



# OAKVILLE SCHOOL



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'Together We Achieve'

Newsletter # 1

## Principal's Message

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[www.plpsd.mb.ca/oakville](http://www.plpsd.mb.ca/oakville)

[www.oakvilleschool.wordpress.com](http://www.oakvilleschool.wordpress.com)

Welcome to another year at Oakville School! The first full week has come and gone and we are already feeling like we never left! The staff is excited about the opportunity to work with the greatest students in the world and the students seem excited to be back in the hallways of our community school. We have a very promising group of middle years students this year and the leadership potential of our grade 8 students is enormous, so we are anticipating a year full of great memories. Our early years students will be the big beneficiaries as they will have the opportunity to follow the example of our older students. It's just one of the things that makes OVS a great place to learn, work and grow.

We are very excited to be welcoming two new staff members to the school this year as Ms. Tara Cormier and Ms. Alicia Hill have joined us. Ms. Cormier is our new kindergarten teacher and brings a wealth of experience to her new position. Ms. Hill is fresh from university and will be teaching math to our grade 2 and 4 students. Both reside in Oakville and are extremely excited about the opportunity to work in their community school!

Student activities are in full swing already with cross-country running, volleyball and student council elections underway. Cross-country races will be run on Tuesdays, starting with September 20<sup>th</sup> and ending on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Our student council elections will take place on September 21<sup>st</sup>! Volleyball practices are running on a daily basis in the morning and after school.

Parents are reminded that the doors to OVS are always open. Please stop by anytime to see how we conduct our business.

We are all very proud of our school and our community!

**Graham Shindle**

**Principal**

**204-267-2404**

Sept.		Important Dates
21	Wed.	Student Council & Class Rep. Elections
28	Wed.	Terry Fox Run (2:30—3:30 p.m.)
29	Thursday	School Assembly 2:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome  Quebec Trip (Spring 2014) Info Night—meeting in Mr. Burnett's classroom from 4:00—5:00 p.m. This is for parents of current Grade 4—6 students.
Oct.		
4	Tuesday	X-Country 1:00 p.m. Republic park Volleyball League starts
10	Monday	Thanksgiving Day—Schools Closed
11	Tuesday	Division Wide P.D. (no classes for students)
13	Thursday	SCHOOL PICTURES (Kindergarten students will attend on the 13th - Not on the 12th.)
Oct. 12, 13, 14, 17		SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR—Library
21	Friday	SAG (no classes for students)
27	Thurs.	School Assembly 2:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome
31	Monday	K—3 Halloween Class Parties

**Reminder: please inform the school  
of any student accomplishments within the community so that they may  
be acknowledged at our school assemblies.**

## REMINDERS!

### **Student Accident Insurance:**

***We encourage students to enrol in the Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance Plan. For as little as \$7.75 per year, your child can have coverage for not only school sponsored events, but all accidents, whether at home, at school or while playing.***

**Campbell Soup Labels:** *OVS is once again collecting Campbell Soup Labels. Be sure to include the whole label. They can be dropped off at the main office.*

**Medical Procedures:** *PLPSD Policy does not allow the administering of medication to students without written consent on file.*

**School Facility:** *Local groups wishing to use school facilities should fill in a school use form and try to give the school a 24 hour notice.*

**Head Lice:** *Parents are urged to check their children's hair on a regular basis and inform their children not to share brushes, combs, hats, coats, etc.*

**Attendance:** *Parents are urged to call the school before 9:00 a.m. if their child will be away because of illness, app't., etc.*

**Emergency Preparedness Drills:** *Throughout the course of the year, our school conducts several emergency evacuation drills. These include 10 fire drills, 1 evacuation to the Oakville Community Hall, 2 lockdown drills (inside & outside) and 1 tornado drill. All drills are reviewed with students. For more information regarding procedures, parents are advised to check with their child's teacher.*

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

We will be having our scholastic Book Fair early this year.

It will be held **October 12, 13, 14 & 17th.**

The book fair will be open during the day on school days & Friday evening on October 14th from 5:00—8:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.

## **Le coin francais**

### **Top 10 reasons to study French**

10. Research has shown that learning French increases problem-solving skills, memory, self-discipline and self-esteem.

(no. 9 to come in October's newsletter)

## **NUTRITION LETTER**

[www.rha-central.mb.ca/newsletters.php?cat=3](http://www.rha-central.mb.ca/newsletters.php?cat=3)

## **ASSESSMENT**

The Portage School Division is continuing to promote assessment reform in all of our schools. At OVS we are on the leading edge of this reform and have made a concerted effort to improve the quality of our assessment practices and the way in which it is reported to parents. We believe that assessment should be used FOR, OF and AS Learning. Please check the following link for more information about assessment in Manitoba schools.

<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/wncp/index.html>

Parent Council Message!

On behalf of the Oakville School Parent Council, I would like to welcome everyone back for another eventful school year. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the new staff as well as those families that are new to our school community. I also encourage anyone interested in parent council's activities to contact one of the class room reps or myself simply for information or if you would like to get involved. As a Parent Council we are looking forward working with the staff, the students, and the parents of Oakville School.

Sherrie Upgang—Parent Council Chairperson, 243-2756

At this time Parent Council would like to inform parents that we are discontinuing the Hot Lunch program due to the declining interest over the past two years. We will review this decision at a later date to determine if the program will be discontinued for the foreseeable future. However, we are continuing to work with the student council to provide the Tuesday canteen, for which price list/order forms can be viewed on the school's website.

**Youth Basketball Registration**

**PCI West Gym**

**Sept. 25th 5:00—9:00 p.m.**

**Boys/Girls Ages 5—13**

**Contact A. MacInnis 857-6276**

KidSport

KidSport applications are now available at the school. KidSport allows children and their families to apply for assistance of up to \$300 per year to register in organized sport—so all kids can play. The fall deadline for applications is Oct. 15th.

[www.kidsportcanada.ca/index.php?page=manitoba\\_how\\_to\\_apply](http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/index.php?page=manitoba_how_to_apply)

**TERRY FOX FUN**

The Terry Fox Fun will be held at our school

On Wed. Sept. 28th

during the last 2 periods of the day

(2:30 - 3:30 p.m.) on the school grounds.

Snack will be provided for the students.

Pledge forms will be distributed to students and they must be returned on Sept. 28th.

Attention all parents of children born in 2007 & 2008

Tiny Tots Nursery School is considering a third day of Nursery school at OVS. Please contact Andrea Miller at 267-2283 if interested.

**Special Olympics Manitoba—Information Session**

**Capture the Spirit**

Special Olympics Manitoba provides sport to Manitobans with an intellectual disability. SOM helps individuals reach personal bests, learn new skills and succeed in life.

Join us for a Special Olympics Manitoba information night. Interested families, athletes and new volunteers are welcome to attend. Portage la Prairie offers a youth/adult multi-sport program, 5-pin bowling program and floor hockey program. Find out how to become an athlete or make a difference in an athlete's life through volunteering.

The information night will be held on Wed. Sept. 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Victoria School / Red River College. To register, please call 1-888-333-9179 or email: [som@specialolympics.mb.ca](mailto:som@specialolympics.mb.ca)