



Ochre Park School

June 2022

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Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe that we are now entering the last month of the school year. It has been a busy year with many challenges. We have been so happy to be able to return to some sense of normal in schools following 2 very challenging years of Covid. The end of the school year is allowing us to plan and go on fieldtrips and many other traditional events that have typically been integral to the closure of a school year. Our recent warmer weather is encouraging as we move towards the summer.

As we look to next year, our planning has evolved and is always related to factors such as budget, staffing, etc.. Our projected student numbers for next year are looking pretty good at this time, with the possibility of more registrations to still come in. Our numbers at this time are encouraging for the 2022/2023 school year. We will continue to make adjustments to our plans as we move forward. Stay tuned for further information as we approach the start of the 2022/2023 school year.

In terms of staffing changes, we are happy to be able to add a Vice Principal to our school, who will be Mrs. Jenaia Gingras. She has been our Learning Coach during this current year, sharing her time between us and another school in this role. We are excited that she will be a full-time staff member at Ochre Park next year. In addition, Mrs. Shannon Stadnyk will be returning to our school as a part-time teacher. We are happy to have her re-join our staff.

As we move into June, we have numerous events happening in our school. Our teachers have been busy planning field trips, with our ECS traveling to the St. Albert Children's Festival as well as Finnegan Farms, our gr. 1 and 2 classes going to Fort Edmonton and our gr. 3 and 4 classes also going to Fort Edmonton. Our entire Gr. 1-4 classes will be traveling to the Sturgeon Public Schools' outdoor classroom on June 24. This particular field trip will involve our students playing various Indigenous games and will be led by Carmen Cornelius. While National Indigenous People's Day is on June 21, we will be partially celebrating it on this day as well. Our K-4 classes will all be swimming on various days over the last few weeks of June. Our Gr. 4 Farewell will take place on June 23 and our ECS Grads will take place on June 27 and 28. We will look to wrap up the school year on June 29 with a BBQ lunch courtesy of Pembina Pipelines and an Awards Ceremony in the afternoon. This is our annual Red and White Day where everyone dresses in Canada's colors.

As we wind down the school year, I would like to thank all parents for their continued support, patience and cooperation over the course of this school year. As a school, we believe strongly in working together with parents to provide the best possible education for your child/children. We strongly encourage parents to contact their child's teacher if they have any questions or concerns. Again, we thank you for your cooperation.

Mr. Anhorn
Principal

INTRODUCING

Jenaia Gingras, Vice Principal, Ochre Park School



Jenaia started with Sturgeon Public School Division as a substitute teacher in 2006. She has since held various teaching positions in grades one through four, in addition to being a Learning Support Lead teacher, a temporary Acting Administrator, and a K-4 Learning Coach.

Jenaia earned her Master of Education: Leadership in Education from the City University of Seattle in 2019. She has a passion for instructional leadership and building strong relationships with staff, students, parents and community members.

"I am excited and grateful for this new opportunity. I am looking forward to learning and growing with the students, staff, and families of Ochre Park School."



Upcoming Events and Reminders!

FIELD TRIPS ARE BACK!

Kindergarten will be at the International Children's Festival on June 2 and Finnegan Farms June 8 (K1) and June 9 (K2).

Grades K-4 will be going swimming to Redwater Pool!

On June 3, Grades 1-2 and June 16, Grades 3-4 will be going to Fort Edmonton Park !

Grades 1-4 will be attending the Division's outdoor classroom on June 24!

More information will be forwarded by your child's teacher.

Morning snack on June 21-28 will be a surprise each day. If your child has any dietary concerns, please pack them a snack or contact the office.

Free Lunch Friday: No Snack is provided on this day. Please ensure your child has a snack packed. If your child needs more lunch than what is provided, please pack extra snacks on that day. You can find the snack and lunch menu on the calendar in our monthly newsletter as well as on the Ochre Park website calendar.

Counsellor's Corner

Hello,

It is hard to believe that summer is here, and holidays are just around the corner!

I wanted to send a big shout-out to the community of Redwater! I have called numerous organizations and people to ask for their help and they have consistently amazed me with their willingness to lend a helping hand.

The Importance of Outdoor Play

The outdoors is the very best place for students to practice and master emerging physical skills. It is in the outdoors that children can fully and freely experience motor skills like running, leaping, and jumping. It is also the most appropriate area for the practice of ball-handling skills, like throwing, catching, and striking.

Outdoor Play Contributes to Learning

The outdoors has something more to offer than just physical benefits. Cognitive and social/emotional development are impacted, too. Outside, children are more likely to invent games. As they do, they're able to express themselves and learn about the world in their own way. They feel safe and in control, which promotes autonomy, decision-making, and organizational skills. Inventing rules for games promotes an understanding of why rules are necessary. Although the children are only playing to have fun, they're learning

- communication skills and vocabulary (as they invent, modify, and enforce rules).
- number relationships (as they keep score and count)
- social customs (as they learn to play together and cooperate)

As always, if you have any questions, please call me at the school (780-942-2901) or email me at

Jennifer.Geleta@sturgeon.ab.ca

Sincerely,

Mrs. Geleta





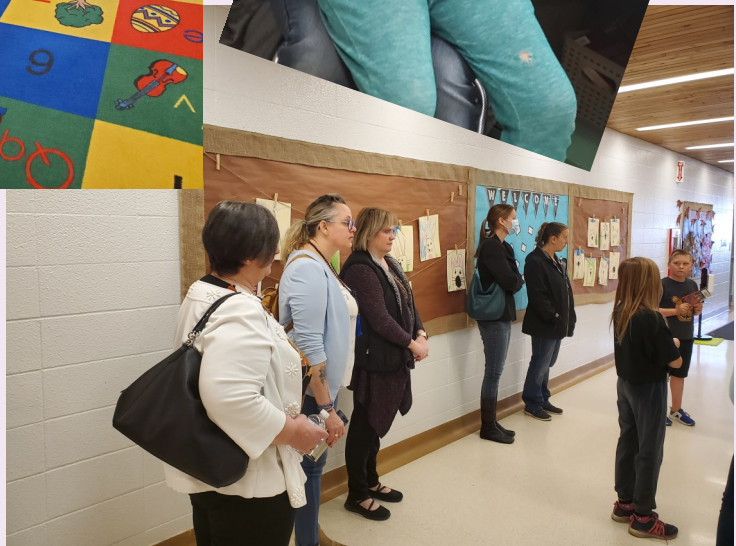




Congratulations to
the Lion's Club
Coloring Contest
Winners!

Adrianna, Daniel,
Rebecca, Kayleigh,
Blake, Seshra

School Board Tour May 2, 2022



Daily arrival & Dismissal- please remember that if you are dropping off your children or they are getting to school on their own, students should not be arriving before 8:35. Our school buses start letting children off the buses at 8:35 and that is when we have supervision in place. There is no supervision before this time. We are also asking children to refrain from playing on the playground equipment when they arrive in the morning as there is no supervision. After dismissal at 3:05, only children with parental supervision should be playing on the playground. Thanks for your help in keeping our children safe.



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!

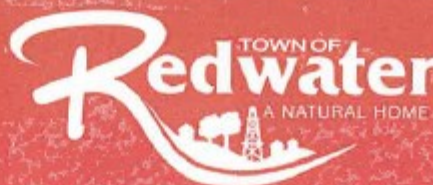


House Leagues - we continue to run our house leagues as a way to promote a sense of belonging and school spirit. All students will remain on the same teams they were on last year. All new students to the school will be added to teams. Your child should be able to tell you their team color. We will have color day every Friday. Students can earn points for their team by wearing their team color, earning caught being good ribbons, or participating in intramurals.



Volunteers Welcome! If you wish to volunteer in our school, here are a few things to know: 1. Please contact your child's teacher to arrange a day and time to come in. 2. A vulnerable sector check is required every three years. These are completed Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the RCMP station. Please contact the office for a letter to waive the records check fee. 3. The doors are locked during the day, please call 780-942-2901 to be let in the building and to get signed in. 4. As always, if you are feeling unwell, please reschedule your visit.

**REGISTER BY
JUNE 30TH, 2022**



DO YOU NEED TO PREPARE FOR BEING HOME ALONE OR BABYSITTING THIS SUMMER?



JULY 5TH, 2022

BABYSITTER

SAFETY

AGES 11+

COST: \$65+GST

JULY 6TH, 2022

STAY SAFE

(HOME ALONE)

AGES 8+

COST: \$65+GST

9 AM TO 4 PM

PEMBINA PLACE, CULTURAL CENTRE

***MINIMUM 5 PARTICIPANTS PER COURSE**

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

SUMMER STAFF 780-292-6785

SUMMER@REDWATER.CA

4 OPTIONS TO REGISTER:

- 1) SCAN QR CODE
- 2) [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/QII3S8CJHQLBRVUB6](https://forms.gle/QII3S8CJHQLBRVUB6)
- 3) WWW.REDWATER.CA/P/EVENTS-PROGRAMS
- 4) IN PERSON AT PEMBINA PLACE

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June 2022

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1	2	K2	3
			Pepperoni, Cheese, Crack- ers, Fruit	Smoothie and Cereal Bar	Free Lunch! Tur- key Sandwich	4
	2% milk available each day				Fort Edmonton Gr.1 -2 Wear your team Color!	
5	6	7	8	9	K1	10
	PD Day No School	Cereal, Egg, Fruit	Veggies, Hum- mus, Crackers	Yogurt, Berries and Cereal Bar	Free Lunch! Hotdog and Veg- gies	11
			K1- Finnegan Farms	K2- Finnegan Farms	Dress as your Parent/Caregiver!	
12	No Pre-K	No Pre-K	15	16	K2	18
	Cereal, Egg, Fruit	Muffins and Melon	Smoothie and Cereal bar	Cheese, Crack- ers, Fruit	Free Lunch! Taco Salad	
		Swim 1/2T, 3W	Swim 2B, 4S	Fort Edmonton Gr. 3-4	Wear your team color!	
19	20	21	22	23	K1	24
	Cereal, Egg, Fruit	SURPRISE SNACK	SURPRISE SNACK	SURPRISE SNACK	SURPRISE LUNCH!	25
	Swim K1, 1G	National Indigenous Peo- ple's Day	Swim 2B, 4S	Swim K2, 1G	Outdoor Class- room excursion Grades 1-4	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	SURPRISE SNACK	SURPRISE SNACK	Last Day of School!			
	Swim 3W, 3/4G	Swim 1/2T, 3/4G	Red and White Day!	Back to School August 31, 2022		
			Pembina BBO			