



Owl Power - Weekly Update

Week of: Nov. 11 - 15, 2024 & Nov. 18 - 22, 2024

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Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:
~~~~~ Fall Break - No School for Little Owls ~~~~~ Check out the Ochre Park School Website for some community events geared for children.				
Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:
 SPSD Holiday Card Submissions Due  BearTracks Orders Due today! Payment in full please.	Internet Safety I.C.E. Presentation at Redwater School @ 4:30 - 6:30pm			Kindergarten K2 Day! Team Colour Day! Monthly Assembly at 9:15 All Owl Families Welcome

Did You Know?

- **Metis Week** - November 18 - 22 we will be celebrating Metis Week! Metis week celebrates the heritage, history, and contributions of Metis people to Alberta and Canada with events held across the province. The term “Metis” in section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 does not encompass all individuals with mixed First Nations and European heritage; rather, it refers to distinctive peoples who, in addition to their mixed ancestry, developed their own customs, way of life, and recognizable group identity. Over the course of the week, your child(ren) will learn more about the Metis people’s identity and traditions through activities and conversations around the Metis jig, fiddle music, the Metis sash, their language, and art.

Coming Up Quick!

- December 2 - PD Day - no school
- December 3-5 - Christmas Store Shopping
- December 6 - Monthly Assembly
- **December 19 - Christmas Concert**
- December 20 - PJ Day!



Friendly Reminder

Please ensure you label **all** your Little Owl’s winter wear, including their boots, mittens, scarves, and touques. We have many Little Owls with the same items and we want to avoid any mix-ups.

A WORD FROM OCHRE PARK'S *School Council*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and ready for the busy but exciting time of year ahead! We wanted to take a moment to update you on some exciting developments and share a few important reminders.

Hot Lunch Program Update

Thank you so much for your patience as we work to bring you a new and improved hot lunch program for our little owls! We're excited to announce that we are aiming to have everything ready for after the Christmas Break. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!

A Spooktacular Success!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped make our Full Moon Frolic and Haunted House a howling success! We couldn't have done it without your time, energy, and creativity.

Casino Update

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to volunteer for our upcoming Casino fundraiser. Your support is invaluable, and we are incredibly grateful for your time and effort. If you would like to be added to the backup volunteer list, please contact us at op.parentssociety@gmail.com.

Bear Tracks Fundraiser Reminder

Don't forget—our Bear Tracks Fundraiser ends on November 18, 2024! Your participation and support mean so much to us and directly benefit our school community. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed!

Opportunity to Get Involved: Community Member at Large

We are currently looking for a Community Member at Large to join our School Council. This individual would not be a parent or guardian of a child at Ochre Park, and they would bring fresh insights and feedback to help us continue to create a vibrant and supportive school environment.

Warmest Regards,
The Ochre Park School Council

CONTACT US!

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COMING SOON... THE ANNUAL OCHRE PARK SCHOOL CHRISTMAS STORE

Once again, Ochre Park will be running a very special event... the Christmas Store! The feeling of excitement and Christmas spirit during this event is incredible! Students can purchase "secret" Christmas gifts for family members and have them wrapped by volunteers. Gift prices range from 25¢ to \$10.00. **We rely on community donations to make this event happen!** Please see below for suggestions of items that could be donated to the store. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

All proceeds from the Christmas Store stay in Ochre Park School and offset various expenditures as agreed upon by the School Council; examples include field trips & learning support materials.

The store runs December 3rd-4th and therefore we would appreciate if we could have all donations by November 22.

Students are looking forward to this event and with your help it will be a great success!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Donations Ideas - Items may be sent to the school any time before November 22, 2024.



- Wrapping paper, tags, ribbon and tape, **gift bags** and boxes
- Kids items (toys, crafts, and other small gifts).
- Gifts for Teens (there is usually a shortage of these)
- Household items (i.e., coffee mugs, candles, etc.)
- Gifts for men (there is usually a shortage of these)
- Candy canes, hot chocolate, ciders, etc.
- Cash - our Christmas Elves will shop for you. Please provide your name and telephone number when you make your donations.
- Small ornaments

Volunteer- We require many volunteers to assist during shopping and to wrap gifts.

*** If you have any questions, would like to help, or would like additional ideas for items to donate, please contact Karli Hintz 780-233-6487 or the school Office at 780-942-2901.



Sturgeon Public School Division Holiday Card

Little Owls are invited to submit a drawing of a Christmas/holiday scene. One submission will be chosen per grade category and then reproduced for this year's holiday cards. Please note that this is not a class project - artwork should be done at home and submitted to the school. Click the link [here](#) for more information.

OP Driving Loop



Please continue to use the driving loop to drop your child off and pick your child up at the start and end of the day. You can go around the loop as many times as needed. 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.

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, as well as refraining from parking in front of and blocking our neighbour's driveways.