



Oxbow Public School

March 2019

March Events

- Mar. 1—Pizza Lunch
- Mar. 5—Carnival Grade 1-8
- Mar. 5—Pita Pit lunch
- Mar. 6—Carnival Kindergarten
- Mar. 8— Marshalls Lunch
- Mar. 11-15th—MARCH BREAK
- Mar. 20 - H&S meeting in LLC 6:30
- Mar. 21— Gr.7&8 rescheduled ski Trip to Boler
- Mar. 22— Pizza lunch
- Mar. 26—Boston pizza lunch
- Mar. 29—Marshalls Pasta lunch

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Upcoming Events

- Apr. 2—Grad Picture Day
- Apr. 5—PD Day
- Apr. 19—Good Friday
- Apr. 22— Easter Monday

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL

On Friday, February 8, 2019, all students in JK to 8 received their report cards. As always, the grades and comments have been carefully formulated to provide you and your child with information about how well he/she is meeting the requirements and expectations of the Ontario Provincial Curriculum Guidelines. Parents, this is a great opportunity to continue those conversations with your children about what is going on with their learning; your encouragement and personal involvement are vital for their success. Please take a few minutes to review the report card with your child (if you haven't already) and send the signed section back to the school. We encourage you to discuss goal setting with your child - it's all a part of the Growth Mindset which we know is so important for student learning.

February was also a very busy month with many activities for our students to enjoy and learn together! We have been enjoying skating - we are very lucky to have a local community rink so close by and we were fortunate enough to have one snowy wintery days for our Grade 5 and 6 students at Boler Mountain. Thank you to Mr. Poirier for organizing these wonderful events for our students.

Lastly, Mr. Kelly and I cannot thank the school community enough for your continued support and help. Each student, parent and staff member is invaluable to our collective success. While on March Break, whether it be on a beach in the tropics or in our own beautiful territory, be safe and well and take the time to enjoy the things that matter most, family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, March 18th which will be a Day 9.

Regards,
 Mrs. Edy, Principal
 Mr. S. Kelly, Vice-Principal

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 • Musical Theatre • Visual Arts • Photography
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TOONIE TUESDAY

Thank you Oxbow Stars!

Our school collected over \$2000.00 to support the TVDSB Caring Fund.

The annual Toonie Tuesday campaign raises funds for students in financial distress due to poverty or traumatic events. Every donation is used to support the Foundation's *Caring Fund*— a source of emergency cash that TVDSB principals can access on behalf of students. One hundred per cent of donations go directly to students in crisis. Toonie Tuesday's campaign motto – "A little coin, A lot of change" – reflects the impact on the lives of students in every community across the school district. The Caring Fund is able to respond immediately to ensure students don't suffer unnecessarily in the short-term until they can receive support from other community agencies. The Foundation was established as a registered charity in 2001 to work with community partners to promote public education and enhance learning opportunities for students. Among its initiatives, the Foundation provides emergency assistance to students through the Caring Fund.

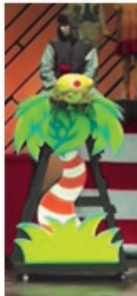
Two months today our *Seussical* Jr. Cast will stand on stage and bring to our community an incredible performance of acting, singing and dancing! Who is excited? We know we are!

As we prepare for this musical the *Seussical* Team is looking for a small team of parents who may be willing to share their time, tools, and talents (Tx3!) to help with the set design and props required. Specifically, we are hoping there may some parents who could be available after school (3:45-5:00) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and/or Thursdays to work with our students to "paint the stage set/backdrops". We are also looking for a creative and skilled *workperson*, who may be able to help us with creating the following ideas for our stage:

1. a large and mobile (on wheels) *seussical* hat (dimensions to be determined)



2. a ladder tree and a second **MOBILE** ladder tree that our Yertle and our Horton may climb up to and stand near the top:



A few *more smaller* items may be needed as we work through the next month, but these are the key items/details required at this time.

Thanks in advance to the community for thinking about this. If *You* are one of the parents who is interested and able to assist us, please be sure to contact Ms. Blue before Friday, March 8 at 519-666-0310 ext. 48837.

March 2019

Thames Valley District School Board

Home Connections in Mathematics: March 2019

Home Time Math is Bonding Time

We know time at home is precious after the school day is over. Inserting purposeful math activities while going about your daily routines provide children with the understanding that math is a useful skill and that you value education. Also, this time together allows you to learn about the math skills your child knows and is learning at school. Research shows that strong parental involvement improves student achievement in school. Here are a few suggestions of activities you might try.

Grab some cheese and crackers (or other snack combos) and make patterns with them. Be creative! For example:



We can ask, "We've made three copies of the same pattern (repeated pattern of the core). How many pieces of food is that altogether?" "How many pieces of food would you need if we were to make 6 copies of the same pattern?"

Through this activity, children learn that patterns can be represented in a variety of ways and that this particular example highlights multiplication.

Using the same snacks from the activity above, you can help students build understanding of fractions. For example, you can ask, "What is the ratio of cheese to crackers?" and "To keep the same ratio, how many pieces of cheese will I have if I quadruple the number of crackers?"

Now, grab a pie (or a round cookie) and let's have some fun with circles!



Using a piece of string, get your child to measure the circumference of the pie. Do the same with the diameter. Divide the measure of the circumference by the diameter and what they'll get is π (pi)!

Learn more about this ratio here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNtRzZ66YNQ>

Now, that you've had a healthy snack why not move with math! Below are some engaging ways you and your family can be active in math!

Turn on music and make shapes with your bodies. Encourage your child to make different poses, some symmetrical and some asymmetrical. Things

to talk about while you dance, "Can you make your body symmetrical to mine?"



How about a round of "Simon Says" referencing different shapes, angles, and directions? Say, "Simon says make a 90 degree angle with your arms" or "Simon Says turn counter clockwise 270°."

Here's a game that involves finding a treasure. One person hides a small object in a room and then provides instructions using positional language to give simple directions (e.g., in, on, around, right, left.). Or, "X" marks the spot. The person has to draw a simple map of the room to provide directions to the hidden object.

Enjoy your time doing math with your family. Keep it light and make it fun!

These links offer some other suggestions.

<https://talkingmathwithkids.com/>

<http://mathpickle.com/games/>

Family Activities

Participating in activities together as a family can be fun. The [2016 ParticipACTION Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth](#) says “a healthy childhood requires a balance of physical activity, sedentary behaviour and sleep”. The health benefits that come from heart pumping physical activity are reduced if children have poor sleep habits or spend too much time being sedentary e.g. sitting or reclining while watching screens. Parents and caregivers can set a great example as role models to inspire children to be active. The more children see you being active, the more likely they will be active as well.

Spend less time being sedentary by limiting ‘screen time’ to **no more than 2 hours** per day

Here is a list some active activities that you can do together:

- Go for a walk together; explore your neighbourhood
- Play basketball, catch or soccer in your driveway or at the park (community centre)
- Dance to some up-beat music together
- Make a game out of picking up sticks or raking in your yard; it will help with seasonal yard work
- Walk, bike, rollerblade or skateboard to or from school together
- Play Get Up and Move Bingo

If you are looking for more activities to do with your children visit [Active For Life](#) and [ParticipACTION](#) (should the link be written out for families).

For more information on the guidelines, visit the [Canadian Society of Exercise Physiology](#) (write out the link)



From your Public Health Staff

www.healthunit.com

Summer Day Camp

Register Online Today!

Children's Museum day camps feature hands-on activities designed to engage children's minds, muscles, and imaginations. Each unforgettable week includes play-based learning, real museum artifacts, gallery exploration, and outdoor activities.

- Day camp is open to children ages 4 to 12
- Camp programming runs from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Drop-off begins at 8:30 a.m.
- Pick-up ends at 5:30 p.m.
- Early drop-off is available starting at 8:00 a.m. for an additional cost of **\$20/week**. Space is limited.
- Meal packages are available for **\$35/week**, and include daily lunch and two snacks provided by *The Beet Café/Growing Chefs! Ontario* (Mon - Thurs) and *Domino's* (Fri).
- Campers are required to wear a Children's Museum camp t-shirt. T-shirts are available for **\$10**.
- Children's Museum members receive day camp discounts! Annual memberships start at \$120. Visit londonchildrensmuseum.ca/membership

Pricing

	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
Week	\$210	\$230
Tween Camps	\$230	\$250
4-Day Week	\$168	\$184

Daily registration will open one week prior to the start of camp. Space is subject to availability.

To register, visit
londonchildrensmuseum.ca/daycamp
or call 519-434-5726



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Donations to the London Children's Museum help ensure every child has access to hands-on learning opportunities.
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2019 Summer Day Camp



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Ages 4-12

June 24 – 28	Buggin' Out	Become an entomologist and discover the infinite world of bugs. Explore insect habitats, local ecosystems, and get your hands on unique creepy-crawlies. Learn about our tiny friends and the big impact they have on our world!
July 2 – 5 4-day week	Dinos in Space	Dig into dinosaurs and soar into outer space. From fossils deep within the Earth to meteoroids out in the universe, get an up-close look at everything underground and out-of-this-world!
July 8 – 12	Time Warp	From ancient Egypt to medieval Europe, travel back in time and discover what life was like. Become a pioneer, knight, or mummy and learn about where people lived, how they dressed, and what games they played.
July 15 – 19	exSTREAM	Unleash your imagination with extreme STEAM! Use chemical reactions to create explosive art, engage in ooey-goosy experiments, and engineer simple machines. Think critically, ask questions, and test your ideas during this week of larger-than-life experiments.
July 22 – 26	EnviroSci	Science is all around us - even right in our own backyard! Use binoculars, microscopes, and principles from environmental science to examine local rivers, trails, and trees. Learn about critter habitats, ecosystems, and the impact humans have on nature.
July 29 – Aug 2	Museum Olympia	Get your mind and muscles moving at Museum Olympia. Challenge fellow campers to a friendly match, learn about the history of ancient and modern sport, and invent games of your own. Develop physical literacy skills and discover the importance of teamwork.
Aug 6 – 9 4-day week	Wonder and Wizardry	Grab your favourite wand and escape into a magical world of wonder and wizardry. Indulge your creativity in art activities, learn about caring for Earth's magical creatures, and let your imagination run free. After all, just because you imagine it, doesn't mean it isn't real!
Aug 12 – 16	Camp Rocks	Rocks rock, rock n' roll rocks and, of course, camp rocks! Uncover gems, learn about minerals, and explore the science of sound. Combine geology, nature exploration, and music for a week full of rockin' adventure and discovery.
Aug 19 – 23	Water Works!	Discover the secrets of oceans and the science of H ₂ O. Explore bioluminescence, learn about deep sea creatures, and experiment with water in all its forms. Learn about caring for our waters and the creatures it supports.
Aug 26 – 30	Repurpose, Reimagine, Recycle!	Bring your imagination to life with recycled and repurposed materials. Using a combination of art, science and engineering, build everything from cities to sculptures - the possibilities are endless!

Tween Camp

Ages 9-12 only

Culinary Creations

July 8 – 12 | July 22 – 26

Create your own meals, develop culinary skills, and learn about healthy food with the help of local professional chefs. Discover new and hidden talents in this immersive culinary experience. Culinary Creations is offered in partnership with *Growing Chefs! Ontario*.

EnviroSci July 15 – 19

Explore local rivers and trails through scavenger hunts, geocaching, and your own outdoor adventures. Use principles from environmental science to examine habitats, ecosystems, and the impact humans have on nature.

Young Leaders July 29 – Aug 2

Grow your confidence, communication skills, and teamwork abilities, while you learn about being a counsellor at the Children's Museum. Co-facilitate day camp programs, explore your personal leadership style and grow as a confident young person.

Explore London! Bike & Activity Camp

Aug 12 – 16

Spend a week getting active through games, sports, swimming, and outdoor fun! Navigate London's amazing bike paths and learn bike maintenance and safety from the experts. Come explore London with us!

Junior Curators Aug 19 – 23

What is an artifact and what can it teach us? Explore history and culture with a behind-the-scenes look at the Children's Museum's 7,000 piece collection. Learn about how museums work and share your ideas for the new Children's Museum's exhibits and collections. Become a curator by developing and displaying a collection of your own!

