



Dates to Remember

Nov. 15 – 21 – Bullying Awareness Week

Nov. 19 – 20 – Parent- Teacher Meetings

Nov. 20 –PD Day

Nov. 24 – Shrek - the Musical

Dec. 1 - Hydro Ottawa –Electricity Safety and Conservation Presentation

Dec. 8 – School Council Meeting 7 PM

Dec. 10 – Progress Reports go home

News

1. With the beginning of the winter weather, comes the anticipation of winter past times. Classes will soon be beginning **skating during their Physical Education classes**. Be on the lookout for information letters and permission forms. Classes will be looking for helper parents to assist with skate tying and lacing. Please consider this as a chance to be part of your child's classroom and let your child's teacher know when you may be available.
2. This week we will be **practicing a lockdown** in all of the classrooms. A lockdown is a safety procedure that all schools practice throughout the year. The purpose of the lockdown is to move students quickly and quietly to a safe area. Students will quietly sit on the floor, with lights off and blinds drawn during the practice. If you have questions about the process please do not hesitate to direct your questions to Ms Conroy or Mrs. Pilon.
3. **Parent –Teacher meetings** will be on the evening of Nov. 19th and the morning of Nov. 20th. As was relayed in the letter sent home on Nov. 13th, teachers will be meeting with parents of students who are progressing with some difficulty at this time. Teachers have been contacting parents via backpack mail and phone calls. Please note: the **progress reports will be going home on Dec.10th**.
4. This week is **Bullying Awareness Week** - classes will be reviewing the use of WITS to help manage conflicts on the yard. Teachers will be reading from a collection of read aloud books to underscore the importance of taking care of each other within our community. Primary and Junior students will be attending an assembly on Thursday where the focus will be on the role and power of the bystander on the school yard.
5. **New French teacher** – This week we welcome Mademoiselle Smith, our new Core French teacher for primary and junior students. We welcome her to our school community.
6. **Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services was in on Nov.12**. A presentation was made to classes of Grade 7 and 8 students about screentime and screentime addiction. The Grade 7 and 8 Health Curriculum helps students develop an understanding of the link between mental health problems and problematic substance use and behaviours.

7. **School Council** met on Nov. 10th. They will be sending out a parent survey in the coming weeks to gather information about the interests and needs of the community.
8. **Ultra Sports** have started after school on Wednesday and Friday after school. There is a good size group playing under the direction of 2 facilitators in the Junior Gym. If your child would like to join they should come to the office for a sign-up sheet.
9. **Borden ball** for boys and girls at the junior level has started. Students have been enjoying the fast pace team sport at lunch time with Mr. Kilby.
10. **In Intermediate Physical Education Volleyball** began a few weeks ago. Students have been learning skills in Physical Education with Mrs. Ritchie and Mr. Conley. They are putting those skills to work as they try out for the school team. Mrs Stanutz -Sedlar and Mrs. Ritchie are coaching the school teams.
11. **Shrek the Musical** - Grade 8 students will be walking to Canterbury High School to see a high school presentation of Shrek the Musical.

Reminders:

1. **Would you like an e-copy of the school newsletter?** A PDF copy of this newsletter may be found on the school website or can be emailed directly to your email account. Simply send an email that includes your child's class and grade to HawthornePS@OCDSB.ca.

The Homework Corner

An easy way to have your child review new learning is to ask them about it. Rather than ask, "what did you learn today?" try asking : "tell me about something you are writing about?" or "what are you reading in school?" or "show me what you did in Math today". When assignments come home from school, take a moment to ask what in the assignment makes your child proud. Then ask what they will do next time

– Ms. Mary Conroy, Principal