

Ochre Park Post

September 2022

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Message from the Principal



Welcome back to school after what I hope was a fantastic summer break for you and your family. While we did experience some significantly hot weather, we all know that the cooler weather will be here soon enough too. There is something about the start of a new school year that creates excitement for both students and adults alike. The return to a routine and a new beginning for the next year make for an exciting and refreshing experience. We hope students are settling in comfortably to their new classrooms.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead. We hope to return to many of the events and activities that have been known to Ochre Park School in the past and perhaps create some new ones as well. Stay tuned for more information in this regard.

We encourage open communication with your child's teacher on a regular basis. If anyone has any questions or concerns, we ask that you reach out to them by phone or email.

We are hoping for a wonderful year for everyone!

Mr. Anhorn,
Principal





Technology Resources Form - Responsible Use Protocol Students

All students in Sturgeon Public Schools who use a chromebook, Ipad or any other device are required to have this form signed annually before using Division technology. We are moving to a digital form where parents can sign and submit the form digitally. This will be possible through Parent Portal. If you require assistance in setting up an account, please contact our school office. If it is not possible for you to set up an account, paper copies can be provided. Please contact our school office in these circumstances.


A representative from the SPS Central Office will be in attendance at the upcoming Community Registration / Meet the Staff Night on Thursday, Sept. 8 (5:30 - 7:00 pm). If you require assistance in locating the form, please contact our school office.

Front Doors

Our aim as a school is to be a warm, welcoming place for parents and community members.

As many of you know, our external doors were all locked during Covid-19 and the number of people in the school was limited. We are again returning to the practice where our front door (far right door only) will be open during the school day (8:40 am - 3:15 pm). All guests entering the school are required to sign in at the office.

Parents who come into the school to pick up their children at the end of the school day are asked to wait in the main foyer just inside the front doors. This will minimize the distraction to classrooms and allow all of our students to remain focused on the required tasks in their classrooms. We appreciate your cooperation.





Counsellor's Corner

Hope everyone had a great summer and you were able to spend it with family and friends enjoying the great outdoors. My name is Jennifer Geleta. I have taught various subjects in grades one to four and this year I have the privilege of being the School Counsellor and Mental Health and Wellness Coach. If you have, any concerns regarding your child do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sleep affects the lowest level of the brain and everyone is unable to reach the higher levels of processing without the proper amount of sleep. Experts recommend 10 – 13 hours of sleep each day for preschoolers and 9 – 11 hours of sleep each day in school aged children.

As always, if you have any questions, please call me at the school (780-942-2901) or e-mail Jennifer.Geleta@sturgeon.ab.ca

Sincerely,

Mrs. Geleta





Daily arrival & Dismissal- please remember that if you are dropping off your children or they are getting to school on their own, students should not be arriving before 8:35. Our school buses start letting children off the buses at 8:35 and that is when we have supervision in place. There is no supervision before this time. We are also asking children to refrain from playing on the playground equipment when they arrive in the morning as there is no supervision. After dismissal at 3:05, only children with parental supervision should be playing on the playground. Thanks for your help in keeping our children safe.



Nut Allergies Please be aware that Ochre Park School has students with severe NUT ALLERGIES. We ask everyone's cooperation to minimize the risks that these children face on a daily basis. Please TRY NOT to include any items containing nuts or nut

by- products in snacks or lunches sent to school. Thank You for your attention to this very important matter!



Parking Lot:

Our staff numbers have recently increased to 30 people. This does not include OT's and other staff that come from the division. As there are only 21 stalls on the north side of the parking lot, the remaining 11 stalls along the sidewalk will now be reserved for staff only. New signage will soon follow. Please refrain from parking in these stalls and instead utilize the drop off loop at the end of the parking lot to let your children out safely or park on the street. Thank you for your cooperation.

House Leagues -

we continue to run our house leagues as a way to promote a sense of belonging and school spirit. All students will remain on the same teams they were on last year. All new students to the school will be added to teams. Your child should be able to tell you their team color. We will have color day every Friday. Students can earn points for their team by wearing their team color, earning caught being good ribbons, or participating in intramurals.

Volunteers Welcome! If you wish to volunteer in our school, here are a couple things to know: 1. Please contact your child's teacher to arrange a day and time to come in. 2. A vulnerable sector check is required every three years. These are completed Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the RCMP station. Contact the school office for a letter to waive the records check fee.



Meet the Community & Registration Night

Thursday, September 8, 2022

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Ochre Park School

- Meet the teachers and staff
- Register for community programs
- Connect with volunteer opportunities
- Visit with your neighbors
- Enjoy free beef on a bun, juice and tasty treats (while supplies last)

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Teachers and staff will be in their classrooms from 5:30– 6:15 pm. Families are welcome to come in and visit during this time. At 6:15 pm, an announcement will be made to gather in the gym for staff introductions. We are looking forward to seeing you!

PICTURE DAY!!

Ochre Park School

October 18th & 19th

Day 1: All Classes, K2 Day 2: K1 and those missed on day 1

IT'S ALL ONLINE NOW!

View images and order pictures online at SmartOrders.ca
Ordering information will be sent home with students on picture day.

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September 2022

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				1	K1	2 3
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4	5	6	7	8	K1	9 10
	Labour Day No School	Cereal, HB Egg, Fruit	Yogurt, Berries, Cereal Bar	Fruit, Cheese, Granola Bar Meet the Community and Registration Night 5:30-7pm	Veggies, Hummus, Crackers Wear your team color!	
11	12	13	14	15	K2	16 17
	Cereal, HB Egg, Fruit	Muffins and Melon	Smoothie and Cereal Bar	Yogurt Tube, Fruit, Granola Bar	Schoolwide Pancake Breakfast, 8:50am in Gym Wear your team color!	
18	19	20	21	22	K1	23 24
	Fruit, Cheese, Granola Bar	Cereal, HB Egg, Fruit	Veggies, Hummus, Crackers	Yogurt, Berries, Cereal Bar	Mini Turkey Sandwiches, Veggies Fake injury day!	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Cereal, HB Egg, Fruit Virtual Parent Council Meeting 6:30 pm	Smoothie and Cereal Bar	Muffins and Melon	Fruit Salad, Granola Bar	National Truth & Reconciliation Day No School	
Truth and Reconciliation Week						