

Oyama Traditional School

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Principal's Message

Happy New Year Oyama families!!! I hope everyone had a chance to take some time to connect with the kids and get some rest over the holidays. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the parents and community for all the support; from the amazing turnout at the winter concert to the PAC PJ movie day we are so lucky to be a part of Oyama. Thank you!

The first session of Exploratory Blocks will begin on Friday January 11th. Each student at OTS picked their first, second, third and fourth choices for an exploratory topic, and based on those choices, classes were formed for each session. It should be a lot of great learning.

Please note that the first registration period for Kindergarten students, new students to the district, or students being registered for a school of choice (K-12) for the 2018-2019 school year is Monday, February 4th, 2018, starting at 7:00 a.m.

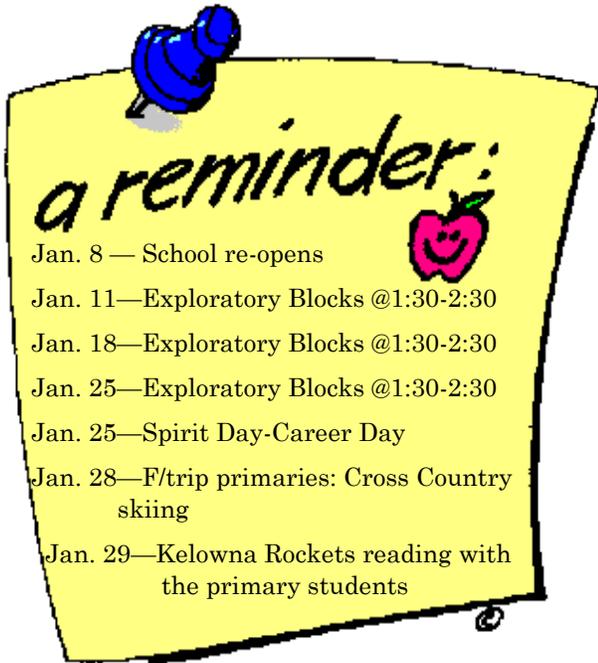
Gratefully,
Luke Campbell
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Winter weather is on the way

Please be aware of the possibility of slippery side-walks around our community. This is one of the reasons that our local municipalities have bylaws requiring residents to clear snow and ice from sidewalks, walkways and stairways bordering their property after each snowfall. We hope that all community members who live in areas where students travel to and from school will be on the lookout for slipping hazards, and help make the commute to school a safe one.



Big White after School Ski Program

Big White Ski School is accepting applications for their winter ski program. Please go online at [https://www.bigwhite.com/after-school program registration](https://www.bigwhite.com/after-school-program-registration).



Food Bank and Angel Tree

Many thanks to the Oyama community for donations of food, money and gifts. We were able (through your donations) to make a good contribution to the Lake Country Food Assistance Society. We were also able to make the holiday season brighter for a number of less fortunate children with the gifts you kindly donated to the Angel Tree campaign. Thank you!

Library News

Happy New Year and welcome back! Congratulations **Lili W.** on being our December Reading Contest winner for our special holiday prize and hope you enjoyed all the goodies! We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing holiday season! As a new year begins, we have a few changes to our Library. We had started to reorganize our books before the holidays and have moved all our Graphic and Easy Fiction Chapter books from the back room to the main library shelves. This reorganization allows for all students' books to be front and centre. Battle of the Books is continuing and all members/readers should aim to be through 4 or 5 titles by the beginning of January with a goal to be finished all 9 titles by the end of February. We plan to have chosen our school teams just before Spring Break.

A big thank you to the Oyama PAC for their kind gift of funding to update our Aboriginal and special content collections. We now have some wonderful new titles in our library!

Parent-Teacher Conferences— Online Booking

Once again, our parent-teacher conference schedule will be available online on **January 28th** and parents can book their own appointments!

These conferences are being held on **February 7th and Feb. 8th**. Please note that students will be **dismissed early at 12:30 on both days**.

The website is: www.ots.schoolappointments.com

