



# The Osprey

O'Connell Drive Elementary School

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## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## Important Dates

### Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe that April is already here! We look forward to a successful spring for all of our students. Thank you for your continued support at home.

**Report Cards:** Report cards will be sent home prior to parent/teacher interviews on April 8th. Once parents have had the chance to view their child or children's report cards, any questions or concerns can be brought to the attention of the teacher(s) at the time of your scheduled interview.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings:** Thursday, April 8th is the official "parent/teacher" day for O'Connell Drive Elementary. There is **NO** school for students that day as teachers have professional development in the morning. These meetings will be done via phone or virtual, and teachers will be calling parents during their scheduled time. There will be **NO** in-person meetings. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you to set up an interview time.

**Primary and Pre-primary Registrations:** opened on Feb 1st. If you have a child starting Grade Primary or Pre-Primary in the 2021 -22 school year, and have not yet registered, please contact the school as soon as possible, or if you still have a registration package at home, please drop it off at the school or email it to us asap so we can submit accurate enrollment figures to the province.

**EXCEL Registration** Information for 2021-22: Please see attachment (page 3 of newsletter for details).

### 2021-2022 Class Lists:

This spring our staff will begin creating new class lists for the 2021-2022 school year. Teams of teachers and specialists from each grade level will decide on the placement of all students according to a balance of academic strengths/challenges, male/female ratios, social considerations and input from current teachers. If you have concerns which may be unknown to our staff and could also impact on the success of your child, please contact Ms. Waterhouse-Campbell or Mr. MacDonald at the school by email before the end of the month. We will not be able to guarantee placements for any student, but knowing additional information could be helpful to our staff teams.

**OCDES Online Clothing Store:** Reminder you can buy OCDES clothing on line!! Please check out the link below which you can also find on OCD website. <http://www.pmgpromotions.com/store/#!/OCONNELL-SCHOOL/c/32035002/offset=0&sort=normal>

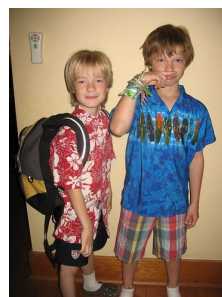
**Lunch-time Supervision Support:** We are continually in need of additional lunch-time supervision monitors. If interested and available in helping us out, please contact the school.

**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.

**LICE:** With this school year in session, as in all years past, the likelihood of lice break-outs from time to time is expected. 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.

**It's back! Litter-less Lunch Day 2021!** Be sure to come to school on Thursday April 22nd with a litter-less lunch packed for the day. What is a litter-less lunch? Start with a reusable lunch bag or lunch box. Use a refillable drink bottle for water or juice. Pack all food in reusable containers. Include reusable cutlery. Let's try to make every day a litter-less lunch day at O'Connell Drive School!

**ALOHA DAYS ....** In keeping with our school spirit activities, every Wednesday in April, students can dress in their favorite Vacation Attire.



*Apr 1 - Easter Hat Day*

*Apr 2 - Good Friday (no school)*

*Apr 5 - Easter Monday (no school)*

*Apr 7 - Report Cards go home*

*Apr 7 - Aloha Day (Wear your favorite Vacation Attire)*

*Apr 8 - Professional Development Day / Parent-Teachers interviews (no students present)*

*Apr 14 - Aloha Day (Wear your favorite Vacation Attire)*

*Apr 21 - Aloha Day (Wear your favorite Vacation Attire)*

*Apr 21 - SAC (6pm) PTA (7pm)*

*Apr 22 - Earth Day + Litter-Less Lunch Day*

*Apr 28 - Aloha Day (Wear your favorite Vacation Attire)*

*Apr 30 - Blue Day for the IWK  
Wear Blue in support of Autism Month*



## REMINDERS:

Parents are asked to please remind your children to check through the school's **Lost & Found on a regular basis** for any of their belongings, or if you know of items your child might be missing, please let us know and we can possibly take a look for you as well. Anything left in the Lost & Found for a period of time will be donated to charity.

We ask if all students could please **bring in their own water bottles** each day whereas we normally have a limited supply of the little disposable cups . Students can definitely re-fill their own water bottles at the water coolers as needed throughout the day.

## IWK Days for 2020-21

Apr. 30 - Blue Day - (World Autism Month)

May 28 - Funny Flashy Footwear

June 6 - IWK Telethon

## Student of the Month:

At this time we ask that you please join us in acknowledging the following Students of the Month for March, 2021. Congratulations to All!!

CLASS	STUDENT OF THE MONTH - MARCH, 2021	CLASS	STUDENT OF THE MONTH - MARCH, 2021
Pre- Primary Corkum	<b>Alice Burnand</b>	Grade Three Whitman	<b>Kinley Barnes-Deveau</b>
Primary Poirier	<b>Robert Rumsey</b>	Grade Three/Four Stoddard	<b>Mattea Bradley</b>
Primary MacLennan	<b>Kenzie Halloran</b>	Grade Four Gillie	<b>Emily Myatt</b>
Grade One Roberts	<b>Ellie Gibbons</b>	Grade Five Fitzsimmons	<b>Hunter Mariner</b>
Grade One Browne	<b>Eilidh Douglas</b>	Grade Five/Six Swain	<b>Lana Baker</b>
Grade Two Jensen	<b>Holly Hamilton</b>	Grade Six Bent	<b>Lilly MacLennan</b>
Grade Two MacDonald /Blandford	<b>Brie Theriault</b>	Grade Six Halloran	<b>Brooklyn Barnes</b>

**WISHING EVERYONE A JOYOUS AND SAFE  
EASTER WEEKEND**

