

Ochre Park School

FEB. 2021



DEAR-Week



Parking - we recognize that the parking lot is very congested at the end of the day. Thank you for using the exit lane North of the Parking lot to allow one way traffic flow. Many parents have to park on the street and in the residential area when the parking lot is full. Please ensure that you are not blocking any residents' driveways when you park, even for a short period of time. Thank you for your cooperation and patience in this matter.



Public Schools

While we had a very mild start to January, we ended the month with a very chilly week. Our policy is that students can go outside until it is -25 degrees celsius with the windchill. Please ensure your child has appropriate winter boots, snowpants, touques, and waterproof mitts or gloves. This will allow them to enjoy the snow hills and their outside playtime safely.



Nut Allergies

Please be aware that Ochre Park School has students with severe **NUT ALLERGIES**. We ask everyone's cooperation to minimize the risks that these children face on a daily basis. Please **TRY NOT** to include any items containing nuts or nut by- products in snacks or lunches sent to school. Thank You for your attention to this very important matter!

Don'ts

Don't share food with a food allergic friend.

Don't share straws, drinks or utensils.

Don't tease someone with food allergies.





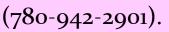
Pink Shirt Day – February 24, 2021

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to celebrate diversity and promote positive social relationships. It is about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of age, gender, ability, or cultural background.

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students, David Shepherd and Travis Price, took a stand to support another student who was harassed and threatened for wearing pink. David and Travis bought dozens of pink shirts and distributed them to their male classmates to wear the next day. The word got out online and hundreds of students showed up in pink, some from head-to-toe, in support of their friend.

This year's slogan for Pink Shirt Day is Lift Each Other Up. I am looking forward to seeing a sea of pink as a symbol of kindness on February 24, 2021 at Ochre Park School.

As always, if you have any questions, please call me at the school



Sincerely,

Mrs. Geleta



SCREENING ASSESSMENTS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN FOR THE 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS 2021-2022

Thinking your child may benefit from a Pre-Kindergarten program? Screening begins March 1, 2021. We are doing both remote and in-person screens.

Children born 2017 with mild/moderate or severe needs, or those who are cognitively advanced/gifted are eligible.

Children born 2018 with a severe need (PUF) are eligible .

Play Partners may be considered.



CALL STURGEON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT 780.939.4341 ext 1257 TO BOOK A SCREENING ASSESSMENT

Children must be screened and qualify for this program under Alberta Education guidelines.



We will be having our Pre-K Virtual Open House and information session on Thursday February 11 at 6:00 p.m. Please email the school so we can provide you with the link.

Our Kindergarten Virtual House is on Thursday February 11 at 6:45 p.m. Please plan to attend if your child will be in kindergarten next year. Please email the school so we can provide you with the link to the meeting.



ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Beginning 08 February 2021



School & School Bus Operation Inclement Weather/Hazardous

Road Conditions

The Principal or designate shall be responsible for determining the need for suspension of recess and/or other student activities as a result of inclement weather. The lowest temperature at which students will be required to go outside shall be -25 Celsius including wind chill and as determined by the Weather Network.

The Board believes that the responsibility of the safety of school bus passengers during periods of inclement weather or hazardous road conditions is shared by the Board, its staff, school bus operators and by parents/guardians.

The final decision to send a child to the bus stop or to school rests with the parents/guardians, even though buses and schools may be operational.

School bus service shall be suspended at a temperature of minus forty (40) degrees Celsius, as determined by the Weather Network at Bon Accord, AB., or as articulated in Policy 2.4.1. Schools shall remain open when school bus services are suspended by the Superintendent or designate, and will receive students who are transported to school by their parents/guardians.

The Superintendent or designate shall direct a system wide suspension of school bus service in every instance where in their opinion, climatic and/or road conditions constitute a significant hazard to the safety and wellbeing of school bus passengers. Attempts should be made to contact neighboring school jurisdictions regarding their plans to suspend school bus service.

A decision by the Superintendent or designate to suspend school bus service shall be communicated by the Manager of Transportation through the following official communication channels:

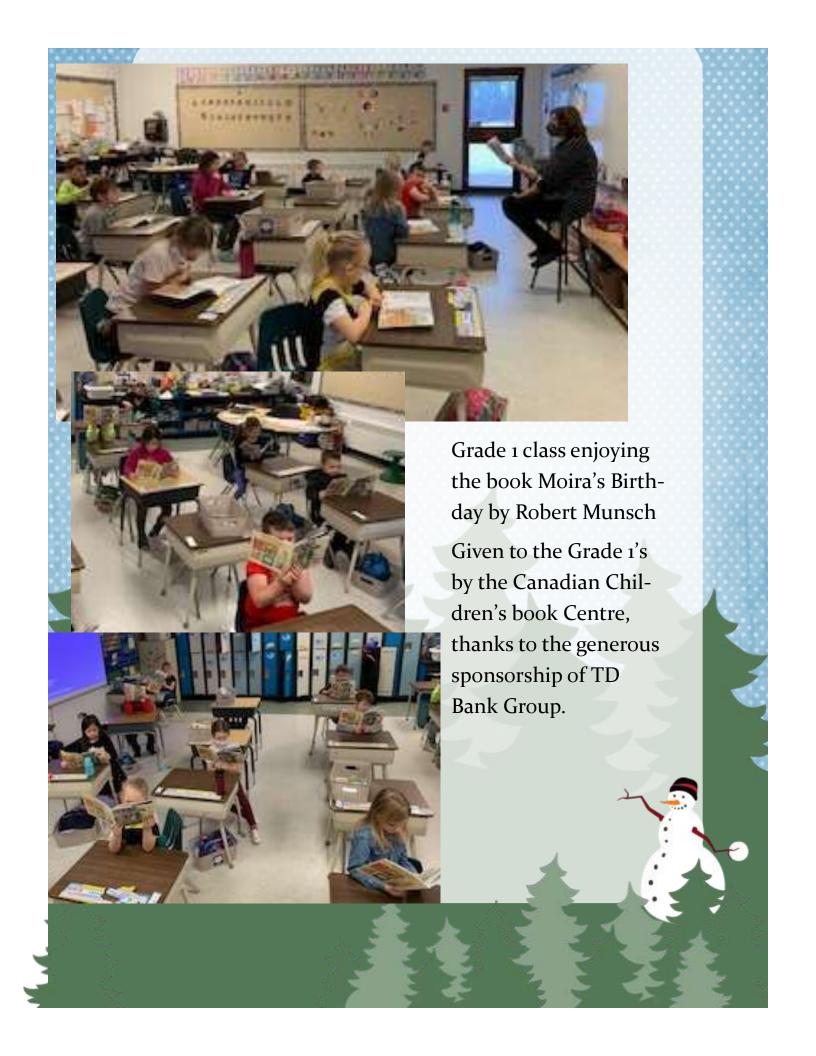
CFCW, CHED, CBC and CISN, television stations Global and City TV; and the Division website and social media accounts.

Suspension of school bus services may be limited to a specific region or route of Sturgeon Public School Division.

Proper Clothing - Parents shall ensure that their children who are school bus passengers are wearing weather appropriate clothing

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Marty Chan

Our students were treated to a virtual author visit with Marty Chan to kick off our DEAR week. Mr. Chan had the students thoroughly engaged while he told them how he gets his ideas for his stories. He shared many funny stories and even some magic tricks! He encouraged students to use their own life experiences as a starting point for writing and then let their imaginations take it from there.





DEAR week

Thank you to our Celebrity Readers:

Superintendent Mary Lynne Campbell

Associate Superintendent Shawna Walter

Mayor Mel Smith

Fire Fighter Brad Reid

Fire Fighter Nico Lozinski

Wellness worker - Monique Brown

Thank you to our parents, grandparent and relatives that read to us on Family Literacy day:

1G - Mr. Wyness

1/2T - Mrs. McKay

2B - Marissa McGrath

3W - Trustee Janine Pequin

4G - Mrs. Patty Moskal



Feb. 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Cheerios, hard boiled egg	Yogurt & granola	Bagels w/ cream cheese	Teachers Co	onvention	
7	Rice Krispies, hard boiled egg	9 Muffins & melon	Turkey pep- peroni , cheese & crackers	11 Smoothies & cereal bar PreK & Kind- er Reg.	12 K2 Free Lunch Friday- Tur- key Sand- wich	13
14	15 Family Day No School	16 Cheerios, hard boiled egg	17 Yogurt & granola	18 Veggies w/ hummus & crackers	19 K1 Free Lunch Friday— Hamburger soup w/bun	20
21	22 Rice Krispies, hard boil egg Parent Council 6:30 No PreK	23 Smoothies & cereal bar No PreK	Cheese & Crackers with turkey Pink Shirt Day	Whole wheat toast with egg slices	26 K2 Free Lunch Friday— Turkey wrap	27
28		nilk and 1 day	fruit ava	ilable		