



MARCH 2019

OCHRE RIVER SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Saying good bye to February this year is very bitter-sweet.

As far as students and staff were concerned we spent way too much time inside. But February events also provided those of us at ORS with opportunities to participate and even show off.

Events that we sometimes see as mainly fun provide our students the chance to work on other skills. The organizing of the Valentine and Tropic Fun Fair Days provides our student council with time to work on teamwork, scheduling and attention to detail. Our student council participants also get extra opportunities to work in the canteen and to assist younger students through planned stations. Their reward, seeing genuine excitement in the younger students.

This month we also hosted our first ever Nerf Challenge. Students along with 5 parents and 2 staff joined together to show off their abilities while participating in a number of planned activities. Forms will be going home next week to invite Grades 3-8 and their parents to our next event on March 13th.

Thanks to Mother Nature and our community volunteers our students enjoyed an awesome day at our annual Winter Olympics. Students showed their strength, stamina, ability to strategize and sportsmanship while participating in 9 events. It was a great day.

On February 11th four of our staff visited two schools in the Sun West School Division south of Saskatoon. This division provided us with the opportunity to see their initiatives centered around Student Directed Learning, Self Regulation and Project Based Learning. More information on this excursion will be provided at our next PAC meeting on March 5th.

Dates to Remember:

- **March 5—Parent Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
- **March 7—Gr. 8 Basketball in Roblin**
- **March 8—Hot Dog Sale**
- **March 7, 8, 9—Gr. 8 Honor Band**
- **March 9 -Gr. 6/7 Basketball at MMS**
- **March 12—Gr. 5-8 Science Fair**
- **March 12—Report cards go home**
- **March 14—MVSD Preschool Program 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**
- **March 14—Parent-Teacher Interviews (evening)**
- **March 15—Parent-Teacher Interviews (day) NO classes for students**
- **March 19-23 Spirit Week**
- **March 22—Last day of classes before Spring Break**

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CATCH-A-KID BEING GOOD

Ruth, Eli, Seth,
John-Connor, Mayson

Parent Council Meeting

March 5, 7:00 p.m.



Parkland/Norman Regional Honor Band

Gr. 8 band students along with other students from all across the Parkland and Norman regions will be congregating between the United Church and DRCSS for three intensive days of rehearsals and workshops, culminating in the final concert on the afternoon of March 9th. This event is an outstanding opportunity for our grade 8 band students to meet band students from all over the province while being rehearsed by some of the finest music educators in the province and engaging in smaller group sectionals with specialists on their chosen instruments.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

will be held in the evening on Thursday, March 14th and during the day on Friday, March 15th. Please submit your time request forms a.s.a.p.



March 18th-22nd

Spring is coming fast which means Spirit Week is coming even faster.

Monday. Pajama/Wacky Hair Day—Have a busy weekend! Don't worry about changing out of your PJs or doing your hair. Come as you are!

Tuesday. Cultural Day—Are you Ukrainian, Indigenous, British, Canadian or is there a culture you're interested in. Dress up to represent that culture!

Wednesday. Crazy Sock Day—do you have socks that are out of this world. Show them off.

Thursday. Career Day—What do you want to be when you grow up? Dress up as a doctor, mechanic, farmer or something else.

Friday—Animal Day— Do you have a favorite animal? Show us what it is by dressing up as it.



Wednesday, April 17th

8:30—11:30 a.m.

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.

PARENTS OF BUS STUDENTS

If your child is not going to be on the bus in the morning please contact your bus driver or call the division office at 638-3001 after 7:00 a.m. If you do not get an answer it means the transportation secretary is on another call / please keep trying. Do not leave a message as that message will not be received until 8:30 a.m. by the front desk secretary.

BABY-SITTERS COURSE

April 6 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

At Ochre River School

Ages: 11 years & up.

Registration Fee: \$40 (actual cost is \$60 however Ochre River School Parent Council will be covering \$20 per ORS student). Instructor: Marie Sorlie 204-648-4797

DAY OF PINK



As part of the anti-bullying campaign April 11th is designated as the Day of Pink. In order to ensure all students can participate, if interested, we are ordering more pink ORS T-shirts at \$10 each. We would like to pre-order by March 9th. Students can see Mr. Thacker for sizing.

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 a FREE MVSD Preschool Program. The program is from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 14th

Tuesday, April 4th

Tuesday, May 2nd



Intramurals

Congratulations to our basketball intramural champs: "The Bombers": Breanna, Blake, Kaylee, Tyron, Ruth, Garrett and Chloe F.

Extra-Curricular Basketball

Basketball season is coming to a close. The grade 8 girls divisional tournament is scheduled for Thursday Mar 7 in Roblin, which the grade 8 girls divisional tournament is scheduled for Saturday Mar 9 at MMS. To prepare for these tournaments, we took our mixed grade 5-7 team to Ethelbert and had a strong showing against their mixed team and pulled out a win! The girls grades 6-8 team travelled to Minnedosa this past weekend for an 8 team draw. In their first game, the girls got off to a rocky start, but came through with a win against the MMS 7 team. In the A side semi-finals, we faced MMS 8 and after a nail biter first half, we were out shot and dropped into the third place game against Carberry. Our team played strong throughout the entire game, both offensively and defensively, but Carberry got the narrow win. The girls had a great time in Minnedosa. They made new friends, saw old friends, and had the opportunity to play a new team!

Bake Sale

On Saturday, March 16th, the grade 7/8 class is holding a bake sale at the Dauphin Marketplace Mall from 11:00am-3:00pm.

We are accepting baked goods.

Please bring the donations of baked goods by 3:00pm on Friday March 15th.

Proceeds go to Canadian Feed The Children to sponsor a child in Uganda.



Ochre River
School

Junior Drama
Production

*"The Worst Talent
Show Ever"*

Practices will be held

Tuesday, March 5
Monday, March 11
Wednesday, March 13
Monday, March 18
Wednesday, March 20
Possibility of extra practices

Parents Should Carefully Monitor What Their Children Watch on YouTube



The North American Center for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response put out an ALERT on Feb. 27, 2019 of the dangers of the “Momo Challenge.” The Momo Challenge first started in 2016 on a mobile instant messaging application called Whatsapp. A phone number associated with the name Momo and a picture of a girl with bulging eyes and widespread mouth would use a feature of the app where the app would allow the user to add and message multiple numbers in a short period of time to then send messages back and forth with any individual who was willing to respond.

The nature of the messages usually start out innocent such as “wanna play a game?” which can then evolve into Momo encouraging the child to engage in self-harm and suicidal behavior. This can escalate to threats towards family and or loved ones if they do not follow through with the challenge or if they contact local authorities.

Typically, the Momo Challenge will be featured in videos (such as Peppa Pig, Paw Patrol, Minecraft gameplay) that come from new and unreliable YouTube accounts. If you have concerns about your child accessing Youtube, please be aware that you are able to block Youtube from your internet router <https://www.wikihow.com/Block-Unwanted-Site-From-Your-Router>.

For more information on the “Momo Challenge” a link of a YouTube news article is here for your reference: <https://youtu.be/n4Bcf-c5g3c>. A news story from CTV can also be found at <https://www.ctvnews.ca/sci-tech/police-in-u-k-issue-warning-about-momo-challenge-urging-kids-to-self-har-1.4313148>.



March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		K Parent Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	DRCSS Parent Info Night 6:30 p.m.	Gr. 8 Basketball in Roblin K	Gr. 8 Honor Band Hot Dogs	Gr. 6/7 Basketball at MMS
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	K Gr. 5-8 Science Fair Report cards go home	K Nerf Gun Challenge 3:30-5:30 p.m.	14 MUSD Preschool 10:00-11:30 a.m. Parent-Teacher Interviews (evening)	15 P.D. Day 9-12 Admin Day Parent- Teacher Interviews K-3 (No Students Present)	YMCA Boy's Conference	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	K Spirit Week	K Nerf Gun Challenge 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Hot Dogs	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Spring Break				