





Owl Power - Weekly Update



Week Of: September 2 - September 6

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Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:
Labour Day No School	 Welcome back to school assembly @ 11:15 am All Owl Families Welcome		 Meet the Staff & Community Night @5:30pm - 7:00pm	Kindergarten KA Day Wear Your Favourite Colour Day!

Did you know?

- School begins at 8:40 a.m. and the doors to the school open at 8:30 a.m. Families who drop off their children in the morning, please ensure your children are **not** at school before 8:35 a.m. as there is no supervision. If your child arrives after 8:40 am - please enter through the front doors and check in at the office.
- **Technology Forms can be found in PowerSchool. Your child will need one filled out before they are allowed to use iPads and Chromebooks.**
- On days your child will not be at school, you need to contact the office to let us know of their absence. This is for student safety.
- **If your child is changing the way they go home, please let your child's teacher and/or the office know, otherwise, we will ensure your child goes home the 'normal way.'**
- Our digital newsletter is now live! Please check out our website <https://www.ochreparkschool.ca/> Click on "Quick Links" and then "Newsletter." This will take you to our OWL POWER newsletter. It will be updated regularly - please check it often!

Coming Up Quick!

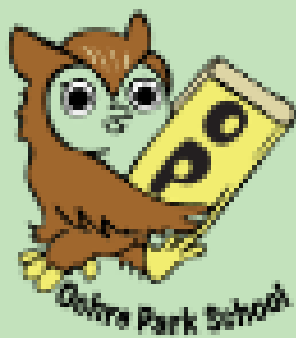
- Parent Council Meeting - September 12 @ 5:30pm (more information on page 3 of this Owl Power Update)
- Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast for our Little Owls - September 13
- PD Day - no School - September 16
- Terry Fox Run - September 20 (volunteers required)
- Orange Shirt Day - September 27
- Truth and Reconciliation Day - no school - September 30

Volunteers Wanted!

We are looking for parent volunteers for a variety of things to help our students soar! Please let us know if you are able to help. You will need a **current Criminal Record Check** on file at the school. Please contact the office so we can fill out a form for you to take to the RCMP. The Redwater RCMP processes Criminal Record Checks on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

References

[315: Volunteers](#)



Ochre Park School Driving Loop



If you are dropping off your Little Owl in the morning or picking them up at the end of the day, please use our driving loop. You can go around the loop as many times as need (illustrated by the yellow arrows). Your Little Owl can exit or enter your vehicle at the drop-off spot at the back of parking lot. You are also welcome to park in front of the school on the far side of the chain link fence (on the same side as the main road) or in front of the green field along the road. Please do not park in front of and block our neighbour's driveways.

Thank you for your continued care and diligence in keeping all of our Owl Community safe at morning drop-off and after school pick-up.



Calling all Owl Grown Ups!

Help support your Little Owl by volunteering to be a member of our School Council & Parent Society!

Date of first meeting: Thursday, September 12

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Ochre Park School Learning Commons

All Owl Families are invited to become more involved in our school community by joining our School Council. Your participation plays a vital role in sharing the direction and success of our school and we truly value the diverse perspectives and ideas that each parent and guardian brings.

What does it mean to hold a position on School Council?

School Council Chair:

Parent Society President:

- Chairs all meetings of the School Council/Parent Society
- Coordinate with Principal & executive team to create meetings agendas
- Ensure rules/regulations & By-Laws are being followed
- Votes on all initiatives/motions presented at meetings
- Be the official spokesperson for School Council/Parent Society
- Connect with other community members and bring updates back to School Council/Parent Society
- Stay informed of any policy changes or initiatives

School Council Vice Chair:

Parent Society Vice President:

- This is a support role
- Vice chair/president will take on Chair/President duties in the event of resignation, leave or absence, or chair has a scheduling conflict for meetings
- Chair/President may ask vice for assistance with items listed under their responsibilities
- Votes on all Initiatives/motions presented at meetings

School Council Secretary:

Parent Society Secretary:

- Acts as a recorder at each meeting ensuring they are taking notes of what was discussed. They then prepare minutes (meeting summary) and ensure the team receives this summary. This summary should also be shared with social community via a predetermined method (i.e., Facebook page etc.)
- Votes on all Initiatives/motions presented at meetings

Parent Society Treasurer:

(As parent council does not handle money – this role does not exist for Parent Council)

- The treasurer keeps accurate records of all financial transactions (money coming in and go out through fundraising activities or donations)
- These records must be created monthly and shared at monthly meetings
- Records are to be available upon request of the school board or school community.
- Votes on all Initiatives/motions presented at meetings

Parent Society Fundraising Coordinator:

(As parent council does not handle money – this role does not exist for Parent Council)

- This role is not mandatory, it is decided at each AGM if this role will exist for the school year.
- This individual is responsible for identifying possible fundraising opportunities and bringing them to the group to vote on.
- This individual is responsible for the coordination & execution of all fundraisers including:
 - o Creating parent communications
 - o Organizing delivery and pick up of fundraiser contents
 - o Ensuring that parents have submitted funds if they are participating
 - o Working with Treasurer to reconcile money being received from parents and funds being paid to organization we are fundraising with (i.e., Bear Track's or Purdy's)
- Votes on all Initiatives/motions presented at meetings

Parent Society Casino Coordinator:

(As parent council does not handle money – this role does not exist for Parent Council)

- This role is not mandatory, it is decided at each AGM if this role will exist for the school year.
- This individual is responsible for coordinating logistics around our participation in casinos
- Communicates and works with AGLC on planning & dates of our casino
- Works with school and larger community to compile a list of volunteers
- Creates and shares casino schedule with all volunteers
- Votes on all Initiatives/motions presented at meetings



Parent Council Member at Large:

- This role is not mandatory, it is decided at each AGM if this role will exist for the school year.
- This individual does not need to be a parent with a child at the school
- The community representative brings a community perspective into the school.
- This individual helps school council/parent society build partnerships with the larger community
- Votes on all Initiatives/motions presented at meetings

All Owl Parents and Guardians (including Dad's) are invited and welcome to attend. Our first meeting is **September 12 @ 5:30 pm**. Meetings are held **once a month**. Please consider spending your time with us! :)



Learning,
Together.



Meet the Community and Registration Night

**September 5, 2024
5:30 - 7:00pm
Ochre Park School**

- Meet the teachers and staff
 - Register for community programs
 - Connect with volunteer opportunities
 - Visit with your neighbors
 - Enjoy free beef on a bun, juice, and tasty treats (while supplies last)
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To reserve a table for your community organization or for more information, please contact the Community Service Office at 780-942-4101 or email Dgordey@redwater.ca

