



The Osprey

O'Connell Drive
Elementary School

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Important Dates

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe that March is already here! Our students are very busy improving their skills and completing their work before the end of second term.

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 a interview time.

African Heritage Month

O'Connell Drive students celebrated African Heritage month through literature, research, geography, art and story telling. We had several guest speakers via Zoom from the community and a virtual African drumming presentation. Check out our Twitter page to see local artist Keonte Beals who shared his first published children's book *I Am Perfectly Me* with our school community. As you are driving or sharing a meal, ask your child what they learned this month during African Heritage month.

Winter Walk Day!

On Tuesday Feb. 23rd we came together as a community to enjoy some music during our Winter Walk. This was a great event for the students and staff; there was fresh air, exercise and smiles all

around. It was so successful, we will be planning another one in the near future.

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 in early March.

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. This will avoid the school calling home and work numbers and leaving messages that may cause some concern.

Inclement Weather:

O'Connell Drive Elementary resides in the Eastern Shore (District High) Family of Schools. Therefore it is important to listen carefully to radio broadcasts each morning for cancellations to specific families of schools as the name of our school may not be announced. Detailed information can also be found below:

<http://www.hrce.ns.ca>
PHONE - 464-4643 (INFO)

Fire Lane: Please be reminded that the front curb running along the front of our building is a fire lane and thus should not be used for dropping off students in the mornings. We have a clearly marked drop-off zone with a sign near the soccer field where students can be dropped of safely between 7:45AM and 7:55AM.

Arriving Late: If you arrive after 7:55AM you should park your vehicle in the parking lot to the left as you drive in, and walk your child up to the main doors of the school, ring the bell to be allowed access into the first set of doors, where you will find the late slips. As always, the best way to ensure your children arrive on time is to send them on the bus.

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.

*March 08 thru 12th -
Winter Spirit Week*

*March 15 thru 19 -
March Break*

*March 24 - Assess. & Eval.
Day (no students present)*

*March 26 - Rainbow Day
for the IWK*

IWK Days for 2020-21

- Mar. 26 - Rainbow Day
- Apr. 2 - Blue Day -
(World Autism Day)
- May 28 - Funny Flashy Footwear
- June 6 - IWK Telethon

REMINDERS:

Parents are asked to please remind your children to check through the school's **Lost & Found** before March Break 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 come March Break 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.

Spirit Week 2021

Winter Spirit Week Festivities (March 8 -12th): Our students have expressed great interest in our spirit days! Keeping with our tradition, the week before March break will be Winter Carnival/Spirit Week!! We will continue to have our weekly spirit days throughout the month as well. Please see events schedule below.

	Theme Days	Winter Carnival Activities
Wednesday, March 3rd	PJ Day	
Monday, March 8th	Dress like a teacher	Guest reader to each classroom
Tuesday, March 9th	Pink day in memory of Addi	Parking lot dance!!!
Wednesday, March 10th	Workout Wednesday Wear your sports gear/workout clothes	15 minutes of extra movement for each class
Thursday, March 11th	Tie dye and bright color day	Frozen treat day!!
Friday, March 12th	PJ Day	Whole school reward! Movie day
Friday, March 26th	IWK DAY- Rainbow Colors!!!	
Wednesday, March 31st	PJ Day	

Student of the Month:

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

CLASS	STUDENT OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY, 2021	CLASS	STUDENT OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY, 2021
Pre- Primary Corkum	Aubree Sutherland	Grade Three Whitman	Tristan Cox-David
Primary Poirier	Scarlet Allen	Grade Three/Four Stoddard	Emma Bain
Primary MacLennan	Kyiden Perez-Helwig	Grade Four Gillie	Logan Matheson
Grade One Roberts	Jackson Estabrooks	Grade Five Fitzsimmons	Isabella Campbell
Grade One Browne	Reid Cox	Grade Five/Six Swain	Liam Mannette
Grade Two Jensen	Makel Norrie-Brown	Grade Six Bent	Lucas Feltmate
Grade Two MacDonald / Blandford	Keira Caldwell	Grade Six Halloran	Bella Eastman