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O'Connell Drive
Elementary School

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Dates To Remember

Dear Families:

October was a busy and productive month at our school. We would like to thank our volunteers who helped to organize the annual Halloween Dance on October 25. Our students look forward to this exciting evening each year! Our PTA members along with the entire staff and students of OCD wish to thank the many individuals and companies for supporting this event with their generous donations. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS: Dec. 5th & 6th, 2018. Homeroom teachers will be sending home RSVPs late November. Families will be able to request 10 minute interviews with each teacher. We will have our evening sessions on Wednesday, Dec. 5th (6 - 8PM) & afternoon sessions on Thursday, Dec. 6th (1 - 3PM)
Please note there will be no school for students on Thursday, Dec. 6th.

OCD Fall Book Fair: Will be held over several days during the week of December 3rd to the 7th and will coincide with our parent-teacher interview days (exact dates and times for

classes yet to be determined). The funds raised from this book fair will go towards the purchase of new books for our school. If you send a cheque with your child, please make it payable to O'Connell Drive Elementary School. Our book fair accepts cash, cheque, visa, master card and debit.

ALLERGIES/SCENT AWARENESS POLICY: Our school has a scent and allergy awareness policy. We have several students who are highly allergic to peanut and nut products including tree nuts. Please help ensure the safety of all our students by not sending in any peanuts or nut products in your child's lunches. For more information about children with life threatening allergies please contact <http://www.nochildwithout.ca>.

Remembrance Day Assembly—Wednesday, November 7th (12:00PM) - Students in Sparks, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts, Cadets, etc are invited to wear their uniforms. We ask if any family and/or community members would like to attend the ceremony, that they please call

the school in advance where-as seating is limited.

Christmas Concert: December is approaching quickly! Our school Christmas concert for all P-6 students will take place on Tuesday December 18th (storm date of Thursday December 20th). There will be a daytime performance at 12 noon and an evening performance at 7pm. Each family will receive two tickets for the evening performance. Tickets are not necessary for the daytime performance. Grandparents and other relatives should still attend our afternoon concert so we can save our extra tickets for students who live in two households or for special circumstances communicated by you via phone to the school's administration. Please contact the main office so we can discuss your needs for extra tickets and begin to create our waiting lists.

Nov 7- Remembrance Day Ceremony 12:00 PM

Nov 8 - Picture Retakes + Class Pictures

Nov 12 - Remembrance Day Observed (*no school*)

Nov 21 - Assess. & Eval. Day (*no students present*)

Nov 28 - SAC 6PM & PTA 7PM

Nov 30 - IWK Crazy Hat Day

Nov 29, 30 - Report cards go home

Dec 1 - Christmas Daddies Telethon

Dec. 4 & 5 (Book Fair for Classes)

Dec 5 - Parent/Teacher interviews in evening 6-8pm (Book Fair opened during this time.)

Dec 6 PD in the AM / Parent/Teacher interviews in the afternoon (1PM - 3PM) (Book Fair opened to parents during this time.) (*No students present on this day*)

Yoga Club: Ms. Hogg will be offering a Yoga Club during the month of November for the grade 5 and 6 students. It will be a drop-in basis and "first come first serve".

Who: Grade 5 and 6 students
What: Lunch time yoga
When: Every Thursday in Nov (5 sessions)
Where: In the gym
Why: To stretch and relax

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In the event of severe weather schools may decide to close part way through the school day. This will be announced on most radio stations and posted on the HRSB website. Before we dismiss children we are required to contact families or emergency contacts by phone. We would ask that families please keep emergency dismissal information current and update when necessary by contacting your homeroom teacher(s). **Please check your child's backpack for a Midday School Cancellation Student Information Form.** We ask parents to please fill in all required information and return forms back to the school with your child (children).

- Christmas Bazaar (Dec. 14th) - Asking parents to please start collecting items for the Bazaar to ensure we have enough gifts to go around at the time. Thank you in advance for supporting this fun and ever-so-popular school event.

MAD SCIENCE LUNCH HOUR PROGRAM: Mad Science will be having an assembly for students on Monday, Dec. 3rd. Information and registration forms for this lunch hour program will be handed out at that time. More information to follow at a later date.

LUNCH-TIME SUPERVISION SUPPORT: We are in need of substitute Lunch-time supervision monitors. If interested, please contact the school.

SAFE ARRIVAL: If your child will be absent for any reason (illness, late arrival, away, etc.), we ask that you please call the school (902-827-4112) and leave a message with your child's classroom teacher prior to 7:45 am. If you have to call after 7:45 am, please call the school office at extension 2. It is important we receive this information, especially for students arriving late. This will avoid the school calling home and work numbers and leaving messages that may cause some concern.

LOST & FOUND: If you notice that your child or children are missing any of their belongings, please feel free to come look through our lost and found box in Centre Court. By the end of this week, any remaining items will be donated to charity.

NO CHILD WITHOUT: Medic Alert is free for students between the ages of 4 and 14. If you are paying for this service or are interested in applying please view the following web site: <http://www.nochildwithout.ca/>

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER—Well ...the time has come when we should expect the weather to turn cold. Please ensure that your children leave the house with the proper gear (hats, mitts, gloves, snow pants, boots, etc). It is also highly recommended that students keep extra pants, socks, mits, etc. here at school in the event that they made need them at some point.

DROP-OFF ZONE— Drivers using our morning Drop Off Zone are reminded to please wait in line until the zone is clear before moving forward. Pulling out of the zone and passing a vehicle unloading students could potentially cause serious injuries or accidents in the parking lot. We would also ask that students exit vehicles on the passenger side so as not to be opening car doors on the traffic side of the parking lot.

COMMUNITY NEWS

* **Christmas Musical Variety Show**, Sunday, Dec. 2nd beginning at 7PM - to be held in Christ Church, Lower East Chezzetcook. Tickets in advance only due to limited seating, available as of Nov. 1, 2018. For details and/or tickets, please contact Debbie Doucette 827-2438 or email debbiead@eastlink.ca

* **Chezzetcook District Lions Club TOY BINGO!!** Sunday, November 4th at 2PM, at the Chezz. Lions Club, East Chezz. Winner of Jack Pot will win a PLAY STATION 4. For further details please call 902-827-2377

* **Chezzetcook District Lions Club SUNDAY FLEA MARKETS** (9am—2pm) at the Chezz. Lions Club, East Chezz.
List of upcoming Flea Market dates: Nov. 18, Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Jan 27.