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École Oriole Park School

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September 1, 2017

This Month at OP

Friday, September 1

- Welcome Back Assembly-9:15am

Monday, September 4

- NO SCHOOL - Labour Day

Tuesday, September 12

- Swimming program starts for Gr.2-4

Thursday, September 14

- Hot Lunch
- Terry Fox Run & Assembly - 1:30pm

Friday, September 15

- NO SCHOOL - Staff Learning Day

Tuesday, September 19

- Gr. 4 & 5 Dawe Run
- Gr. 3 Corn Maze Field Trip

Friday, September 22

- School Picture Day

Thursday, September 28

- 1 Book, Many Schools Kickoff – 1:00pm

Bell Times

Grades 1-5

Supervision starts	8:43am
Entry Bell	8:58 am
Classes begin	9:00 am
Recess	10:30-10:45 am
Lunch	12:15 – 12:59 pm
Classes resume	1:00 pm
Dismissal	3:25 pm

Absentee Phone Line

If your child will be absent, please email us at opinfo@rdpsd.ab.ca or call our attendance line at 403-347-3735.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another great school year at École Oriole Park School! We hope you had a wonderful summer and made many great memories. It was great to see such a strong turnout at the Meet the Teacher Night.

We are pleased to welcome the new staff who bring many strengths to our OP team. Mme Michèle Konan will be teaching Grade 2/3 French Immersion, Mrs. Rhianne Weghnnar will be teaching our English Kindergarten and Mrs. Caitlin Ranger will be joining the Pathways program. We'd also like to welcome two new educational assistants, Ms. Kim Scriven and Mrs. Mary Jo Yee-Blakely. These new staff members bring many strengths to our program.

This year we are excited to introduce new initiatives, as well as to continue established ones. Our *One Book, Many Schools* Kickoff Assembly will take place on Thursday, September 28 at 1:15pm. We are also continuing with our Pyramid of Supports model. This includes daily math and literacy small group support to students. In February, we will be welcoming two local artists, Brenda Hackenbrook and Carole Villeneuve for an Artist in Residence project to work with all of our students to create beautiful water colour paintings. We look forward to seeing you at our traditional events as well!

We look forward to working with our school community to ensure a successful year for all students. All the best in this 2016-17 school year!

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Communication

School Website

Our school website, <http://oriolepark.rdpsd.ab.ca/> is our primary source of communication.

Class Webpages

Each homeroom teacher hosts a class website which contains the agenda items, as well as curriculum information.

Newsletters

Each month, we email out the newsletter, which is shared through the school website. To subscribe to this service please go to: <http://oriolepark.rdpsd.ab.ca/Newsletter.php> and click on *Please Select a List*, choose *School Newsletter*, enter your email address and click *Subscribe*. If you are not able to receive a digital copy, please return this form to request a paper copy.

Newsletter Request

I would like for my child,
(name) _____ in
Class _____ to receive a paper newsletter.



Bus Transportation

If your child requires transportation, please come to the school office to fill out a Transportation Registration Form. Once you are registered, you are able to access the district's online program for parents. If you discover incorrect information, please, contact the Transportation Department at 403-342-3733/3724 as soon as possible. We thank you for your patience.

How do I get to Bus Planner?

Click on the following link to be taken to *Bus Planner*, our on-line bus routes and times information portal:
<https://csbusplannerweb.rdpsd.ab.ca/Default.aspx> and click on "Parent Portal". Once in the Parent Portal, enter your student's information and you should see their bus route information.

For updated information on bus routes please check our website at:
<http://www.rdpsd.ab.ca/Student%20Transportation.php>



Parent Volunteers

All adults who are new volunteers in the school will once again need to provide the school with a Police Information Check and two written references that confirm the suitability of the individual to serve as a school volunteer. Packages are available at the school office.

Swimming Grades 2, 3 & 4

Swimming lessons for grades 2, 3 and 4 children begin on Tuesday, September 12th. Swim fees this year are \$35.00. Cheques may be made payable to École Oriole Park School.

Swim information and permission forms will be sent home early next week.

***In order for your child to go swimming, the fee must be paid prior to the first lesson or arrangements must be made with Mrs. Sandy Sparks in the office.** Children who haven't paid for swimming will remain at the school.



Parent Council

All parents are invited and encouraged to attend Parent Council meetings which are held throughout the year. The meetings are held on the third Mondays of the month from 3:30 - 5:00. Our first three meetings will take place on September 19th at 3:30pm.



Nut Aware – Nut Allergy

We have students at our school who have very severe, even life threatening allergies to peanuts/nuts. We feel the best way to provide a safe environment for these students is to once again enlist the support of parents to help make the school a "peanut/nut safe" environment. This means that each child is asked to bring snacks and lunches free of any peanuts/nuts. Though it sounds simple, it means no peanut butter sandwiches or peanut butter cookies. We realize this request poses an inconvenience for you. Therefore, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your support and understanding of this potentially life-threatening allergy.



Drop Off Guidelines

Please remember to follow the rules of the road when picking up your children. Our children's safety is of utmost importance and we wish to minimize the risk.

Please:

- Do not drive through or park in the staff parking lot.
- Do not park in the bus zone.
- Do not park on or immediately adjacent to the crosswalks.
- Try to establish a meeting area slightly away from the school when picking up your older children.
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Hot Lunch

Thank you to Kaycee Monteleone and our Parent Council for making monthly hot lunch available to our students. The lunches will be available to order online next week. Our first hot lunch will be on September 14th.



Breakfast Program

This school year we are excited to announce that we will be offering an expanded breakfast program starting on **Monday, September 18th**. The mission of the program is to ensure that every child has access to a nutritious breakfast to start their day and better prepare them for learning. Students who are given nutritious breakfasts daily make significant improvements in learning, school attendance, behaviour and self-esteem. There are several reasons that a student might come to school having not eaten breakfast, so this program is open to all students.

Breakfast be offered between **8:43 - 8:58am**. Students are welcome to stop by and grab a piece of toast, fresh fruit, a glass of milk, yogurt or granola bar to help them start their day.

On the last Wednesday of every month we will be serving a larger "hot" breakfast to celebrate! As we are operating on a fairly small budget this year, the program will be 100% volunteer run and will also be accepting donations if this is something you feel strongly about. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to get involved, please contact Audra Garnett at audra.garnett@rdpsd.ab.ca.

Parent Looking for Child Care

We have a parent looking for childcare for her 9 year old son at OP. This would include some weekends, as well as before and after school transportation. If you are able to help her out, please call 587-273-3340.

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Our Students,
Everyone's Future

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