

NOVEMBER 2022

OAKRIDGE NEWS

Oakridge Public School

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PUBLIC SCHOOL

FROM THE OFFICE

It has been an exciting couple of months at Oakridge. There has been some great learning and a lot of fun. Some of the exciting events that have happened so far include: Soccer, Cross Country/ Running Club, Volleyball, Fall Fun Days, Take Me Outside Day, DND, Equity Club, and our Fall/ Halloween celebrations. We continue to add more clubs and extra-curriculars as teachers and students settle into their regular routines and look forward to adding more as the year goes on!

Important Dates: Please remember to check our school calendar on our website. Some important dates this month:

Nov. 1st – Milk Program is starting

Nov. 4th – 1st Pizza Day

Nov. 8th – School Council 6 p.m.

Nov. 17th – Progress Reports go home

Nov. 18th – Photo Retake Day

Nov. 23 Family-Teacher Interview Night

Principal

B. Blake

Vice Principal

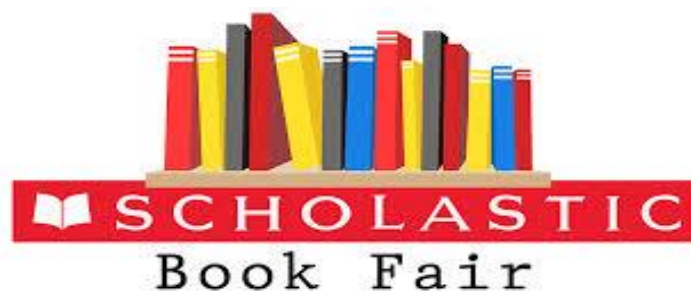
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SAVE THE DATE: Oakridge will be hosting a Scholastics Book Fair November 29 to December 2 in the Library. Classes will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during their scheduled time in the school day that week. As well, we will be opening up one evening of extended hours outside of the school day times, to allow for our Oakridge families to come through the Book Fair together! There will be more information coming as we get closer to this exciting event...stay tuned!





Equity and Inclusion

We continue to Learn, Grow, and Act in equitable and inclusive ways. Our Equity Student Team has been working hard this month. They have been supporting our Fall/Halloween activities in the gym, they have been brainstorming some Fun Days e.g., PJ Day for the school, and they have been preparing for a mapping activity. We have purchased a large world map and we will be asking students to pin their country of origin. We are excited to see how this map turns out. This will also help to guide us in our next step where we begin to seek information about the different creed/religious and non-religious celebrations recognized by the families at Oakridge.

~~Research into the idea of displaying the map of the world in the school~~

The Niagara Region is growing more diverse in creed and or religious beliefs and practices. The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) is committed to fostering diverse, equitable and inclusive learning and working environments that promote acceptance and protect individuals from discrimination and harassment based on the protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code. Creed and/or religion is one of the grounds that is both an individual right and a collective responsibility. The DSBN recognizes and embraces the creed diversity represented in its students, staff, and community members.

We invite you to share with us your family's most significant creed-based holiday(s) or other significant recognized days. For creed-based holidays, we will work together through the accommodation request process as Oakridge recognizes the importance of families celebrating their creed and/or their religious beliefs and practices.

The DSBN has created a Family Guide: Recognizing and Respecting Creed and Diversity (<https://www.dsbni.org/equity/creed-accommodation-family-guide>) to support families in requesting accommodations. This guide has also been translated into Arabic, French, Hungarian, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese, which can be viewed on the DSBN Equity webpage.

We are guided by the Days of Significance Calendar (<https://www.dsbni.org/equity/days-of-significance-calendar>) and we would also like to highlight the following this month:

- Nov. 1st All Saints Day
- Nov. 2nd Dia de los Muertos - Day of the Dead
- Nov. 6th Treaties and Recognition Week
- Nov. 7th Inuit Day
- Nov. 8th Indigenous Veterans Day
- Nov. 8th Guru Nanak's Birthday
- Nov. 11th Remembrance Day
- Nov. 13th Internations World Kindness Day
- Nov. 24th Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur
- Nov. 25th International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- Nov. 26th Day of the Covenant
- Nov. 27th Advent
- Nov. 28th Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha

Thank You!



A great big "Thank You" to Mark's No Frills for their generous donation of our Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch supplies. The children enjoyed a fun filled afternoon of fall games, an apple snack and the highlight of picking their very own pumpkin from the patch!

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FOR OUR PUMPKIN PATCH!



Intermediate Soccer

Earlier this month the intermediate soccer team competed in their DSBN co-ed soccer tournament. It was a great day of physical activity, learning, teamwork, and fun. The Oakridge Eagles fought hard and won 2 of their 4 games. Team captain, Emra kept the team's spirits up with his contagious enthusiasm and fight. Way to be a leader, Emra. Congratulations to all team members. You made Oakridge proud.

Running Club and Cross Country

With the changing of the seasons, the Oakridge Run Club & Cross-Country Team has reached its conclusion. Approximately 70 runners participated this year, some running competitively, some to achieve personal goals, and some just for the love of it. From the original group, around 40 runners represented Oakridge at two regional meets at Burgoyne Woods. 20 of these runners qualified for the DSBN District finals at Fireman's Park. We are so proud of each of these runners for proudly representing Oakridge school. Two of our runners were crowned DSBN champions. Congratulations to Mazie & Deagen!



VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations goes out to the members of the boys and girls intermediate volleyball teams. This year both teams have shown lots of improvement and teamwork encouraging each other on the court. Both teams have learned lots about the sport and really improved their serving. Our season has taken place during the month of October with perhaps an end of year tournament at the end of November.

Coaches this year: Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Millen (Girls team), Mr. Hanna (Boys team)

FAMILY – TEACHER INTERVIEW NIGHT



November 23rd 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Stay tuned for a message from the office. We will be sending out a link for you to sign up for an interview with your child's teacher. If you can't make the times available, please reach out to your classroom teacher for other options. If you have any problems with the online scheduling app please reach out and we will help.

Fall Fun Day



...and the
WINNERS
are...



We had prizes for guessing the number of candies in the candy jar and for guessing the correct weight of the pumpkin. Great guesses!!

A special thank you to our volunteers:

Adults: Zirka Jakibchuk, Austin Schoonhet, Jeanette Gittings, and Haley Bateman

Intermediate Students: Lily, Alexis, Rachel, Violeta, Brody, Dave, Mekhi, Phillip

REMEMBRANCE DAY



On November 11th we will recognize and remember our veterans with a short assembly and moment of silence. Poppies will be available for students. Donations can be added to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund Box in the office on Nov. 11th.

PARKING AND KISS & RIDE SAFETY



Our **parking lot** is very busy, please follow these guidelines:

1. **Teachers with vests** are there to help things move efficiently and to keep everyone safe. Please take your time and watch for their guidance.
2. When using the Kiss and Ride, the first car should pull up **past the flag pole** to make room for other cars to arrive. Others should pull up **behind** them. Please **stay in your car** if you are using the Kiss and Ride.
3. Please **slow down** and watch carefully for students.

Thanks for your cooperation.

DAYCARE PARKING SPOTS



As seen in the picture above, the Daycare at Oakridge PS has reserved parking spots. These spots should at no time be used by our school families. These spots belong to the daycare. This helps our families with young children to safely get their children into the daycare. Thank you for your support with this.