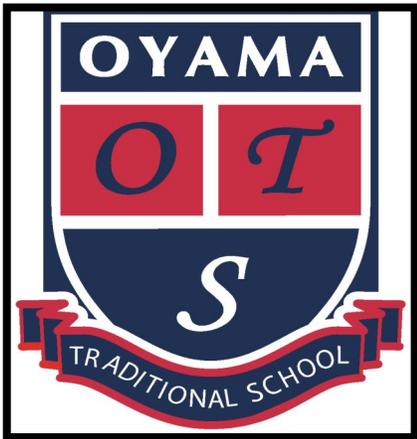


Oyama Traditional School

March 2019



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Principal's Message

Hello OTS families,

It's hard to believe March is already here, hopefully spring will soon make an appearance. As I approach one year as the principal of OTS I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to learn alongside the students and to be a part of the community.

Thank you to all the parents who have spent so much time volunteering to find a uniform supplier over the last three years. So much of what makes OTS a great place is due to the amazing parent volunteers we have.

We had an extremely successful month of February and some of our highlights included skiing, skating, square dancing and a lot of learning. March will be filled with more learning and opportunities for our students. I look forward to seeing even more growth in the students.

Respectfully,

Luke Campbell
Principal

Library News



Our Battle of the Books members are reading furiously and getting ready to start competing for spots on our school teams. We will have teams chosen before spring break. The battle will be held on Thursday, April 18th at Casorso Elementary. Stay tuned to hear if your child makes the team!

Congratulations to **Scarlett S.** for being the winner of our February Contest! Hope you enjoy your special prize! There will not be a draw in March because of the short month. The contest will resume in April after Spring Break. Until then keep reading and have a fantastic Spring Break!

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Dates to Remember

- Mar. 1 -Exploratory Blocks
-Jump Rope for Heart Kick off Assembly
- Mar. 4 -Boys Basketball Game at DRE 3:00
- Mar. 5 -Big White After-school program 2:10
-Girls Basketball Game at DRE 3:00
- Mar. 6 -Sumo Bot Competition
-F/trip-Gr. 3s YMCA swimming
- Mar. 8 -Exploratory Blocks
- Mar. 11 -Boys Basketball Game at DRE
- Mar. 12 -Big White After-school program 2:10
- Mar. 13 -F/trip-Gr. 3s YMCA swimming
- Mar. 14 -Jump Rope for Heart Event 11:15-11:45
-Term 2 Report Cards go home
- Mar. 15 -Spirit Day-Twin/Triplet Day
-Spring Break Begins @ 2:30
- Apr. 1 -First day back to school after Spring Break

Term 2 Report Cards

Report cards will go home on Thursday Mar. 14, 2019.



Registration

The last day for registering for the new school year is March 15th. If you are already attending a school and wish to stay there, you do not need to register. This date is for students new to a school, including kindergarten. The application process is now online only at <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>. If you have no internet access, please come to the school and we

will provide assistance.

To qualify for entry to kindergarten in September 2019, a child must be five years of age on or before December 31st, 2019. A copy of the child's birth certificate, one **parent/guardian BC driver's license** and one **parent/guardian BC CARE card** for proof of residency is also required to complete registration, as well as a utility bill as **proof of address**.

The School Act allows parents to defer the enrollment of a child's entry to school for not more than one year. Parents are encouraged to discuss deferment with the school principal before a decision is made.

If you know of any children turning 5 this year, please let their parents know that the registration deadline is March 15th (and sooner is better!). Thanks for helping to spread the word.

It is extremely important that parents make us aware of their plans for the new school year, as our staffing is dependent on the numbers generated up to March 16th. Staffing for the next school year and classes are organized the first week of April. We appreciate you letting us know before April if you are moving from OTS.

Basketball



Many thanks to our basketball coaches this term. Mrs. Penner and Mrs. Gleboff coached the girls' team, and Miss. Herzog and Mr. Campbell for coached the boys' team. We really appreciate their dedication!

Chess Tournament

Students are invited to a Fun-First Toonie Tournament at Oyama Traditional school on Saturday March 9th from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. Parents of primary students are encouraged to stay and support their child.

This is a fun tournament no publicly posted ratings, no results, no trophies, no metals. Tournament directors will try to ensure students are paired with kids of the same grade or of equal ability. Games will be continuous. Breaks between games will be flexible and

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students can play as many games as time permits.

Please bring \$2.00 the day of the event.

Email questions to luke.campbell@sd23.bc.ca

Noon Hour Supervisors needed

We are looking to hire a few more **Noon Hour Supervisors** for this year. If you are interested in this position please contact Mr. Campbell or Ms. Evans for an application and a volunteer criminal record check.

Weather

Please ensure that your children come to school with a warm winter coat, mittens and hat. We are still experiencing cool weather, and students are expected to be outside before school and during lunch and recess breaks.



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Hot Lunch Reminders

Our Hot Lunch program is coordinated by a very dedicated crew of parent volunteers who do an amazing job! It takes a huge amount of work and time to sort, double-check and tally all the order forms, and then there's the ordering, planning, shopping, preparing, distributing and cleaning up. We would like to remind our families that orders for the Hot Lunch program **must be received by the deadline** indicated on the bottom of the order form. Late orders **will not** be accepted, because that would mean re-doing work that's already been done. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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Uniform Policy

At Oyama Traditional School uniforms are mandatory. We believe uniforms create a sense of belonging among the students, which builds school spirit and discourages competition based on clothing.

All uniform items **must be labeled** with the child's name.

School uniforms consist of the students' choice of uniform items as outlined in the supplied catalogue. **An OTS logo'd top with navy bottoms must be worn daily in the classroom.** The logo'd shirts are available in light blue, white, red or navy and students are permitted to wear the colour of their choice.

School shirts must not be covered up by non-uniform sweatshirts or sweaters in the classroom.

An OTS crested hoodie, sweater or pullover is acceptable in the cooler weather. As some uniform tops are made of 100% cotton, and sometimes shrink up especially on taller intermediate students, children may wear a plain undershirt and have it showing below their uniform top if it is in uniform colour only (light blue, navy blue, red or white). Students in grades 4 – 6 must change for P.E. Students are not allowed to wear the grey logo'd P.E. tee shirts in the classroom; only in gym class.

Bottoms

- Navy 100% cotton non-stretch pants or navy blue "jeggings" with a button front and pockets.
 - **Jean like bottoms must be all dark navy (not denim like in their appearance, i.e. with tawny stitching or a faded appearance)**
 - Navy or white tights may be worn with a skort, tunic or skirt.
 - **Note that tights may only be worn if accompanied by a skort, tunic or skirt.**
 - Tunics and skirts must be of an acceptable length.
- **please note—ripped or faded cotton bottoms must be replaced immediately.

Tops

- OTS Logo'd light blue, navy, red or white short or long sleeved golf shirts
- OTS Logo'd navy knit cardigans or vests
- OTS Logo'd hoodies (pullover or zip-front)