

# Oyama Traditional School

February 2019



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## Principal's Message

January has been a great start to learning at OTS. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Penner, Mrs. Herzog, Mrs. Watt and Mr. Baines for the time and effort they have put in to create and run a great volleyball program for our grade 5 students here at Oyama Traditional. Thank you!

February brings Brian Elmer to teach square dancing to all the students. Thank you to the PAC for funding this. It promises to be a foot stomping good time and will culminate with a school hoedown. There are a lot of other exciting events coming up in February including Harmony Day, our Pink Shirt Say "No to Bullying" Day, field trips, basketball games and so forth and are shown on the school's website calendar.

Please note that the first registration period for new students for the 2019-2020 school year is this coming Monday, February 4th, 2019, starting at 7:00 a.m. Please refer to the district's enrollment website for more information: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca/>. For families without a computer, the school will be open at 7:00 on February 4th and laptops will be available.

As a staff we are hearing some questions and concerns about reporting and report cards. We are listening and I would like to invite anyone who has questions or concerns to a brief information session and "question and answer" session on Thursday February 7th at 5:00 during parent teacher interviews with myself and the intermediate teachers in the library.

Respectfully,

Luke Campbell  
Principal



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## Library News

Congratulations to Milania M. on being the lucky winner of our January Reading Contest! It is great to see many students entering the contest and reading, reading, reading. Each month brings a new and exciting prize to be won especially those special lunch prizes which are quite popular so keep entering your draws. Some February happenings are Harmony Day, Pink Shirt say NO to Bullying Day and of course the ever popular Valentine's Day. We have books on each of these events and encourage reading about these topics. Have a fabulous February!

Things are ramping up for the Battle of the Books competition. We will begin to have weekly grade group "book club" meetings this month. Our participating students are aiming to complete reading 9 books by the end of February. We will choose our teams before spring break.

*Mrs. Smithman, Library Assistant*  
*Ms. A. MacRitchie, Teacher-Librarian*



## School Registration for 2019-2020

Registration begins for Kindergarten and new students on **February 4, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. online** and continues through March 15, 2020 until 3:30 p.m. All registration is online only this year. Please see the information sheet in this newsletter for details.

To qualify for entry to Kindergarten in September 2019, a child must be five years of age on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. A **valid birth certificate** (or other government-issued proof of age and citizenship)

and a copy of one **parent/guardian BC driver's license** and one **parent/guardian BC CARE card** for proof of parental residency, plus **proof of address** must be provided directly to the school by 3:30 p.m. on March 15, 2019 or registration will not be valid.

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!) Thank you!

## Parent-Teacher Conferences—Online Booking

Once again, our parent-teacher conference schedule will be available online

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:**

<https://oyama.schoolappointments.com/admin/>

Go to the web site, click on the "REGISTER" menu tab and create an account. Then login and add your students to the system. Our Login Code is OTS. After the students have been entered you will be able to schedule an appointment immediately by selecting a teacher and clicking the "Book" button. Select an available time slot, click it and then click the "Book Appointments" button. Repeat this for each student.

When you are finished you can view your appointments from the "PROFILE" tab by selecting "View Appointments". You can also print your appointments from the view screen.

Once you have registered, you can find more information under the Help tab. There is a very detailed Parent Instruction Guide with print screens.



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## Harmony Day

Submitted by Dr. Karla Reimer,  
Lake Country Optometry

Harmony Day is on **Wednesday February 20th** and all students are encouraged to wear orange or their Harmony Day t-shirt. You can purchase the Harmony T-shirts on-line through the School cash online website.

<https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/>  
Please join the Central Okanagan School District in celebrating this opportunity to recognize and encourage respect for all the members of our community.



## No Charge for Every Child's Annual Eye Exam

Every child deserves the best vision possible. Better vision and eye health can help safeguard your child's physical, social and academic development. And did you know that a child's eye exam is covered annually by MSP?

Few parents realize that eye exams, conducted by an optometrist, are critical to their child's health. They may assume that their child is too young for an exam, that the screenings their child receives at school are sufficient, or that they need to wait until they notice something wrong before making an appointment.

The truth is that children need to have their eyes examined when they are as young as six months old, even if their eyes seem healthy and their vision appears normal, and even if there is no family history of eye problems. They should be examined again at three years of age, and annually thereafter to ensure eye disorders and underlying health issues do not go undetected. Because this is so important, MSP will cover the cost of the exam annually until your child reaches 19 years of age. Call to book an appointment today.

## Basketball and Lunchtime Games

Girls' grade 5/6 basketball has just started up under the excellent coaching of Mrs. Penner and Mrs. Gleboff. Please see the February Calendar for the list of game times. As well, Ms. Herzog and Mr. Campbell are coaching the grade 5/6 boys' basketball team. Thank-you to our wonderful coaches and **GO WARRIORS!**





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## OUR SCHEDULE!

- Feb. 1 -F/trip-Skating: Intermediate classes  
-Exploratory Blocks Session 1
- Feb. 7 & 8 -**Early Dismissal @ 12:30**  
-Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 1:30
- Feb. 8 -Exploratory Blocks Session 1
- Feb. 11 -F/trip Global School house: grades 6s
- Feb. 12 & 14 -Square dancing
- Feb. 15 -F/trip-Skating: Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Gleboff and Mme Dean Veerman's classes  
-Exploratory Blocks Session 1
- Feb. 18 -**No School-Family Day**
- Feb. 19 -Square dancing  
-F/trip- Cross Country skiing: Ms. Herzog, Mrs. Penner and Mrs. Daniels' classes
- Feb. 20 -Harmony Day-Wear Orange
- Feb. 21 -Square dancing
- Feb. 22 -**No School-Support Staff in-service/Teacher Professional Day**  
-Big White afterschool program-2:10 pm
- Feb. 25 -F/trip-Skating: Mrs. Penner and Mrs. Daniel's classes  
-Cultural Performance: Interactive Fairy Tales
- Feb. 26 -Square dancing  
-Big White after school ski program
- Feb. 27 -Pink Shirt Day-Anti-Bullying day  
-F/trip-YMCA swimming grade 3s
- Feb. 28 -Spirit Day-Western Theme Day  
-Square Dancing (Parents are welcome to watch)



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