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Osoyoos Elementary Nighthawk News

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Upcoming Events in February

- 6-10 Grade 4 FSA
- 7 Curling begins for Grades 4-7
- 13-16 Grade 7 FSA
- 22 Ready, Set, Learn 10:00-11:30
- 17 Grade 6/7 Ski lesson #1
- 24 District Basketball Tournament
- 29 Pink Shirt Day

Email ose@sd53.bc.ca to receive information updates online.

Charity Hockey Classic
Wednesday March 14, 2012

Ready Set Learn for Children age 3-4 and a caregiver



Families and their three or four year-olds are invited to attend some play-based early learning activities at Osoyoos Elementary on Wednesday, February 22, from 10:00-11:30 am. Information will be provided for parents to help them guide their child's play. To register please call the school or email skoteles@sd53.bc.ca. Lunch will be served to all participants at 11:30 am.

Wrestling practice continues each Monday and Wednesday after school for Grades K -7 and **Hockey Academy** for Grades Three – Seven on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

**PAC General Meeting Monday
February 13th at 6pm in the school library.**

Gr. 6/7 Basketball Clubs

Boys and Girls Teams play Rock Creek Elementary in Rock Creek on February 7, and Keremeos Elementary on February 16 in Keremeos. The District tournament is on February 24 with teams playing both at home and in Keremeos. Students will be travelling by bus and parent helpers and spectators are welcome.



Muffin Program

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, muffins and juice are available for those students who have arrived at school needing a nutritious snack to start the day.

A thank you goes out to Jim Harrington, June Harrington, Doug Alexander, Donna Alexander and Sandy Summers for distributing this snack to our students with your friendly smiles.

We also thank the United Church for its generous \$500 donation towards this program.



Gr. 6/7 Ski Program

Grade 6 and 7 students will ski at Mt. Baldy Ski Hill on Friday February 17th and Friday March 2, 2012. Students will be able to use their own equipment providing it is safe and appropriate. Students will be travelling by bus and parental volunteers are appreciated.



Grade 4-7 Curling Program

Students in grades 4-7 begin curling on February 7th and will have sessions until March 1st. Each class will have a four session program offered through the volunteers of the Osoyoos Curling Club. The students will be focusing on developing skills required to attain a Premier Curling Award.

Fruits and Vegetables BCSFVP

Feb 7th Sliced Apples

Feb 21st Mini Cucumbers

Family Literacy Day

Two events marked family literacy day this year. The Grade Four students celebrated literacy by reading Aboriginal legends to small groups of primary students. Eighteen stories simultaneously rang throughout the primary wing, with dancing, props and bold voices. Well done Grade Fours. Later in the week we again broke-out and enjoyed stories read to small family groupings by Mayor Wells, and Councillors Mr. Ryan, Mr. Plante, and Mrs. McKortoff as well as School District 53 Chair, Mrs Tarr, Okanagan College Literacy Coordinator, Angelika Eneas, Aboriginal Elder, Anna May Tanner and Roots of Empathy facilitator Maureen Potter. We were joined by parents and all our readers enjoyed refreshments provided by the PAC. Thanks Nighthawks for this memorable storytime.



Okanagan Boys and Girls Club: Pink shirt day



Bullying is a major problem in our schools, workplaces, homes, and over the Internet. On **Wednesday February 29, 2012** we will be helping raise awareness of these issues with promotion of **PINK SHIRT DAY**.

On February 29 we encourage our whole community to wear something pink to symbolize that we as a society will not tolerate bullying anywhere. We wish we could take credit for this idea but it comes from two incredible Nova Scotia high school students who took a stand against bullying by wearing pink in support of a younger student who had been bullied for wearing the color pink to school.

Scholastic Book Sale

The spring Scholastic book sale is still two months off but please start saving and planning. We were able to purchase a \$1000 worth of educational play materials for our Kindergarten classrooms with proceeds made from the last book sale. The Kindergarten students are delighted. Come by and check out the beautiful puzzles, creative play toys and building materials.



Caldecott Award Winners

Are you trying to encourage reading at home? Ask your child to bring home a Caldecott award winning book from the school library. These books are displayed along the top of the non-fiction book shelves. This would be a great way to start a family discussion about a story. Simply ask your child, " Why do you think this book received an award?" and enjoy his/her reply.



Sip Smart! BC Facts: Sugary Drinks and Teeth When a person sips a sugary drink, an 'acid attack' occurs in the mouth for up to 20 minutes. The acid demineralizes the tooth during the attack and weakens the tooth. After about 20 minutes, saliva re-mineralizes the tooth and strengthens it.

On the other hand, if children are having their one serving (1/2 cup or 125 mL) of 100% fruit juice during the day (which contains a significant amount of naturally occurring sugar and is acidic), then they should drink it in as few sips as possible. The same applies to sugary drinks, when they are consumed as an occasional treat.

Sip Smart! BC is an initiative of the BC Pediatric Society and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon whose resources are some of the best practices used by Action Schools! BC.

Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be five years old by December 31, 2012, may begin their first year of Primary (Full Day Kindergarten) in September, 2012. These will be children who were born in 2007.

Please bring your child's birth certificate and Medical Card with you.

Early registration assists in planning for next year.