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### Principal's Message

March has certainly been a quick month at ORS. We had the conclusion of extra-curricular basketball season, the Grade 5-8 Science Fair, Report Cards/Parent-Teacher Interviews and ending with Spirit Week.

Thanks to Mike Brunen for assisting in the judging of our Science fair. Programs at ORS continue to thrive thanks to the efforts of our staff and members of the community. Please know that every activity and event is made better through your attendance and involvement. Our evening gym nights, sports events (during or after school), indoor camping, Nerf Nights, the Science Fair, field trips and other moments should be seen as opportunities to parents and families. Often we need you to make our event run smoothly and your child benefits greatly from you being involved.

Hope everyone has a great Spring Break!



### Earth Day Clean Up

Monday, April 22nd p.m.—weather permitting students from K—Gr. 4 will participate in a town clean-up. Gr. 5-8 will participate in a Highway Clean-up. Remember to bring your gloves.

### Dates to Remember:

- Monday, April 1—Classes Resume after Spring Break
- Tuesday, April 2—Parent Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 3—Oak Hammock Marsh presentations p.m.
- Thursday, April 4—MVSD Preschool Program 10:00 a.m.
- April 8—12—Artist in the School
- Tuesday, April 9 – Western Manitoba Science Fair in Brandon
- Wednesday, April 10—Day-of-Pink recognize anti-bullying by wearing pink
- Friday, April 12—Hot Dogs
- Wednesday, April 17—Kindergarten Registration a.m.
- Friday, April 19—Good Friday, NO SCHOOL
- Sunday, April 21—Easter Sunday
- Monday, April 22—Earth Day Clean-Up
- Tuesday, April 23—Skills MB Presentation Gr. 5-8
- Tuesday, April 23—DRCSS Musical p.m. Gr. 5-8
- Wednesday, April 24—Gr. 7 Band Trip to Brandon
- Thursday, April 25—Hot Dogs
- Thursday, April 25—Rob Nash Show at the CUP Gr. 5-8 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 26—P.D. Day—NO School for students
- Saturday, April 27—Badminton Divisionals Gr. 6-8 Winnipegosis
- Thursday, May 16—Pancake Breakfast

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*Hot Dog Day—April 12 & 25*



Wednesday, April 17th

9:00 a.m.—noon

To be eligible for Kindergarten, a child **must** be five years of age on or before December 31, 2019. Birth certificates will be requested at the time of registration and are required prior to admission. Forms will be provided at this time for any child that does not currently have a birth certificate. Please also bring your Manitoba Health card.

Kindergarten teachers will be at each home school during the registration period. Therefore, parents are asked to bring their children with them at the time of registration. Please assist the school by registering during this period.



Parent Council  
Meeting

April 2 at 7:00 p.m.



LAKE  
WINNIPEG  
FOUNDATION

This Spring/Summer students at ORS will be assisting the Lake Winnipeg Foundation by collecting water samples from the mighty Ochre River. Selected students will have the opportunity to be part of a study focusing on phosphate content in the river. The collection process is governed by a strict protocol. We are pleased to be included as this gives our students a chance to extend their learning about the water cycle and scientific procedures.

## No School

There will be **NO** school for students on:

**Friday, April 26 —P.D. Day**

Mountain View School Division

Preschool Program Upcoming Dates

Children born in 2014 or 2015 with a supervising adult are invited to attend Ochre River School for the FREE MVSD Preschool Program. The program is from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on the following dates:

Thursday, April 4

Thursday, May 2



The grade 6-8 girls basketball team competed in the grade 8 divisional basketball tournament on March 7, 2019.

The girls had a tough battle against the Gilbert Plains team to start the tournament and came up just short, sending us to the consolation finals. In this game, they played Roblin and had a nail biter game. The score was 17-16 for ORS with three seconds left on the clock. A long pass and a quick basket later, the ORS girls won the game 19-16!

The grade 6/7 girls team competed in the grade 7 divisional on March 9, 2019. Their first game was against Grandview. The game was extremely close all the way through and Grandview ended up winning by two. This sent us to the third place game against the MMS 6 team. Our quick transitions and tight defense helped us win the game and claim 3<sup>rd</sup> in the tournament! We are excited to see what the 2020 season brings for the team!

The next school sport coming up is badminton. Divisionals are on April 27<sup>th</sup> in Winnipegosis. A practice schedule will be coming out right after spring break!



Parent Council will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, May 25th in conjunction with the Community Wide Yard Sale.

Donations are appreciated.



Consider donating clothing that still has some life left in it to our Give Some, Get Some Program. Clothing you have out grown can be donated to the program. If any student sees something they want they are welcome to take it and get some more miles out of it.

### ARTIST-IN-THE-SCHOOL



Ochre River students will be working with artist Annie Bergen from eastern Manitoba to paint a new mural in the entrance hall during the week of April 8-12. Annie is a visual artist known primarily for her large-scale murals throughout Winnipeg. "Her work through the Artist in the Schools program brings her from school to school throughout Manitoba, working with students throughout the research, design and painting process of creating murals in order to brighten and beautify their schools."

**PAINTING CLOTHES:** House paint will be used and does not come out of clothing. It's best if students have an old t-shirt and pair of pants or shorts to change into.

**COLLECT CONTAINERS:** Please collect containers for painting e.g. plastic containers with lids such as sour cream or yogurt, small plastic containers such as pudding and fruit cups, also laundry detergent containers (with a pour spout and crew top lid).

Photos of Annie's work can be seen at [artbyannie.ca](http://artbyannie.ca).



# April 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
	Classes Resume after Spring Break	Parent Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Oak Hammock March Presentation p.m.	MTSD Preschool 10:00 a.m.		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	<b>K</b>	←	—Artist in the School— Day of Pink	—	→ <b>K</b> Hot Dogs	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			Kindergarten Registration a.m.	<b>K</b>	Good Friday NO SCHOOL	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Happy Easter!	Earth Day Clean-Up	Skills MB Presentation a.m. 5-8 DRCSS Musical p.m. 5-8	Gr. 7 Band Trip To Brandon	Hot Dogs <b>K</b> Rob. Nash Show at the CUP 5-8 11:00-12:30	Parent Teacher Interviews 9-12 P.D. Day K-8 (No Students Present)	Badminton Divisionals Gr. 6-8 Winnipegosis
28	29	30				
		<b>K</b>				
	5	6				