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# Osoyoos Elementary Nighthawk News

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*"Everything that you do today will make a difference in our world tomorrow."*

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## Remember

The staff and students will have a solemn memorial on November 10 at 9:30am. All families and friends of Osoyoos Elementary students are invited to remember the men and women of our various Canadian wars during our school assembly in the gymnasium. We will have representatives from our local Legion Chapter to carry the Colour Guard. Our band classes have been preparing and will present O Canada and Westwind Overture.

## Winter Dress

All students will be playing outside until November 15. After November 15 they will have a choice of an inside or outside activity. Please make sure your child comes with a warm jacket. Many jackets have begun to pile up in the lost and found. If your child's jacket is missing, have him or her check the lost and found box.

### Upcoming Events in November

- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly  
9:30am
- 11 Remembrance Day(Holiday)
- 15 PAC Meeting 6:00pm
- 17 Arts Performance 1:15pm

### Upcoming Events in December

- 9 District Volleyball Tournament
- 13 Report Cards issued
- 13 PAC Meeting 6:00pm
- 15 Christmas concert 1pm

**No Hockey Academy**

**November 4, 11 and 18**

**due to tournaments at the rink.**

## Hot lunch program and Salad bar

At the request of parents, we have made some changes to our hot lunch program. A menu for the months of November, December & January is attached to this newsletter. You will notice that we now have the option of one day a week pizza. Also, in addition to ordering lunches on a monthly basis (which we still encourage you to do), we are now also taking daily orders. We do ask that if you are ordering lunch on a daily basis that you order and pay in the office before classes start. If your order is not placed before 9:00 a.m., we cannot guarantee the availability of the lunch as our orders are placed in the morning. A lunch will still be provided to the student but it may be a sandwich, water and apple from the school kitchen as we do not always have extras of the hot lunch available. All lunches are \$3.50 and include a piece of fruit and a bottle of water. **\*\*\*Please remember that for Salad Bar days, you are required to bring your own plate and utensils.\*\*\***

**Please send an email to [ose@sd53.bc.ca](mailto:ose@sd53.bc.ca) and begin receiving your newsletter and other important communication from the Osoyoos Elementary office via email.**



## Student Council

The OSE Student Council created a Halloween event for the Kindergarten to Grade Seven students called "The Haunted Paper Room". The students raised \$102.50. Now the students are participating in "Operation Christmas Child" by putting together a collection of items to send to needy children around the world. The OSE Student Council will also be creating artwork for our Remembrance Day Assembly.

## National School Library Day

320 students gathered in the gymnasium on October 24<sup>th</sup> along with 100 big books and lots of enthusiasm. The intermediate students paired with the primary students for a twenty minute shared reading session. It was a wonderful event and the students are already looking forward to the next school wide Drop Everything And Read for Family Literacy day 2012.

**BCSFVNP**



Remember to ask your child what fruit or vegetable they tried at school. Once again we are participating in the British Columbia School Fruit and Vegetable Nutrition Program for students. The program will give your child a fresh, pre-washed, and ready to eat fruit or vegetable snack to enjoy in their classroom every other week 13 times over the school year. They may be given sliced apples, a pear, carrots, a baby bell pepper, or other fruit or vegetable. Our first choice will be locally grown, in season BC produce. There is no cost charged to schools or parents to participate in the Program. Look for what your children are trying in upcoming newsletters.

**OSE Welcomes Lindsey Kingsfield as our new Settlement Worker.** She is available to assist permanent residents within their first year or those who have been in Canada for longer than a year but who have first year requirements. She is also able to assist with anti-racism and respect for diversity. Please contact Lindsey at (250) 498-4900 or [swissoics@me.com](mailto:swissoics@me.com) for more information or call the school.

Carollyne Sinclair of Okanagan College is also available for English as a Second Language Settlement Assistance and can be reached at (250) 495-0787 for more information.

## Literacy initiative: Words Their Way

Teachers from Grades Kindergarten through Seven will participate in a Words Their Way in-service on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011. "Words Their Way" is based on research by Donald Bear, Marcia Invernizzi, Shane Templeton, and Francine Johnston. Children's knowledge of phonics and spelling patterns are assessed and then matched with the level of word study they need. Children will sort words or pictures, focusing on a specific letter sound or spelling pattern. Students will learn to sort, resort, speed sort and play games to build up their familiarity with the sound or pattern. Sorting is a thinking skill which requires attention, discrimination, and seeing and hearing patterns. We are proud of the initiative put forth by the OSE teaching staff to learn this new program.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Our October book fair was a huge success! Students had the opportunity to buy books during recess, lunch and after school. Lots of parents attended and we surpassed our goal of \$2,500 for a grand total of \$3,551. This enabled us to buy \$895 worth of books from the fair and still left us with a \$1,425.00 credit for more books for our library. Congratulations to Angelina Dortman, who won the Family Draw of \$25 worth of books for herself and \$25 worth of books for her teacher, Mrs. Langley. Also, congratulations to the "I Wish I Could Win" contest winners: Bruce Rathgeber, Jasmine Murchison, Sawyer Ethier & Imraj Toor, who won books from the Fair. Thanks to everyone who attended our Fair to help make it the best one ever.

## Volleyball Club 2011



Volleyball practice will be taking place until the tournament on December 9, 2011. All Grade Four through Seven students are invited to join the practice. Thank you to Mr. Sherburne, Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Rowland for coaching our teams. Practises are Tuesdays and Thursdays either at lunch or after school. Coaches will let the students know of the rotating schedule. The district tournament is Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup>. The Girls @ Oliver Elementary and the Boys will play here in Osoyoos. Please come and cheer on our teams.

## Wrestling Club 2011

The wrestling club will be practising Monday and Wednesday after school. Students of all grades are invited to join the team.

## Celebrating our work

Justine Wright, Grade Four



Puneet Cheema, Grade One

