

A few notes from OES...

January 18, 2018



## Happy New Year Edition!

### OES Christmas Baskets

Thank you to our students, parents and our community for their support of the 12 Christmas baskets that were delivered to our families in need before the holidays. Over \$1100 and a great deal of food was donated to the cause. Our families were touched by the generosity that was contributed to this effort and on their behalf, we thank you!

### BOKs is returning to OES

BOKs is an initiative of the Reebok Foundation and supports the premise that Active Kids = Active Minds. The program provides 30 minutes of physical activity at the start of the day in an effort to help kids kick start their bodies and brains. The program will be re-introduced to OES by Mr. Campbell again this year. Each grade level will get an active jumpstart to their school day one day a week, from 8:30 until 9:00. Our BOKS schedule is as follows and will begin on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>:

- Mondays - Kindergarten
- Tuesdays - Grades 5 & 6
- Wednesdays – Grades 3, 4 & Learning Centre
- Thursdays – Grades 1 & 2

### Option Classes & Instructional Planning

This fall, OES piloted the opportunity for students in grades 1 through 6 to experience various activities that complement their classroom learning. Students were asked to choose 2 activities (classes) that they would attend every Thursday afternoon, over a period of 5 weeks. The options included hip hop dance, science, yoga, mural creations, video production, special project planning and outdoor education. While the students participated in these activities, their teachers engaged in instructional planning with a focus on writing development. This time for teachers to spend collaborating proved to be essential to our improvement efforts.

We are once again offering a new set of option classes to our students with the help of many partners in our community. This term, cooking, carpentry, yoga, Zumba, art, board games, robotics, knitting and juggling have been offered. The classes will take place on Friday afternoons for 5 non-consecutive weeks, beginning this Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Please ask your children what they think about this experience.

### Changes to bussing or pick-up

Please note that between the hours of 12:25 and 1:15, our school phones are answered by our very responsible Cycle 3 students. We would prefer that any pick-up, daycare or bussing requests be written in the student agenda or be made by phone before noon.

### Breakfast Club

We are looking for a volunteer to help us out with the breakfast club on Thursday mornings. You must be available between 7:00 and 9:00 am. If interested, please contact the school at (450) 829-2641 and leave a message for Jennifer Travers, our Breakfast Club coordinator.

## **School Calendar**

Our website ([oes.nfsb.qc.ca](http://oes.nfsb.qc.ca)) has been updated to reflect all scheduled activities between now and the end of the year. Please consult it for dates of upcoming events.

## **New Student Registration**

The registration period for new Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students beginning school in September 2018 begins on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact our school secretary for an appointment and a registration package. Students returning to OES for next year will receive a registration form in February.

## **Mrs. Lauren Small's Retirement**

Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> will mark Mrs. Small's last day of work at Ormstown Elementary School. Mrs. Small has been our START reading teacher for the past 6 years. We wish Mrs. Small all the very best as she embarks on her retirement after a long career as a teacher, school administrator and consultant in our school board. Congratulations Lauren from all of your friends at OES!

As usual, please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns. I can be reached by email at [jhenrico@nfsb.qc.ca](mailto:jhenrico@nfsb.qc.ca) or at the school at (450) 829-2641.

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