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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 24. 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.

“NOURISH YOUR ROOTS” FALL FUNDRAISER: We just wrapped up our Nourish Your Roots Fundraiser for 2019, and are very happy to report that a profit of 1040.00 was recognized. Funds will be used to support our Healthy Snack Program.

O'Connell Drive Elementary School Raffle 2019 is well underway. Deadline for all money and tickets to be returned to homeroom teachers is Wednesday, Nov. 13th. Draw will take place on Friday, November 15th. **Lucky winner will be awarded a Family Fun Filled Weekend (mini vacation for the whole family)!!** You don't want to miss out, so be sure and get your tickets in before Nov 13th.

Reminder of our on-going ‘Tree of Knowledge’ fundraising campaign. The tree in center court which is the ‘centerpiece’ of our school, is continuously budding!! For a \$35 tax-deductible donation to O'Connell Drive School, an individual, family or company can add an engraved metal leaf to our stylized tree mounted on the center court wall. The leaf will be permanently attached as a lasting reminder of the donor's support. If you're interested in ordering a leaf, please contact the school for an order form. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have questions and/or require further details.

PARENT TEACHER INTER-VIEWS: Nov. 28, 2019. Home-room teachers will be sending home RSVPs within the next few weeks. Families will be able to request 10 minute interviews with each teacher. We will have our afternoon and evening sessions on Thursday, Nov. 28th (1 - 3PM) & (6 - 8PM) & Please note there will be no school for students on this day (Nov 28th).

OCD Fall Book Fair: Will be held over several days from November 26 to November 28th, 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.

Remembrance Day Assembly— Wednesday, November 6th (12:10PM) - 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 whereas seating is limited.

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 HRCE 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).**

Yoga Club: Ms. Hogg will be offering a Yoga Club for grade 6 students on Thursdays, Nov 1, 7, 21, and Dec. 5th. Mats will be provided, however students are welcome to bring their own yoga mats. If you want to stretch, relax and have fun this club is for you. All grade 6 students are welcome to join!!

Christmas Concert: December is approaching quickly! Our school Christmas concert for all P-6 students will take place on Tuesday December 17th (storm date of Wednesday December 18th). 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.

Lunch with the Grinch (Dec. 12). Please see order forms that were previously sent home with details. If by chance you have misplaced info/order form, we have extra copies at the school office. Note: Please remember there won't be any regular cafeteria service on Dec. 12th, therefore if anyone who isn't ordering the Christmas lunch, must bring a packed lunch on this day.

Christmas Bazaar (Dec. 13th) - 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.

Nov 6- Remembrance Day Ceremony 12:10 PM

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day (no school)

Nov 13 - School Raffle Deadline for ticket/money collection

Nov 15 - School Raffle Prize Draw

Nov 20 - SAC 6PM & PTA 7PM

Nov 22 - Assess. & Eval. Day (no students present)

Nov 26 & 27 (Bookfair for classes)

Nov 28 - Parent/Teacher interviews (afternoon 1-3pm) + (evening 6 - 8pm) Book Fair opened to parents during these times (No students present on this day)

Nov 29 - IWK Crazy Hat Day

Dec 5 - Report cards go home

Dec 7 - Christmas Daddies Telethon

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>.

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.

LICE: With the school year back into full swing now, comes the likelihood of lice break-outs from time to time. According to Public Health, "School age children should be checked daily during an outbreak, after sleepovers, and on a weekly basis throughout the year". By working together, we can hopefully avoid the spread of these nasty little visitors. If you would like information for the treatment of head lice, please contact the school or contact Public Health at 902-889-2143.

Parents and Guardians – Do you need someone to talk to about... Understanding supports within your child's school and the ways to access these supports?

Supports available for your child in your community? Concerns regarding your child's academic, emotional, and/or social well-being? Processes such as school registration, bussing, or the Parent/Guardian Concern protocol? An upcoming parent teacher or school meeting?

If so...contact an HRCE Parent Navigator! Parent Navigators will help guide and connect you with the most appropriate resources to help address your questions. They are willing to connect through email, phone, or to meet in person in a comfortable setting in your community! No appointment or referral process is necessary. Simply reach out!

Parent Navigator Contact:

Tressa Moore – mooret@hrce.ca

902-464-2000 (ext.4362)

Stephen Somers – ssomers@hrce.ca

902-464-2000 (ext. 4361)

NO PARKING ZONE: Please be advised that there is absolutely no parking permitted (even for a brief period) in the spot directly beside and to the right of the marked handicap parking in front of the school. This small area is very close to the curb, and needs to remain clear of vehicles at all times in order for buses and emergency vehicles to get by.

COMMUNITY NEWS

* **Chezzecook District Lions Club TOY BINGO!!** Sunday, November 3rd at 2PM, at the Chezz. Lions Club, East Chezz. **Winner of Jack Pot will receive a 55" SMART TV.** For further details please call 902-827-2377

* **Wellness for Women:** Offering Interactive Reflexology, Massage Therapy, Depp Tissue Hot Stone, Cupping. Also offering Personal Training. Can bill with most insurance companies. Visit Facebook page - Libby Tobias Rmt or call 902-435-2362 for more information on treatment descriptions and costs.