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As our division investigates moving towards a common report card, we at Onoway Elementary School have shifted from outcomes referenced reporting to outcomes based reporting for the 2016.17 school year. What is outcomes-based reporting?

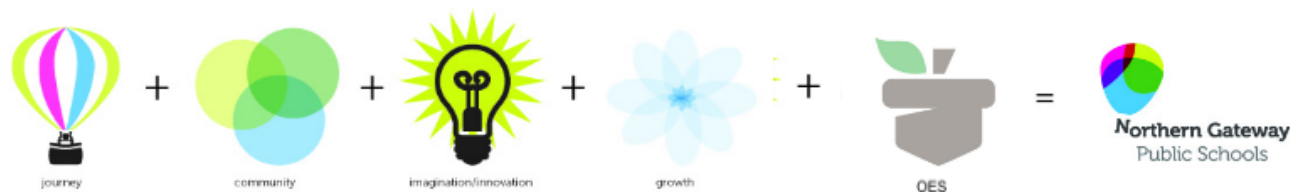
Outcomes-based reporting is when student learning is assessed and understood against an outcome, and communicated using an achievement indicator. Outcomes-based reporting provides clear descriptions of how well your child demonstrates the key skills, knowledge and attitudes identified in each course.

The outcomes describe what your child is expected to know and be able to do according to the [Alberta Education Program of Studies](#). Alberta Education publishes resources for parents that further describe what your child is expected to know and be able to do in each grade: [My Child's Learning: A Parent's Resource](#).

The report card is one way for teachers to communicate the progress and achievement your child is experiencing. We continue to connect through phone calls, meetings, email, our school website and with communications in our agendas. All of the various ways provide the opportunity for continued connections and ongoing feedback.

Although there are no formal SPTIs scheduled in December, if you wish to discuss your child's report card, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher directly to make an appointment.

Principal J. Beck



Supporting every student on their journey to success.	We work together to gather perspectives from students, parents/guardians and teachers,	in innovative & creative ways,	to ensure student growth and achievement	for every student at OES.	Every learner is successful. Every learner is supported.
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Well again we have had a very busy month!

I am very excited to say that OES Spirit Wear was again a success this year! It is overwhelming the amount of school spirit that OES has! Whether it be for everyday wear or for the running club, choir or another club in our school, our students will be wearing their spirit wear with pride! We expect the orders to arrive in the next few weeks.

The end of September brought the Terry Fox run. It was a chilly, rainy day but the students did not let that bother them at all! They were excited for the run, the students were so proud wearing the name tags that showed the name of someone that has been affected by Cancer or someone who they care about just left you speechless. This years Terry Fox run was a great success!! Thank you.

Our school Fundraiser has now been completed and again this fundraiser was a huge success for our school. Orders have all been completed and we are hoping that the items will arrive in the next few weeks. Once the orders have arrived they will be sorted and sent home with the students, if an order is large and cannot be go home with child then arrangements will be made for a pick up at the school.

A reminder that our next student council meeting will be held on Thursday November 17th at 7:00 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Sheila Albertson
School Council Chair

Basket Raffle

The Fundraising Committee of our OES School Council is organizing a Basket Raffle for the upcoming Christmas Concerts. To continue to build school community, classes will receive a theme for their basket and collaborate to gather items valued at no more than \$5.00 or cash donations for a similar amount. The committee will gather the donated items brought in and work with classes to assemble the baskets for the raffle.

Further information will be coming home from your child's teacher...stay tuned for the themes!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the concerts December 8th and 15th!



Teaching Empathy

Empathy is the capacity to understand or feel what another is experiencing from that person's perspective. This is often called 'walking in someone else's shoes.' Empathy is an important quality of healthy relationships which in turn builds stronger families and communities. And, studies show that empathy can improve student achievement, increase emotional intelligence, and reduce bullying.*

Teach your child(ren) to be empathic towards others with the following:

Help them learn to understand facial expressions, body language, and social boundaries.

Teach them to listen to what is being said and to watch body language.

Ask them to imagine how the person feels in that situation.

Have them reflect on a time when they were in a similar situation. What was it like? How did they feel?

Teach your child to ask, when appropriate, about the person in difficulty.

Have them learn to show their care through words and actions.

By modeling empathic behaviour, and pointing out situations that call for empathy, parents can generate sympathetic responses in their kids. As your child is exposed to more empathic behaviour, they will develop these traits as well (Pizarro and Salovey 2002). The basic premise to guide empathic behaviour can be summarized by the Golden Rule: Do to others as you would have them to do you.

*Brookings Institution study

Charmaine Sandulac, Counselor and Behaviour Management Specialist

Empathy is...

Seeing with the eyes of another,

Listening with the ears of another,

And feeling with the heart of another.



Curriculum and the Competencies

Building awareness and understanding

Alberta's Kindergarten to Grade 12 provincial curriculum is designed to engage students in exploring, developing and applying competencies in relevant subject content and contexts. As part of curriculum development, there will be a shift from an implicit to an explicit focus on competencies. It is important that parents learn about competencies, and how parents can work together with their child's teachers/schools to support the development of competencies, both now and in the future.

ERLC, in partnership with the Alberta School Council Association, has created an informative, two-part webinar series to help parents learn about competencies, and how they can support the development of competencies. We encourage you to check out these two free webinars:

Further information and registration details can be found here:

<http://www.erlc.ca/programs/details.php?id=6324>

<http://www.erlc.ca/programs/details.php?id=6323>

This Winter is going to be wonderful!!

OES is going to the North Pole!! The trip will start with the grade 4/5/6 students performing "The North Pole Musical", a rollicking show that celebrates the 400th anniversary of the north pole. Santa can't wait to get the show started. The snowmen are a little worried about the hot lights and the toys are working on their 3 minute Nutcracker! But we will be ready on **Dec. 8th. at 7:00pm.**

Just one week later we will continue our North Pole adventure with the grade 1/2/3 students. The elves have a dilemma! Do humans really exist? Come find out what the elves learn when Santa arrives to help out! Grade 1/2/3's will take the stage on **Dec. 15th at 7:00pm .**

OES has the wonderful challenge of accommodating a significant number of audience members for our concert performances. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we adhere to the regulations set by our fire marshall.

A full dress rehearsal will take place on December 6th at 10:30 a.m. for students to view the concert being performed by their peers. Parents/guardians who may not be able to join us for the concert nights are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal.

During the evening of our concerts our LAC room will host a viewing of a movie for children ages 5 and up. Additionally, a babysitting service will be available for preschool children ages 2 to 5 in the kindergarten room. Unfortunately we are unable to provide care for children younger than 2 years of age.



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About MediaSmarts

MediaSmarts is a Canadian not-for-profit centre for digital and media literacy. Its vision is that young people have the critical thinking skills to engage with media as active and informed digital citizens. MediaSmarts offers hundreds of digital and media literacy resources for librarians, parents and educators on its website <http://mediasmarts.ca>.

Students are encouraged to be media makers and creators for Media Literacy Week 2016.

OTTAWA.... MediaSmarts, Canada's leading centre for digital and media literacy and the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF), today announced this year's theme for Media Literacy Week, from Oct. 31 to Nov. 4, will focus on hands-on media creation for children and teens. "Makers and Creators" will celebrate the ways parents and teachers can help young people become more creative, innovative and entrepreneurial by embracing media production, remixing, maker and do-it-yourself culture and coding. The week will highlight the wide variety of media products young people can create – blogs, videos, music, websites, apps, video games, etc. – using easily accessible digital tools.

Visit mediasmarts.ca today!

Another Successful Fair!

We've wrapped up another successful fall Scholastic Book Fair! This event would not be possible without our Grade 7 Book Fair Volunteers. They helped with set-up, greeted families, assisted fellow students with purchases, worked the cashbox, and did clean up at both evening events. Behind the scenes they volunteered many recesses to prepare, then pack up and send off the crates.

Their dedication pays off. All told, we received over \$700 worth of items from the fair and have a \$1000 Scholastic Credit. This credit is already earmarked to refurbish our Thinking Things; the hands-on learning activities shelved at the back of the Learning Commons. This means additional Lego, bookmark supplies, and more, will soon be added to the space.

The Grade 7 crew was responsible for choosing books for their classroom libraries, and for the Learning Commons collection too. In continuing the student centred approach they will also aid in decision making of spending our credit amount.

Thank you to our OES parent community for your amazing support of this event. Parents and volunteers make Book Fair the huge success that it is!

Mrs. Twyla Lesko