

Oyama Traditional School



Principal's Message

Dear Oyama Traditional School families,

Over the last month, students and staff have taken advantage of many learning opportunities that celebrate our incredible community. Hoop Dancer Dallas Arcand came to our school for our first cultural performance that captivated our students and inspired a serious interest in hoola hoops at recess! A number of field studies occurred where students engaged in learning at a variety of educational sites including Mcmillan farms, Mission Creek, and the Vernon Museum@! We also celebrated Halloween, where students participated in different activities/crafts within our Spirit Houses.

In an effort to learn more about the traditional land we are fortunate to work, learn and play on, our Spirit Houses now associate their respective colours with some new identities that are land related. They are: Blue/Water, Yellow/Sun, Green/Land, and Red/Heart. We look forward to learning more about our new identities over the rest of the year!

We continue to reflect on the core competencies during our weekly assemblies and have reflected on the concepts of: building relationships, caring for the community and environment, resolving problems, valuing diversity, understanding relationships and cultural contexts, and recognizing personal values and choices. To date, two class led assemblies have shared their reflections, and I am looking forward to working with the Kiwanis Terrific Kid Program to recognize how this learning is benefiting our community, making each student a terrific kid.

The provincial government has provided funding support this year for students and families currently dealing with financial challenges and need help with costs such as school supplies or education-related fees. Our school district was provided \$2.4 million dollars to support this cause. Therefore, for this current year only, our school fees and cultural fees will be waived at OTS. Further financial assistance in field studies is coming as well, and I will be able to provide those figures to guardians to families by December. Parents and Guardians should have received an email where you can also fill out an electronic form for any additional education related fee supports that extend beyond those previously mentioned. If you have questions or need assistance in navigating this financial support, please feel free to reach out and I will try and help.

Finally, on November 10th at 10:25 am, we will gather in the gymnasium as a school community to have our Remembrance Day assembly to honour veterans for their sacrifices.

I am looking forward to November!!

Sincerely,

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Principal

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School Uniform

Please help us ensure that all students are taking pride in their appearance by wearing correct school uniform. Full details of our uniform policy are given in our online handbook and on the school website. As always, we have the used uniform section as well to choose from.

The Turner Fund is available to support families who need financial help with the purchase of school uniforms. Please call the principal to apply. It is a confidential and simple process.

Seasonal Reminders

Halloween brings a lot of fun stuff - but also a lot of candy! Please remember that we are a **Peanut FREE**-school. **Please do not send candy to school with your child. Halloween candy should be kept at home to be eaten in the evening.**

Please send your child to school with weather appropriate jackets and footwear. The temperature has been getting cooler and we want our students to stay warm. As well, hats and hoodie hoods **should not be worn** during inside school time.

Photo Retakes

Individual photo retakes will take place on November 21st. If your child requires individual photo retakes please advise their teacher of this so we can make sure they will be on the retake list. Thank you!

Library News

October wrapped up with National School Library Day on October 24th. At OTS we Dropped Everything and Read! All students and staff joined in. All staff chose stories to read aloud and the students went to visit the teacher/story of their choice. It was a fun day!

Battle of the Books

Students are continuing to read their books from their battle book list. To be on track for finishing all nine novels by the end of February they should have read at least 2 novels by now. Keep reading!

Mrs. A. Allen and Mrs. T. Smithman



This is a reminder that our school is Nut Free as we have a few students with nut allergies . So please do not send nuts or nut products to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Ms. Day's class-Field Trip to Vernon Museum/Science Center

