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OAKLEY PARK COMMUNITY WEEKLY UPDATE Week of October 1st 2018

On Monday October 1st, we will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day – *Every Child Matters* (September 30th annually) at Oakley Park Public School and across our school board. This day recalls the experiences of former students of residential schools and is a commitment of ongoing reconciliation in Canada.

Originating in British Columbia, 2018 marks the fifth year of the campaign. September 30th is considered important in the residential school experiences of First Nation, Metis and Inuit people as this was the date when students would be removed from their homes to attend schools.

Students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt if they have one, and will be learning about residential schools within the classroom instructional program.

School Council starts this week. Please join us in the library on Tuesday October 2nd at 6pm for our first council meeting. We are always looking for new members and have a role for everyone!

Also coming up this week is our Oakley Park Open House! Please join us this Wednesday October 3rd for an Open House and Meet the Teacher night. Classrooms will be open from 5-6pm, along with our library, where you will find information from our school board staff and community partners. For our families that pre-ordered pizza, there will be a Pizza-Q in the gym from 6-7pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

The week ahead:

Monday October 1st – DAY FIVE Orange Shirt Day Cross country running practice
Tuesday October 2nd – DAY ONE First school council meeting – 6pm
Wednesday October 3rd – DAY TWO Cross country running meet Oakley Park Open House – Meet the Teacher Night Pasta lunch orders due
Thursday October 4th – DAY THREE
Friday October 5th – DAY FOUR Pizza day

Some Upcoming Dates to Remember:

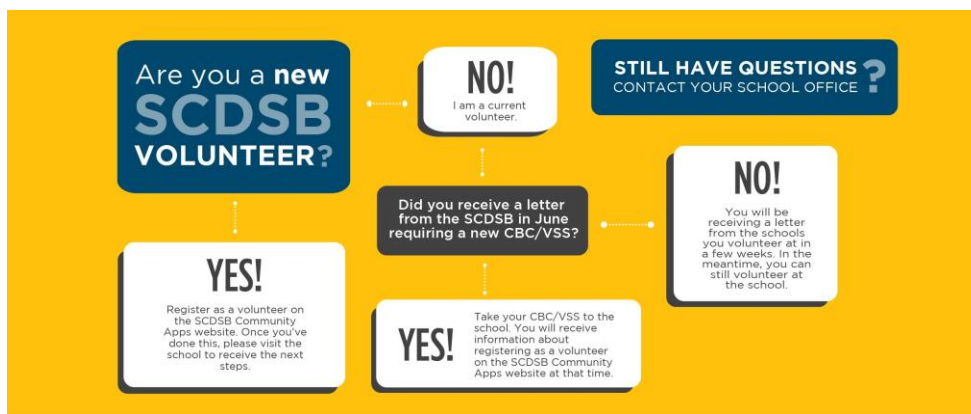
October 8th: Thanksgiving Monday
October 10th: Pita orders due
October 11th: Pasta lunch day
October 12th: Pizza day
October 17th: Sub lunch orders due
October 18th: Pita lunch day
October 19th: Pizza day
October 22nd: PA Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
October 23rd: Vaccinations for Grade 7 students
October 25th: Sub lunch day
October 26th: Pizza day

SCDSB Updates:

Reorganization balances class sizes to support your child's success

Each September, our school starts off with a certain number of classes and teachers - these numbers are based on estimates made the previous spring about how many students will be enrolled during the next school year. As you may be aware, the Ministry of Education has class size goals that all school boards are required to meet. When the Simcoe County District School Board organized its schools in the spring, they adhered to this expectation. Each September, the board compares actual enrolment numbers to the numbers projected by the board in the spring. At times it is necessary to reorganize classes. After reorganization, some students may move to another class in order to balance class sizes. In some cases, it may be necessary to move teachers to a new school. If your child was affected by a change, you should have received a letter with details following reorganization. Please be assured that these changes will not affect the quality of education your child will receive at Oakley Park PS. Our staff have the skills, training and resources to work effectively with students in a variety of settings.

Want to be a volunteer at our school? Here's what you need to know



We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at our school. This school year, we are implementing a new online Volunteer Portal. SCDSB Community Apps (<http://communityapps.scdsb.on.ca>) is a new online portal that allows you to begin the process for volunteering at our school. Here is some information to share as we've been receiving some questions:

- Only NEW volunteers or those who received a letter in June indicating you require an updated Criminal Background Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (5-year renewal) are able to register as a volunteer on the Community Apps website at this time.
- If you're a current, approved school volunteer, you can still volunteer at our school for the time being. You should have recently received a letter with your access code. This code will allow you to register as a volunteer on the Volunteer Portal through the Community Apps website.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 7 to 13

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme focuses on three fundamental actions people can take to be fire-safe:

- LOOK for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.
- LISTEN for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.
- LEARN two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

Well-being:

My name is Rebekah Smith, I am a Child and Youth Worker at Oakley Park for this school year. Each week I will attach a game or an activity that you can play together as a family. The first activity will be "All About Imagination." How the game is played is you use two dice. The person whose birthday is closest to today's date goes first. When you roll a number you read the question out loud to the family. You answer the question and pass the dice/ dye to the person on your right. This game will help promote communication and a relationship with your child. It can even be a series of questions you ask when driving in the car or out for a walk.

1. If I could be a cartoon character, I would be...
2. If I could be an animal, I would be...
3. If I could have any superpower, I would choose...
4. If I could invent a new ice cream flavor, it would be...
5. If I could trade places with anyone for a day, it would be...
6. If I could play any musical instrument, it would be...
7. If I could be the teacher for the day, I would...
8. If I have 1 million dollars, I would...
9. If I could go anywhere in the world, I would go to...
10. If I lived in the future...



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