will be starting up in September but the date has not been confirmed yet - we will let everyone know when the program starts up again.

Please ensure that your *contact information* is current and updated at the office. Sometimes addresses, emails, pick-up people, phone numbers etc. change throughout the year - please let us know at the office as soon as there is a change.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff at Oakville School, I want to thank you for the *privilege* of teaching your children. We love what we do here and we are excited to help your child grow and succeed. It will be another great year - we hope that you will enjoy it with us.

Sincerely,

Mark Sokolowski

Oakville School Principal