



JANUARY 2019

Oxbow Public School



JANUARY Events

- Jan.8- H&S Pita Lunch
- Jan.9- School Council Meeting @ 5:45 pm
- Jan.11- H&S Pasta Lunch
- Jan.15- H&S Boston Pizza Lunch
- Jan.16- Home and School meeting @ 6:30
- Jan.17-H&S Pizza Lunch
- Jan.18-PD Day
- Jan. 23- Grad Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Jan.25-H&S Pasta Lunch
- Jan.29-H&S McDonald's Lunch

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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
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Mrs. C. Edy, Principal
 Mr. S. Kelly, Vice-Principal
 Mrs. H. Smith, Administrative Assistant
 Ms. J. Buck, Clerical Assistant

From the Principal's and Vice-Principal's Desk

Happy New Year everyone! We can't believe how quickly this school year is flying by! We hope you had a wonderful holiday break, full of family, friends and relaxation.

It is important that your children are dressed properly for the cold winter weather, as part of the day is spent outdoors unless the wind chill is such that they cannot go outside. This means a warm jacket, boots, mittens, hat and neck warmer (please be cautious of scarves which can present a danger should they get entangled in something).

We also would like to comment on the excellent level of volunteer support that this school receives. Volunteers who work directly with students are noticed consistently during our Principal and Vice-Principal classroom walk-throughs. Many of the volunteers come from the parent community; others are part of an education-related co-op or practicum, and some volunteers just have an interest in children. We are blessed that we can offer this extra support.

The generosity and holiday spirit permeated throughout the school and community, and we wish to thank all our community partners and friends of Oxbow P.S. for ensuring that all families experienced joy and laughter this holiday season.

On behalf of all the staff and students at our school, we would like to wish each and everyone in our school community, the very best wishes for the New Year. May it be a safe one, a happy one, and one filled with opportunity.

Mrs. C. Edy (Principal) and Mr. S. Kelly (Vice-Principal)

Parents/Guardians:

This is to inform you that we now no longer require consent for the use of GOTVDSB (G Suite) accounts. As part of Thames Valley District School Board's commitment to 21st century learning, students will be using Ministry of Education approved tools in the classroom such as: G Suite, Desire2Learn (D2L), and Microsoft Office 365. Students receive age-appropriate instruction on digital citizenship and the safe use of technology. Use of the internet and social media sites shall be in accordance with the Thames Valley District School Board's Information Technology Appropriate Usage Procedure.

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A positive school climate and a safe learning and teaching environment are essential if students are to succeed in school. A positive school climate means everyone feels they are welcome and respected. All students, parents, teachers and staff have the right to be safe, and feel safe, in their school community. With this right comes the responsibility for everyone to be accountable for their actions and contribute to a positive school climate.

Follow the Golden Rule - Treat other the way you would like to be treated!

Be Kind to Yourself and Others!

HOME AND SCHOOL



Become an active member in your child's school.

Please add your name to our volunteer list for school events/Bingo nights by e-mailing

oxbowps@hotmail.com



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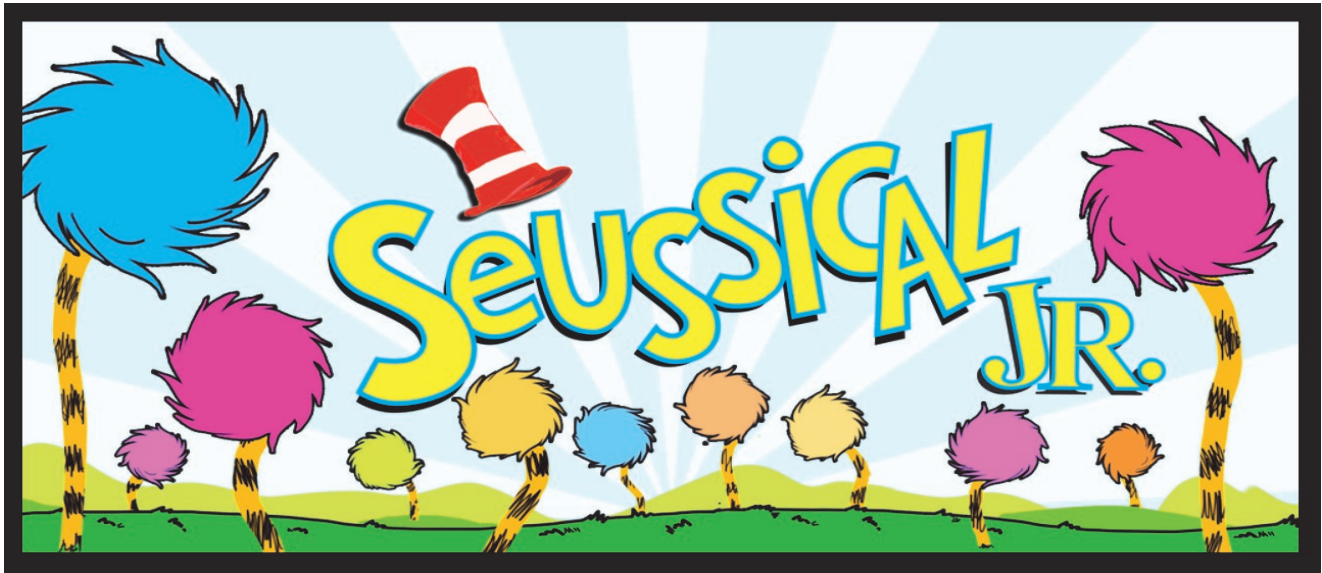
Electronic Devices Policy

At Oxbow we embrace technology for the purpose of enhancing student learning. However, in efforts to protect the learning environment from distractions and in order to respect the privacy of our staff and students, cell phones and all other electronic communication devices may not be turned on or used while in class or on school property without the express permission of school administration or staff.

No individual is allowed to use his or her portable handheld device to photograph, audiotape or videotape other individuals (i.e., staff, students, parents, community members) without their permission while on school property or at school events. If students are using their devices without permission, the devices will be confiscated by the administration and returned to the student at the end of the day. Repeat offences will result in parents being contacted.



Our Musical is coming! Our Musical is coming! Families and friends, please be sure to save the date of May 1 or May 2 to be a part of a magical world as students from grades 5-8 perform Seussical Jr. here at Oxbow! With over 50 amazingly talented students that auditioned in December, a HUUUGE congratulations is extended to our entire cast. And now the fun begins as our rehearsal schedule is now underway. More details will be shared in the coming months!



2019-2020 Junior Kindergarten REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration will take place during the period Monday, January 21, 2020 through to Friday, February 08, 2020. To be eligible for registration, early years children must be four years of age by December 31, 2020 in other words, the child must have been born in 2016. When you register your child, please bring proof of age (e.g. birth certificate, passport, birth registration) and proof of address (e.g. lease, utility bill).



What's the Difference?

When children show $17 + 32 = 49$, they are doing arithmetic. When they say that $17 + 32 = 32 + 17$ without calculating, they are thinking algebraically.

Try this True or False Activity:

Present the following and listen to how your child explains the situation.

$$10 + 5 + 4 = 5 + 5 + 4 + 5$$

"True because the two 5s are the same as the one 10 and $4 + 5$ is the same as $5 + 4$."

"True because there are three 5s and one 4 on each side."

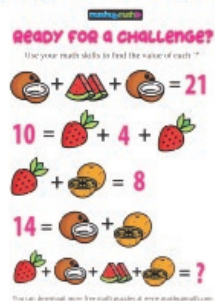
"True because $10 = 9 + 1$.

I combine the 1 and the 4 to make a 5. So now they are both $9 + 5 + 5$."

The idea here is getting your child to think about how numbers are related, what "=" means and not rushing in to solve.

Fun images like these are freely available online. Try this one from MashUp Math

<https://mashupmath.com/freemathpuzzles/>



Free online games to reinforce algebraic thinking:

SolveMe Mobiles



<https://solveme.edc.org/mobiles/>

Robot Rule Game



https://mathclips.ca/swfPlayer.html?swfURL=lib/CI004_LinearGrowingPatterns/CI004_Games/CI004_RobotRuleGame.swf&title=Robot%20Rule%20Game&swfURL=lib/CI004_LinearGrowingPatterns/CI004_Games/CI004_RobotRuleGame.swf&title=Robot%20Rule%20Game

Math Playground:

Thinking Blocks Junior Repair the Rocket Game



https://www.mathplayground.com/tb_addition_jr/index.html

