



# OAKVILLE SCHOOL



June 2010

'Together We Achieve'

Newsletter # 8

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This is it!

Grade 8 Farewell has come and gone, staffing has been settled and the mosquitoes are here to welcome us all to summer! It was a highly successful year at OVS in 2009-10 with our students showing incredible growth inside and outside the classrooms. Our K-3 students have taken enormous strides in reading and literacy this year, thanks in part to the Small Group Reading Instruction Program and a lot of hard work. The Junior High students excelled on the sports fields again, pushing much larger schools to the limit in every sport. They also served as role models for our younger students, acting as lunch supervisors, French teachers and Peer Tutors. We will certainly miss our outgoing Grade 8 class who provided a lot of energy to the building and were never afraid to speak their minds! The ski trip to Asessippi will always be a favorite memory of mine. I really saw the students bond and become a strong group on that trip.

Next year's classes will experience a few interesting and exciting changes. For starters, Mrs. Stubbington will be back in Kindergarten and will welcome 18 brand new students to the OVS community! Next year's Grade 1 class will be joining half of the Grade 2's with Mrs. Sawchuk, while the other half will be in a Grade 2/3 split with Miss Thiessen. Mr. Anderson's retirement will open the door for Mr. Skinner to take on the role of Grade 4 teacher in the mornings, with Ms. Fletcher (ELA), Mr. Burnett (French) and Mr. Reichert (Social Studies) handling the afternoons. Ms. Fletcher will be back in Grade 5 and Mrs. Harrison will be returning from maternity leave to take over the Grades 6,7 and 8 ELA program. Mr. Burnett will be heading up the 4-8 French as well as the 5-7 Social Studies. Mr. Patterson will continue in his role as Grades 6-8 Math and Science teacher. Mrs. Unruh will continue as the K-6 Music teacher and the Early Literacy Intervention teacher until November when we will welcome back Ms. Metzloff. Mr. Reichert will continue as Resource teacher along with taking on the Grade 4 Social Studies and Mr. McDonald is back for another year of K-8 Phys-Ed and Grade 8 Social Studies.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and community members who continue to make Oakville School a wonderful place. Every day your children arrive here and amaze me with their character, intelligence and compassion. Our school is certainly a reflection of the wonderful community that it serves.

Remember to read at least two great books this summer and stay active! Have a great holiday!

**Graham Shindle**

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**FIRST DAY BACK FOR STUDENTS IS  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH , 2010**

**PICTURE DAY IS THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 14TH.**

### Staffing 2010—2011

**Mr. G. Shindle** Principal

**Mr. K. McDonald** Assistant Principal;

K-3 Phys. Ed.; Gr. 4—8 Phys. Ed./Health

Gr. 8 Social Studies

**Mrs. S. Stubbington** Kindergarten

**Mrs. T. Sawchuk** Grade 1 / 2

**Miss C. Thiessen** Grade 2 / 3

**Mr. R. Skinner** Grade 4 Math & Science

**Miss S. Fletcher** Grade 5; Grade 4 Language Arts

**Mrs. N. Harrison** Grade 6, 7, 8 Language Arts;

Grade 7 & 8 Fine Arts; Gr. 7/8 Band

**Mrs. S. Unruh** Reading Recovery/ELI ; Guidance;

K-6 Music

**Mr. G. Burnett** Gr. 4—8 French; Gr. 5, 6 & 7 Social St.

**Mr. D. Patterson** Gr. 6, 7 & 8 Math & Science

**Mr. D. Reichert** Resource; Guidance; Gr. 4 Social St.

Grade 7 & 8 Computer Applications

Recently it was announced that the Grade 7/8 Band and Art programs would be terminated. These two courses will be replaced by the brand new Arts curriculum that is being developed by Manitoba Education. Mrs. Harrison will be returning from her maternity leave to teach the class. It will include a focus on four different artistic disciplines: Visual Arts, Music, Dance and Drama. The entire draft copy of the curriculum can be found at <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/arts/framework/print.html>. Fortunately, we are also able to offer a Band class for Grade 7 and 8 students. The class will run outside of the regularly scheduled school day. Students would be expected to attend the class over lunch hour, from 12:10-12:45 on Days 1, 5 and 6. The class would be included on the student report card and would be officially recognized by the school and the division office. Attendance would be mandatory for all students who had registered. Absences being dealt with according to school and division policy. Any parents with questions or concerns are asked to contact the school or email Mr. Shindle at [gshindle@plpsd.mb.ca](mailto:gshindle@plpsd.mb.ca).