



Oxbow Public School

December 2018

December Events

- Dec. 4th - Boston Pizza H&S lunch Day
- Dec. 05th - Holiday Concert @ 2:00 pm
- Dec. 05th - Holiday Concert @ 7:00 pm
- Dec. 06th - SNOW DAY Holiday Concert
- Dec. 7th - Marshall's H&S Lunch Day
- Dec. 11th - Sour Keys/Candy Canes (Fundraiser for Graduation)
- Dec. 11th - Poinsettia Pick-up (2 pm-6:30 pm in Gym)
- Dec. 11th - H&S Hotdog Lunch Day
- Dec. 12th - Kindergarten Holiday Assembly @ 2:15 pm
- Dec. 14th - Pizza H&S Lunch Day
- Dec. 18th - Pita Pit H&S Lunch Day
- Dec. 19th - Home and School Meeting In LLC @ 6:30 pm

DECEMBER				
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 Mr. S. Kelly, Vice-Principal
 Mrs. H. Smith, Administrative Assistant
 Ms. J. Buck, Clerical Assistant

From the Principal and Vice-Principal:

It is hard to believe that December has arrived! We have been very busy over the past few months with lots of extra-curricular and learning activities!

As the holiday season draws near we would like to thank you for a wonderful year so far. We are very fortunate to work with a dedicated and caring staff, an awesome school community, supportive parents and fantastic students!! We thank everyone involved in helping to create a safe and caring learning environment at our school.

Thank you to Mrs. Kilty-Schwant, Ms. Kitching and Ms. Blue for coaching our school volleyball teams. Thank you to Mr. Inch for planning a very meaningful Remembrance Day Ceremony. Our seasonal holiday concert will be held on December 5th @ 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Thank you Mr. Inch, Ms. Blue for all your work organizing, planning and practicing with our students.

We are looking forward to the next month where students continue to learn and strive to accomplish the next steps suggested on the progress reports.

We are happy to announce our new clerical assistant, Jennifer Buck. Ms. Buck will begin her new role at Oxbow PS on Monday, Dec. 3rd. We would also like to wish Joan Van Bynen all the best as she re-enters retirement once again. We can't thank Joan enough for all her amazing support at Oxbow. She will be greatly missed by all our students, staff, parents and community. Thank you Joan!

Have a joyous holiday season! Enjoy family and friends.
 Mrs. C. Edy and Mr. S. Kelly

Seasonal Reminders

Winter Attire - In promoting good health and wellness, our goal is to ensure our students enjoy time outdoors each day. Please send your children to school prepared for our winter weather conditions. Boots, hats, mittens, snow pants, and extra socks are recommended.

Playground Climbers are Closed - Once the ground freezes, the climbers are closed. When moisture around the gravel freezes, the ground takes on the hardness of cement; consequently climbing on these structures becomes unsafe. They will be reopened in spring when the ground has thawed.



WHAT IS HAPPENING?





**Ilderton Optimists 27th
Santa's Breakfast**
Saturday, December 1st • 8:30 to 11:30am
ILDERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
\$10 per person • Children 10 and under are free
Due to space restrictions, please do not bring strollers into the hall

- Pancakes
- Scrambled Eggs
- Bacon & Sausage
- Hash Browns
- Timbits™
- Juice, Coffee and Tea
- Facepainting
- Crafts
- Free Photo with Santa

**THE BIG
RAFFLE
IS BACK!**




Music Notes

Just a reminder about our winter concert on **Wednesday, December 5 at 2 pm and 7 pm (snow date Thursday December 6)**. It will feature the grade 1 choir, Junior Choir, Junior Recorder Ensemble, Senior Band and grade 2 – 4 students presenting the winter mini-musical "The Big Chill". We hope to see you there !


Boys Volleyball
After a very positive season, with lots of hard work, team building and individual skill development, our Oxbow boys team played in the Regional semi-finals on Monday, November 26th. Their hard work paid off with them winning the silver medal, and then the Wildcard game, which secured their spot in the Thames Valley Finals, on Friday November 30th. Best of luck boys in the finals boys, continue to make your school and town proud.
Mrs. A. Kilty Schwandt
Boys Volleyball coach



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
AT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL**
Can you help?


HELP YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Become an active member in your child's school.
Please add your name to our volunteer list for school events/Bingo nights by e-mailing
oxbowps@hotmail.com



GRADE 8 MOVIE NIGHT

***It's a very merry time of year!
And wouldn't it be great if we could all meet here?
Our grade 8 students are hosting a movie night.
Showing a movie that will make the season bright!!***



All of our students and their families are invited to see a holiday film (the title to be selected by our student vote) on Monday, December 17th at 6:00pm in our gymnasium!
The admission at the door, per person is \$4, or \$10 for a family of three or more.
Popcorn and drinks will also be sold with all of the proceeds from this event going towards the Grade 8 Year-End Trip.
Please watch for our invitations which will be sent home the week of December 3 and which will also provide more details!



Introduction of New Support for Grade 8 Students

We are excited to announce new support for Grade Eight students as they transition to secondary schools. Research indicates that cross panel collaboration around transitions can increase graduation rates by sixteen percent.

The Thames Valley DSB Board of Trustees approved allocation of new staff at the Board meeting on April 24, 2018. This allocation was to ensure that every TVDSB Elementary School was to have at least one Guidance Lead Teacher to help Grade Eight students to make successful transitions to secondary schools. This targeted investment in senior elementary students will support teachers to:

- * prepare students for their academic transition to high school,
- * engage students in experiential learning that provides exposure to role models and positive examples of a diversity of careers, and
- * encourage high expectations for all students and facilitate exploration of all pathways options.

In order to support students' transitions, Elementary Guidance Lead Teachers will create a Student Learning Individual Profile (SLIP) for each grade eight student informed by the student's: academic data, myBlueprint Info, Student Reflections on Experiential Learning, and input from the student's teachers.

As in the past, students will continue to use myBlueprint to complete their Individual Pathways Plan, and to submit courses for TVDSB secondary school registration. Individual Education Plans created in elementary schools will transition electronically to the TVDSB secondary school in which your child registers.

We love having parents/guardians as partners so please ask your child about conversations they have had about transition planning. Should you have any questions about the support we are providing, please contact your child's Elementary Guidance Lead (Mrs. Huff).

Holiday Math: Everyday Math

Involving your child in using numbers to solve problems is an easy and simple way to improve their number sense.

- "If each person gets two cookies and we have 14 people coming, How many cookies do we need to bake?"
- "If we need $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup of sugar for one serving of our recipe. If we are doubling this recipe, how much sugar will we need?"
- "One store is selling a Christmas tree for \$20.00 with 20% off. Another store is selling Christmas trees for \$15.00. Which tree is cheaper?"

Write an addition and or multiplication sentence that describes the total number of



chocolates in the picture below:

What is the pattern rule for the 3rd row?



Which One Doesn't Belong?

Mathematical reasoning involves classifying objects and justifying that classification. Children can be asked which item in a set does not belong. There are no right or wrong answers as long as your child is able to justify their choice.



Mathematical justification might include references to shape and size, types of angles, number vertices, faces, etc.

Decoration Symmetry/Art

Making decorations, such as snowflakes, from folding and cutting paper and investigating symmetry is easy, enjoyable and promotes spatial reasoning in your child.

Playing Games

Spending quality time with your family playing board games and card games is a great way to improve math skills. Games help children to use their logical and reasoning skills, boost critical thinking and gain spatial reasoning. Playing games with others also helps children to build social and communication skills.

Here is a list of games you could try:

- Monopoly
- Snakes and Ladders
- Sorry
- Yahtzee
- Go Fish
- Memory
- UNO
- Chess/Checkers
- Phase 10
- Scrabble