



NOVEMBER 2018



## November Events

- Nov. 1st - Picture Re-take Day
- Nov. 2nd - Pizza Day
- Nov. 4th - Daylight Saving Time
- Nov. 9th - Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 9th - Marshall's Pasta Lunch Day
- Nov. 6th - Hot Dog Lunch Day
- Nov. 9th - Progress Reports Go Home
- Nov. 13th - Pita Pit Lunch Day
- Nov. 15th - Pizza Lunch
- Nov. 16th- Parent/Teacher Interview Day
- Nov. 20th- Boston Pizza Lunch Day
- Nov. 21st - School Council @ 5:45 pm
- Nov. 21st - Home and School @ 6:30 pm
- Nov. 23rd - Marshall's Pasta Lunch Day
- Nov. 27th - McDonald's Lunch Day
- Nov. 30th - Pizza Lunch Day

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Mrs. C. Edy, Principal  
 Mr. S. Kelly, Vice-Principal  
 Mrs. H. Smith, Administrative Assistant  
 Mrs. J. VanBynen, Clerical Assistant

Superintendent: Mrs. R. Kuiper

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

Autumn is truly here! Our school has been very busy during the first two months of this school year. Students have been participating in a variety of extracurricular activities and in class activities. Our cross country team recently participated in their last competition and volleyball practices and games have started for our team members. Thank you to our staff members who plan and supervise these activities.

Looking ahead to November, teachers are finishing up first term assessments in order to complete progress reports, and to use this data to develop precise and personalized instruction. These reports will be arriving home on November 9th. Be sure to set aside some time on Friday November 16th for a Parent/Educator Interview. We sincerely welcome this opportunity to learn more about your child through dialogue with you. Information regarding this will be sent home with the Progress Reports.

On Friday, November 09th we will be observing Remembrance Day with our traditional ceremony beginning at 10:45 a.m. We are encouraging our Beavers, Scouts, Brownies, Guides, and Cadets, to wear their uniforms on Remembrance Day.

The time changes is our first indication of the beginning of winter. The cold weather is approaching and if it is anything like last year, we will have snow before we know it. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions.

*We are sad to say good-bye to Frank Ferraiuolo (grade 5/6 teacher). Mr. Ferraiuolo recently accepted a position as an Instructional Coach with the TVDSB. We wish Mr. Ferraiuolo all the best in his new leadership role. We are pleased to welcome Ms. Dunn who will be replacing Mr. Ferraiuolo the rest of the 2018-2019 school year.*

**Come to our next Home and School Meeting:** Our next meeting will be held on **Nov. 21st at 6:30 p.m.** in the school library. We will continue our planning for the current year. Please join us!

### HOME AND SCHOOL

YOUR HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE FOR 2018-2019:

- President:** Jenn Steller
- Vice-President:** Jodi Mills
- Fundraising Chair:** Amela Bjelic
- Hot Lunch Chair:** Ingrid Bygden
- Treasurer:** Erin Ward
- Secretary:** Karen Sheaves
- Staff Liaisons:** Pam Mears and Aretta Blue

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next meeting will be held on **Nov. 21st at 5:45 p.m.** in the school library.

### YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE FOR 2018-2019

- Chair:** Nicole Steward and **Co-Chair:** Mitch Seekins
  - Committee Liaison:** Cherri Klages
  - Teacher Representatives:** Pam Mears and Aretta Blue
  - Members at Large:** Jeff Holmes and Amy Hern
- Home and School will begin their meetings @ 6:30 pm in the library

All parents are welcome to attend.



## Student Activities

### MUSIC

We are back to another exciting year of music here at Oxbow! Primary and junior students have been making beautiful music with their singing, junior students adding wonderful recorder sounds to their skills, our grade 7 students are beginning their band instruments and our grade 8's are rolling on theirs!

We have several performing groups this year, starting with the Oxbow Senior Band. These students meet Friday mornings at 8:15. Ms. Blue, Mrs. Ropchan and Mr. Poirier will be directing our grade 1 choir. Students in grade 4-6 have the opportunity to join the Oxbow Junior Choir, directed by Mr. Inch.

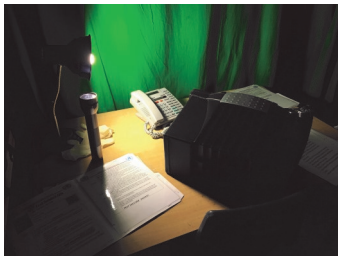
Our winter concert this year will be held here in our auditorium on **Wednesday, December 5 at 2 pm and 7 pm (snow date Thursday December 6)**. It will feature the grade 1 choir, Junior Choir, Junior Recorder Ensemble, Senior Band and grade 2 – 4 students presenting the winter mini-musical "The Big Chill". More details in coming weeks.

Thank you for the support of Oxbow Musicians

### LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

Thank You to Everyone for your support at our Scholastic Book Fair and/or our Book Drive Sale! As a result of both of these sales our LLC has almost \$1500.00 to now be able to purchase new titles for our collection. As students and staff identify resources they wish to see included in our collection they are asked to submit their request by completing the form located at the following link: <http://bit.ly/bookorderrequest>

Speaking of "thank you"! A HUUUUGE "THANKS!" is extended to Ella C who has worked tirelessly to create and implement our first ever OPS Escape Room - "Zombie Apocalypse" for our grade 6, 7, & 8 students and for our staff! This incredibly popular opportunity for groups of up to five individuals at a time requires the group to use their literacy, numeracy, problem solving, and collaborative skills in an effort to "save the world"!



Finally, in addition to our book sales, our LLC has been the hub for our school's ZEN ZONE since the end of September, and most recently our Maker Club which began after Thanksgiving! Every second nutrition break students are welcome to come to the ZEN ZONE to "just be in our LLC". The instructions are simple in this space ... "No tech & no talk." Instead, students are entering into a space in which they may choose from a variety of personally calming activities which range from simply lying in shavasana on a yoga mat, to working on a puzzle, to origami projects. Approximately 35 students in grades 1-8 are coming to this space each day which is incredible!! There is only one small challenge - with only 10 borrowed yoga mats which we will eventually have to return back to their home school, we will need more. For this reason, if You, or any families You know wish to donate a new or gently used yoga mat to this program your support would be greatly appreciated!!! In addition to the donations for our ZEN ZONE, a variety of material donations would also be welcome for our Maker Club which runs every Day 2, 4, 7, & 9 during the first nutrition break! Helpful materials to consider donating include: cardboard, pipe, glitter glue or even just glitter, and lots and lots of duct tape in any colour! Finally, the most important resource to consider donating to our Maker Club would be YOUR TIME & YOUR SKILLS/ INTERESTS! If you have a skill/hobby such as knitting, baking/cooking, electronics, robotics, that YOU would be interested in sharing with our learning community and You would be free to join us at school from 10:45-11:30 on any given morning, please contact Ms. Blue at [a.blue@tvdsb.ca](mailto:a.blue@tvdsb.ca) or by phone at 519-666-0310 to ideally arrange a shared learning opportunity in the coming months.

Thank you again to Everyone for what You do to support our leaning community through the LCC - Ms. Blue

## Home Connections in Mathematics Nov. 2018



### Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math

The Ministry of Education released teacher and parent guides in 2018 titled Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math, to support the teaching of the Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1-8. It explains how important it is for students to develop a strong understanding of number, apply their mathematical thinking during day to day activities and perform them with ease.



#### “What will be different?”

As outlined by the guide, this document is “intended to support teachers’ ongoing efforts in building students’ knowledge and skills in mathematics.” This has been TVDSB’s focus for some time.

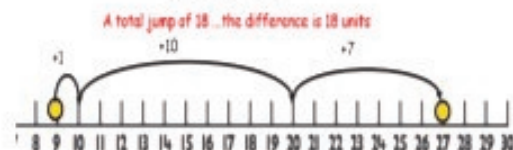
As many experts will recognize, it is important for children to learn and know their number facts. “Drill” may improve speed, but it does not help in building understanding of *how* to use numbers and operations in different situations. It is important for children to understand and develop strategies to help find an answer if they forget what they memorized.

### Helping at home

Help your child use their math thinking and strategies in daily situations and activities, seeing that the math around them is fun and purposeful.

- Playing math games with cards or dice is great way to use numbers with children of all ages
- Include your child in everyday activities that involve numbers, operations and measurement
- Have your child show you how he or she solved a math problem and prove to you that they are correct
- Encourage your child to play online math games such as [Mathies](#), [ABCya](#), [Math Playground](#), [Knowledgehook](#) etc.
- Have your child solve problems in different ways and then compare the solutions

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#### [Link to the Fundamentals of Mathematics Parent Guide](#)

[http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/parent\\_guide\\_math\\_en.pdf](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/parent_guide_math_en.pdf)

## Immunization Reporting

### Please remember...

It is a parent or guardian's responsibility to keep their child's immunization record up to date and to report any vaccines received to the Health Unit if the child is in day care or school.

Please note, health care providers, including doctors, do not report immunization dates to the Health Unit.

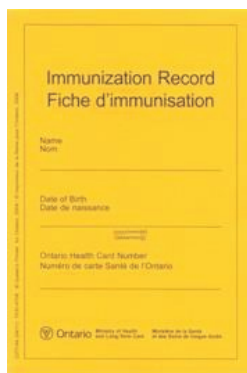
### Let us know by one of these methods:

Phone: 519-663-5317 ext. 2330

Email: [shots@mlhu.on.ca](mailto:shots@mlhu.on.ca)

Fax: 519-663-0416

In person: 50 King St.



## SAFETY FIRST: Oxbow's Check-In and Check-Out Procedures

### Oxbow Elementary School observes the following check-in/check-out procedures.

When picking up your child from school, please come to the front office and Mrs. VanBynen and/or Mrs. Smith will assist you. Adults listed on our 'Emergency Contact Lists' are the only persons permitted to pick up students.

### All children leaving school for any reason prior to dismissal must follow procedures:

1. The child must be picked up by a member of the family or designated person listed on our Emergency Contact List. The person picking up the child must report to the office and sign the child out.
2. The office will call the child's classroom giving the child permission to leave. **For the safety of all children, please be prepared to show a picture ID, as this may be required when checking out a student.**
3. **If a parent wishes to pick up their child in their classroom, the office will notify the classroom teacher and provide the designated parent/person with a red lanyard.** Parents will go to the classroom, pick up their child without interrupting the teacher/class. The parent will return the lanyard to the office and complete the sign-out procedures.

Lanyards are used as a way to identify visitors in our building. They help school staff and students easily identify whether someone whom they do not recognize is authorized to be in the school. If you are in the school and are not wearing a lanyard, all staff have been directed by Administration to notify the office.

In order to protect the instructional time and to ensure safety for all, please do not go directly to the classroom without following our Safe School Procedures.

If you need to talk to your child's teacher, please make an appointment by either calling 519-666-0310 and leaving a message or put a note in your child's planner.

Thank you for helping to make Oxbow a safe and welcoming school for all.

