



# oes

## NEWSLETTER



### HIGHLIGHTS



November was an incredible month filled with achievements and celebrations! Our girls' and boys' volleyball teams won first place at the GORD tournament hosted by Grasmere at OJSH—congratulations to all! We honored Remembrance Day with a meaningful assembly, celebrated Metis Week with Rock Your Mocs Day, and had a blast on Dress Like a Teacher Day. A special thanks to our School Council for keeping us fueled with their Pizza Hot Lunch, hot dog days, and smoothies, and to the amazing volunteers who made it all happen. November's energy and community spirit set the tone as we look forward to the festivities of December!

### FOOD DRIVE AND TOY DRIVE



OES is working with Onoway Santa's Helpers, collecting toys and money to ensure that children in our community receive gifts during the holiday season. Until December 16th, we will be collecting donations that will go directly to children and families in our community.

We are also running a friendly classroom competition to raise the most donations for the Food Bank. Throughout the month of December, classrooms will have a donation box in their room to collect various household and food items to go to local families in Onoway. Lac Ste. Anne Gas is sponsoring a pizza party for the top two classes who have collected the "longest" line of donations. We will be measuring the donations for each classroom on December 17th.

We are encouraging attendees of our Christmas Concerts to bring a food, toy, or cash donation that will go towards these amazing initiatives. Your generous support is greatly appreciated!

### DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

As winter settles in, we kindly remind families of the importance of sending students to school with proper winter gear, including warm coats, hats, gloves, and boots, to ensure they stay comfortable and safe during outdoor activities. Additionally, we ask that drop-offs occur no earlier than 8:40 a.m., as supervision is not available before this time. Please ensure you are dropping off at the pick-up/drop-off loop. Thank you for helping us keep your children warm and well-cared for during the school day!

### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

- Christmas concerts on December 11th (K-3 at 1pm and 7pm) as well as December 12th (4-6 at 1pm and 7pm).
- Christmas Market on December 16th.
- School-wide Turkey Dinner hosted by our School Council and our amazing volunteers on December 18th.
- Throughout the month of December, we will be running a toy and food drive. More information will be found below.
- Winter Break begins on December 21st. School returns on January 6th.
- December Assembly on 11:00am on December 20th.

### CHRISTMAS MARKET




Let's celebrate together!

## OES CHRISTMAS Market

### DECEMBER 16

Students are encouraged to donate 1-3 gently used toy(s). All toys will be marked at \$1. The market will be open throughout the day on Dec 16 for students to shop. Any remaining toys and dollars raised will go to the Food Bank and Onoway local charities



# DECEMBER CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 	5	6 Report Cards Going Home Hot Dog Day
9	10	11 Gr. K-3 Christmas Concert 1pm, 7pm	12 Gr. 4-6 Christmas Concert 1pm, 7pm	13 Sub Hot Lunch Pajama Day
16 Christmas Market 10-3:25 Last Day for Toy/Coin Donations	17 Last Day for Food Bank Donations	18 Turkey Dinner from School Council  Christmas Sweater Day	19	20 Assembly 11:00  Last Day Before Winter Break
23 	24	25 	26	28 



## POLAR BEAR CLUB

The Polar Bear Club is a supervised program that encourages students to enjoy outdoor recesses even when temperatures dip below normal. At Onoway Elementary, we believe that outdoor play is vital for children's health, well-being, and social development—even during Alberta's colder months!

### Guidelines for Participation

Participation in the Polar Bear Club is completely optional, and students will need parental permission to join. Here are the key details:

- Eligibility: Students must dress appropriately for cold weather to participate. This includes winter boots, snow pants, warm coats, mittens/gloves, scarves, and toques.
- Temperature Threshold: Outdoor recess for the Polar Bear Club will proceed as long as the temperature (including wind chill) does not drop below -35°C. (AP750 states an indoor recess is in effect at any temperature below -25°C including the wind chill.)
- Supervision and Safety: Staff members will supervise all outdoor activities to ensure students stay safe and comfortable. Students can opt-out and head indoors if they feel too cold.

If you would like your child to participate, please send back a completed permission form to the office.