



# NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER



October was a month filled with new beginnings and fun events! We launched our Breakfast Program and opened the Juice Bar, giving students more healthy options to start their day. Our students shined in golf and flag football tournaments, our Grade 7s also began exploring their first week of CTF options, and we wrapped up with a spirited Halloween Parade. As we enter November, our Character Education focus is on humility, one of the 7 Sacred Teachings, which reminds us of the importance of kindness and respect. Thank you for being part of our vibrant school community!

## SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

This month, there are plenty of opportunities for families to get involved in our school community! Thank you for your continued support and involvement!

- Join us for Parent-Teacher Interviews on November 5th and 6th from 4-7 p.m. and stop by our Book Fair, open from 3:30-7 p.m. both days. Our School Council Fundraising Committee is collecting bottles during PTI's in the school parking lot at the yellow truck. Any support is appreciated!
- Remembrance Day Assembly on November 6th at 9:15 a.m.
- Join us for an author visit, Christy Jordan-Fenton, on November 6th. She will speak to grades K-3 at 1-1:45 and grades 4-7 at 2:15-3. She will be selling and autographing her books.
- Parent Council Meeting on November 12th at 6:30 p.m.
- Our monthly assembly on November 28th at 2:15 p.m.
- We're always grateful for volunteers in our Breakfast Program (contact Mrs. Mortimore at [nicole.mortimore@ngps.ca](mailto:nicole.mortimore@ngps.ca) if interested)
- School Council is also looking for volunteers for hot lunch days, Hot Dog Day, or Smoothie Day (contact [oescouncil@gmail.com](mailto:oescouncil@gmail.com) if interested)

## NUTRITION PROGRAMS



At Onoway Elementary School, we're proud to offer nutrition programs that support the health and well-being of our students. Our Breakfast Program, generously funded by grants and community donations, ensures that any student who needs a healthy start to their day has access to breakfast whether they didn't have a chance to eat at home or didn't have quite enough to fill their belly. In addition, we provide snack bins in each classroom, stocked with nutrient-rich, easily accessible snacks that are refilled weekly, so students always have access to something healthy throughout the day. Our Juice Bar, open during the lunch hour, offers items for purchase to help students supplement their meals, ensuring everyone has the fuel they need to learn and grow.

## BUILDING FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE AT OES

At Onoway Elementary, we are committed to deepening our understanding of Indigenous history and culture. Throughout October, students transformed our bulletin boards into powerful displays centered on the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, showcasing their learning and bringing these important messages to life. As part of our journey, we are also exploring the 7 Sacred Teachings, with our focus this month on humility, represented by the wolf. On November 15th, we will participate in Rock Your Mocs Day, encouraging everyone to wear moccasins to honour and bring awareness to Indigenous culture. By wearing moccasins, participants show pride in their culture, promote unity, and raise awareness about Indigenous traditions and issues. It's a day for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to recognize the beauty and resilience of Indigenous communities and to honour their cultural contributions.



## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



The Grade 7 students were joined by the Grade 7's from Darwell, Rich Valley, and Grasmere to participate in a week's worth of CTF options! What a great way to learn new skills!



OES had their Halloween Parade and Assembly on October 31st! Individual classes continued the spooky festivities all throughout the day in their classrooms!





# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

| Monday   | Tuesday                     | Wednesday  | Thursday                                   | Friday  |
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| 4  | 5<br>PTI 4-7pm<br>Book Fair | 6<br>Remembrance Day<br>Assembly 9:15am<br><br>Author Visit -<br>Christy Jordan-<br>Fenton<br><br>PTI 4-7pm &<br>Book Fair | 7<br>PD Day - No<br>School for<br>Students | 8<br>No School                                  |
| 11<br>Remembrance<br>Day - No School<br><br>Metis Week<br>Begins | 12                          | 13   | 14   | 15<br>Smoothie Day<br><br>Rock Your Mocs<br>Day |
| 18   | 19                          | 20   | 21<br>Pizza Hot<br>Lunch                   | 22  |
| 25   | 26                          | 27   | 28<br>School Assembly<br>2:15              | 29<br>Hot Dog Day                               |



## REMEMBRANCE DAY AND NO STONE LEFT ALONE

We would like to invite you to join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly on November 6th at 9:15 a.m. in the school gymnasium. We are honoured to have members of the Legion joining us to pay tribute to those who have served our country. We hope you can join us in commemorating this important day together as a school community.

As part of our preparations for this meaningful occasion, our Grade 4 students participated in the No Stone Left Alone initiative, where they visited four cemeteries in our area. This program aims to honour veterans by placing painted stones on their graves, fostering a sense of respect and gratitude for their sacrifices. Thank you to the Grade 4s, Mrs. Blount, and Ms. Fraser for your dedication to this important initiative.