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OAKLEY PARK COMMUNITY WEEKLY UPDATE Week of October 15th 2018

Daily, we are focused on continuing to improve student skills in literacy and numeracy. Every classroom focuses on learning math fundamentals, critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning ability and the ability to communicate mathematically. These processes are the foundation of mathematics instruction in Ontario schools. To improve literacy skills, our teachers focus on reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing and representing – not only during our language blocks, but throughout the day by embedding literacy in everything we teach.

How do we do this? Teachers use the Ontario Curriculum expectations to create long-range plans for the school year, unit plans, and lesson plans. These plans are tailored to student need based on student strengths and needs within each classroom.

How can you help at home? Read with your child, or have your child read daily. 15 minutes of daily reading will not only build your child's reading skills, but also their vocabulary. Ask questions of your child about what they read, or why they like the book they are reading. To help your child learn math, play math games, add up the grocery bill, practice math facts or see the attached Ministry handout for more ideas. If you speak a language other than English at home – practice reading and math in this language. Remember – your positive energy about learning is contagious! If you are positive about math and literacy, your child will be willing to try their best to!

For more information about helping your child at home with math read the guide: "Doing Mathematics with Your Child" (available in English and 13 other languages):

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNum.html>

The week ahead:

Monday October 15th – DAY FOUR (not Thanksgiving Monday as in the previous version!)
Tuesday October 16th – DAY FIVE Cross country running – Championships (Mount Saint Louis Moonstone)
Wednesday October 17th – DAY ONE Sub orders due
Thursday October 18th – DAY TWO Pita lunch day
Friday October 19th – DAY THREE Pizza day

Some Upcoming Dates to Remember:

October 22nd: PA Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
October 23rd: Vaccinations for Grade 7 students; Gifted screening practice test (OLSAT)
October 25th: Sub lunch day; Raider Wear orders due
October 26th: Pizza day
October 30th: Gifted screening (OLSAT)
October 31st: Caring and Cooperation assembly – 9am
November 5th: Picture Re-take day
November 6th: School Council Meeting – 6pm – All are welcome!
November 9th: Remembrance Day assembly
November 14th: Rocks and Rings (curling) – Grade 1-3
November 15th: Rocks and Rings (curling) – Grade 4-8
November 16th: Progress Reports go home

School Updates:

Are you interested in learning more about Self-Regulation? Self-Reg is a powerful method for understanding stress and managing our energy flow in order to promote self-regulation.

The practice of Shanker Self-Reg[®] helps people understand and respond to others (and themselves) by considering self-regulation across five interrelated domains: biological, emotion, cognitive, social, and prosocial using The Shanker Method[®]:

1. Reframe the behavior.
2. Recognize the stressors (across the five domains).
3. Reduce the stress.
4. Reflect: enhance stress awareness.
5. Respond: develop personalized strategies to promote resilience and restoration.

Shanker Self-Reg[®] is a valuable and accessible tool for children, youth, and adults as well as people who care about and work with them. <https://self-reg.ca/self-reg/>

Starting in October, we will be holding free after-school workshops for caregivers of students at Oakley Park. This 5-week course will be led by the SCDSB Principal of Well-being, using Stuart Shanker's Self-Reg course to focus on your well-being and your child's well-being too! For more information, call the school.

SCDSB Updates:

School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place October 22 to 26, 2018. To support schools in promoting school bus safety to students, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, will offer bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency situation. Wed., Oct. 24 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community

to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely. For more information, visit the SCSTC website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/.

Well-being:

There will be a teen Triple P seminar series offered by SMDHU at the Barrie Public Library in October.

These are the dates:

- Oct 17th @ 6:30 p.m. – Raising Competent Teenagers
<http://barrielibrary.libnet.info/event/1074231>
- Oct 24th @ 6:30 p.m. – Getting Teens Connected
<http://barrielibrary.libnet.info/event/1074276>

They are posted on the Triple P website. Registration is through the Barrie Public Library, either electronically or by calling to register (705-728-1010).



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