



THE OXFORD SCHOOL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER SUCCESSES!

It has been a busy and interesting start to our school year here at TOS!

We are so happy to be back together and are enjoying seeing so many smiling eyes behind the masks!

It has been wonderful to see students working in their classrooms and getting settled back into our happy learning space.

Thank you for doing your part to keep one another safe in these unprecedented times. Please remember to send your students

with an extra mask daily in case one gets lost or needs to be changed.

As cold and flu season approaches please be mindful of symptoms and keep your student home if they are feeling unwell in any capacity.

Together, we will get through this!

Kindness Bears

Even in the first few weeks of school, kindness is bouncing around in these walls. From even our smallest students right up

to our G8s we continue to regularly and frequently see acts of kindness all over the school.

Our Bears are proudly located in The Oxford Hall, as in the hallways and classrooms students are exhibiting many traits and actions of kindness.

Due to the pandemic the bears will stay at school, and we will recognize this important tradition with certificates for the time being.



A ROUND OF A-PAWS GOES TO...

Harrison, JK

Checking on a friend, to see if he was ok when he fell down.

Ridley, SK

Helping a sad preschool friend at recess.

Spencer, G3

Helping a friend clean up spilled snack and holding doors open for his classmates all week!

Daniel, G5

Helping our custodian Mr. Forgie.

Rowan, G6

Volunteering to do class jobs, and cleaning desks.

Kaelyn, G6

Volunteering to do class jobs and cleaning desks.

Vana, SK

She made sure her friend who was hurt was ok.

Brinley, PS

Brinley offered to help Ms Houseman put away the play dough tools away this week. Not just once but 2 times! Thank you Brinley.

Georgia, G7

She was inclusive and aware of her classmate's feelings, deciding to make a positive change for the next time.

Ben, G7

He was kind and inclusive to Reed. He asked him if he was going to play basketball at recess with everyone.

Benson, G2

He helped Mr Forgie open the locked doors in the boys washroom.

Emma, G4

Emma helped Simrat navigate her very first French class.

Lucas, G4

Lucas holds the door open for his classmates and offers to help his teacher with something every day.

What's Happening In OCTOBER

WCC NOMINATIONS

We are looking to grow our WCC executive! Please nominate a friend or volunteer yourself. Please turn in any outstanding forms ASAP. Learn more about the WCC on our website at: theoxfordschool.ca/wcc

We will announce the full executive at our first official meeting on Wednesday, October 7th via Zoom call. We will discuss our mission and plans for the 2020-21 school year. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join. Parent Jenne Todd will be presenting a brief session on social media use and teenagers. Head of School Adam dePencier will be in attendance to give us a brief update from the school.

SK/G.1 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

We are thrilled to be offering outdoor education to our SK and G1 students. For a series of 6 Fridays the students in SK and G1 will be attending a local organic farm where they will learn with eye opening and hands on experience.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME DAY

Students are encouraged to wear costumes on Friday, October 30. We ask that

students refrain from wearing costumes that depict the scarier side of this holiday. No weapons, frightening masks or gore please. It is a fun day to dress in costume and it brings out a lot of creativity in our students. If you choose not to wear a costume, please come to school in regular uniform. Please send younger students with a change of clothes under their costumes as they often choose to take off the costumes throughout the day.

PICK UP / DROP OFF

Thank you for your patience and efficiency during our pick up time. We are **very impressed!** Three weeks in we have it down to 9 minutes from kindergarten pick up to the finish of all grades being picked up. If you have a student in JK or SK we ask that you pick up at our East Main Entrance at 3:15pm. If you have students in G1-8 we (or siblings assisting a kindergarten student) we ask that you **do not arrive until 3:30pm** to allow us the appropriate timing for our procedure to run smoothly.

PHYS ED UPDATES

Disk golf has begun and students are training in cross country. It's wonderful to see our students outside, moving their bodies and learning new skills. An echo of "Baby Shark" is often heard in the background during kindergarten gym

classes. They complete quite the whole body workout to that peppy tune - ask your student if they can show you!

CLASSROOM DOJO

If you are not already connected to Classroom Dojo please send us a message at info@theoxfordschool.ca. Communication with parents is incredibly important to us. Classroom Dojo allows you to see updates from your student's class as well as send and receive messages to your student's teacher. Being connected to Classroom Dojo will also connect you to our "School Story". You will find reminders and stories in this space.

TERRY FOX

It was a fun afternoon and our individual classes did a lot of moving and running to support this campaign. In fact, students ran an unbelievable 1345 laps during their marathon! We enjoyed learning about Terry Fox and what a courageous Canadian he was. Thank you to everyone who supported the Terry Fox Run. Students raised an outstanding \$1700 towards cancer research. We are truly grateful for all contributions made!

We would like to wish our staff, students and their families a Safe & Happy Thanksgiving!



October

DON'T LOSE IT - LABEL IT!
 Ensure your child's gear stays out of the lost & found with Lovable Labels!
 20% of every order supports The Oxford School
 when ordered through our Lovable Labels link!
www.oxfordschool.lovablelabels.ca

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

				1 WCC Nomination Forms Due	2 Picture Day National Custodial Workers Day SK/G1 Outdoor Education	3
		6	7 WCC Zoom Meeting & Executive Announcements 8pm	8 Immunization Clinic 11am	9 SK/G1 Outdoor Education	10
	12	13	14	15	16 SK/G1 Outdoor Education	17
					23 Spirit Day! Black & Orange Day SK/G1 Outdoor Education	24
18	19	20	21	22	30 Halloween Costume Day SK/G1 Outdoor Education	31 Halloween

Please remember to dress your students for the weather!

It has been wonderful to take the classroom outdoors at every available opportunity over the past month. Phys Ed class is held primarily outdoors and other classes are quickly following suit. We hope to continue venturing out going forward, as weather allows including taking recess outdoors on light rainy days.

Students must arrive at school dressed appropriately for the elements and activities planned in their day. Splash pants, jackets and boots will be necessary for the coming weeks. Before you know it gloves and hats will be needed for colder days!

thank you!

Thanksgiving
No Classes Today!

THE EVENT CALENDAR IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT THEOXFORDSCHOOL.CA/CALENDAR

dates to remember

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
 WCC NOMINATION FORMS DUE**

Please complete & submit any WCC nomination or volunteer forms to the school or apply online at: <https://theoxfordschool.ca/wcc>

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
 NATIONAL CUSTODIAL WORKERS DAY**

Mr. Forgie, we are so thankful for you! Thank you for keeping us safe, tidy and clean. We appreciate you and all of your hard work so much!

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
 PICTURE DAY**

School Student Picture Day - All students should come to school dressed in their formal dress uniform including blazers for grade 3-8. Refer to the [Uniform Guidelines](#) for details.

**FRIDAYS IN OCTOBER
 SK/G1 OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

Every Friday in October SK & G1 students will travel to a local organic farm for hands on outdoor learning.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
 1ST OFFICAL WCC MEETING & EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
 THANKSGIVING**

There is no school on this holiday. We want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving in whatever capacity you celebrate and want you to know how thankful we are for your family, your students and your presence in The Oxford School.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
 G7/8 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**

Public Health will be at the school at 11:30am to immunize the G7's and G8 students who didn't have their immunizations completed last year.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
 BLACK AND ORANGE DAY**

Students are invited to get out of uniforms today and wear black and orange to celebrate the fall season. If students choose not to wear black and orange they are asked to come to school in their regular uniform.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
 COSTUME DAY**

Students are invited to wear their halloween costumes. Please stay on the friendlier side of the holiday, no weapons or gore please. Please send younger students with a change of clothes under their costume so costumes can be removed if students request. If students choose not to wear their costume they are asked to come to school in their regular uniform.

