

OAKLEY PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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OAKLEY PARK COMMUNITY WEEKLY UPDATE **Week of September 17th 2018**

Oakley Park was alive with spirit today. The day started off with staff sporting their wild and colourful costumes for our new houses at Oakley Park. Students were left wondering – “what is going on at Oakley today and why are our staff wearing tutus, capes, hats and colourful hair?” In the afternoon, students were placed into the new Oakley Park houses (red, blue, green and orange). Whichever colour a student has been assigned will be their house colour for the entire time they are a student at Oakley Park. This year students can earn points for their house by participating in our spirit days when they are announced.

After joining their house team, students participated in a team building activity outside. There will be more opportunities for house activities throughout the year. Ask your child what colour house they belong to. We look forward to having a house colour spirit day this year so be prepared to show off your colours!! ~ contributed by Mme. Gering

On October 2nd we will be having our first Oakley Park School Council meeting at 6pm in the school library. School Council is always looking for new members to join our team. School Council members are interested in learning more about Oakley Park, and helping shape our school through school council and through activities that the council put on. We want you! Come out on Tuesday October 2nd and join council. As a member, you can become involved as much or as little as you like. Many hands make light work, and there is a role for everyone. Council roles we are seeking nominations for include: Chair; Recording Secretary; Treasurer; Breakfast Club; Fundraising; Lunch Coordinator; Newsletter. Nomination forms are available in the office. Election of council positions will take place at our first council meeting Tuesday October 2nd. Please submit nomination forms to the office.

The week ahead:

Monday September 17th – DAY FIVE
Tuesday September 18th – DAY ONE
Wednesday September 19th – DAY TWO
Thursday September 20th – DAY THREE
Friday September 21st – DAY FOUR

Some Upcoming Dates to Remember:

September 24th: Tentative breakfast club start date

September 25th: Turnaround Day

September 27th: Terry Fox Run

September 28th: Picture Day – Smile!

Safety patroller training

October 2nd: First school council meeting - 6pm

October 3rd: Oakley Park Open House - Meet the Teacher Night

School Updates:

Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox Run at Oakley is coming up on September 27th. This will be the 26th year our school has participated in the run, and over those years we have raised \$29, 358.98! This year, if we raise our goal of \$642, we will have raised thirty thousand dollars for cancer research in total! You can contribute by sending your student in with a toonie for Terry on the day of the run, by donating online at <http://www.terryfox.ca/OakleyParkPSBarrie>, by donating online through SchoolCash (**online as of today**) or by buying a Terry Fox t-shirt. ~from Mme. Raphael

Gifted Screening Process

Some children who display an unusually advanced degree of general intellectual ability may require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. In consultation with parents, the school staff determines who these students are through the gifted screening process. Parents of a student who are in or above Grade 3 who wish the school to consider their child for screening are asked to contact Ms. Ward before September 28th.

The gifted screening process consists of three components:

1. a Teacher Rating Scale;
2. a Parent Questionnaire;
3. Standardized test results (usually the Otis Lennon School Ability Test)

After signing a permission form, parents/legal guardians will complete the Parent Questionnaire. Information obtained from this questionnaire will help the school gain a better understanding of your child's early development as well as his/her strengths, interests, needs and abilities, which the standardized test may not identify. The teacher will complete a Rating Scale, which examines areas such as learning, motivation, creativity and leadership, which he/she has observed in the classroom. Group testing will be completed in late October to early November. The results will be available by late December and will provide a standardized measure of school abilities. The information gathered from all three components will assist the school in programming for your child. If you have any questions about the gifted screening process, please contact Ms. Ward at the school.

SCDSB Updates:

Student dress code

Students are expected to respect the guidelines when dressing for school. Our school is a safe space. We work to be equitable and inclusive, and understand that students may choose to express themselves through their clothing choices. Student clothing cannot pose a safety concern or conceal identity. Exceptions are granted to students who wear head coverings or other garments/objects for the purposes of religious observance, medical or sensory needs, or other reasons protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code.

The SCDSB dress code is available in the student agenda and online at www.scdsb.on.ca. If you have questions about the dress code, you can contact the principal or the SCDSB Equity and Inclusion Education Team at 705-728-7570.

Pay for field trips, lunch days, etc. with SchoolCash Online

We have made it easy for parents to make their school purchases from the convenience of their own home. Whether it's lunch days, field trips or school wear, we have it online for you! Follow these three steps to get started:

1. Go to simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com or visit our school website and click on "Pay Fees"
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through bank transfer or credit card

It's safe, fast and convenient. Contact the office with any questions.

School bus 'Bus Tag' program helps students get to and from school safely

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's Bus Tag program supports safety for students in Grade 1-4 of French Immersion at Oakley Park. The program helps match students to their assigned afternoon school bus and identifies that they must be met by a parent or guardian at their afternoon bus stop.

The program provides a colour coded Bus Tag with the assigned p.m. route number to be attached to the student's backpack and a colour coded route card with route number in the windows of the school bus that the Bus Tag is matched to. The program can also provide tags for students who are walkers and/or who remain at an on-site child care centre to make sure they don't get on a bus in error.

For more information, visit main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and click on the 'Safety' tab.

Register now for free International and Indigenous Language Programs

The SCDSB offers children in Grades 1 to 8 an opportunity to learn and/or maintain a language other than French or English. Whether you enrol your children in this program to learn a new language, understand a new culture or to extend their knowledge of their first or second language, every student can benefit from this program. The Barrie Learning Centre (Bayfield Mall) offers Arabic, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Ojibwe, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian and Urdu. The Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E, Suite 200) offers Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Ukrainian, Urdu and Vietnamese. The classes take place Saturday mornings, 9 to 11:30 a.m. starting Sept. 15 (classes are dependent on student enrollment). There is no charge for this program. Most classes fill quickly on a first come, first served basis. Register your child by visiting www.thelearningcentres.com and clicking on 'Elementary Student.'

Upgrade or learn new skills with Adult and Continuing Education options at the Barrie Learning Centre

Beginning in September 2018, the Barrie Learning Centre will be extending its hours of operation. This will allow for additional programming hours throughout the week, including increased access to evening programs in Night School, Literacy and Essential Skills, English as a Second Language and Personal Support Worker (PSW). Visit www.thelearningcentres.com to find the course that's right for you.

***Eye See...Eye Learn* program offers free glasses for Junior Kindergarten students**

The *Eye See...Eye Learn* program provides comprehensive eye exams by local optometrists to Junior Kindergarten (JK) students. The eye exams are covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) when parents show their child's health card. There is no out-of-pocket cost for the eye exam and if the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive them free of charge courtesy of a participating optometrist. For more information, visit www.eyeseeeyelearn.ca.

SCDSB Community Apps portal makes volunteering easy

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 is a new online portal that allows you to begin the process for volunteering at a SCDSB school. The portal eliminates much of the paperwork currently associated with volunteers. Volunteer applications and approvals will occur online. The new mandate for Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) training, for volunteers, is also part of the portal. The Volunteer Portal is available for all new people requesting to volunteer at a school location:

<http://communityapps.scdsb.on.ca>. Only new volunteers or those who require an updated Criminal Background Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (CBC-VSS) are able to register on the portal at this time.



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