



October 2018

Oxbow Public School

October Events

- Oct. 2 - Individual and Group Photos
- Oct. 2- School Council Formation @ 6:00 pm
- Oct. 08 - Thanksgiving-no school
- Oct. 15- Grade 7 Vaccine Clinic
- Oct. 17 - Home and School Meeting
- Oct. 25 - Care Team Assembly
- Oct. 26 - PD Day

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 01 - Picture Re-Take Day
- Nov. 07- Grade 7 Immunization
- Nov. 09 - Progress Reports Sent home and Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 16 -Parent/Teacher Interviews

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Mrs. C. Edy, Principal
Mr. S. Kelly, Vice-Principal
Mrs. H. Smith, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. J. VanBynen, Clerical Assistant

Superintendent: Mrs. R. Kuiper

From the Principal's and Vice-Principal's Desk

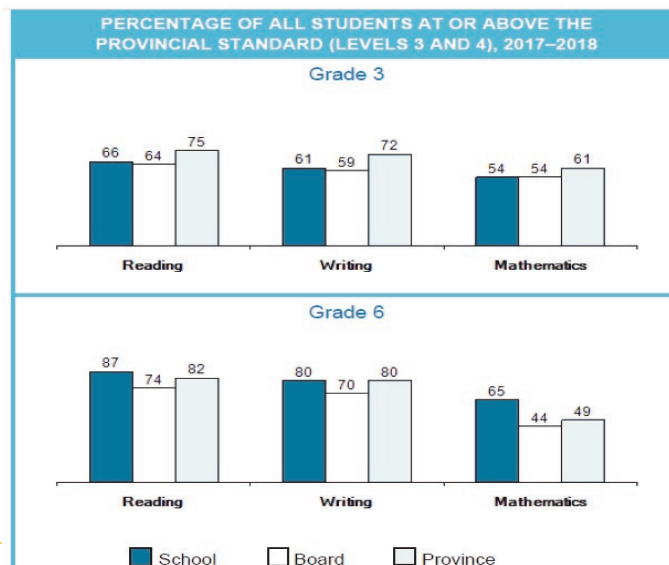
Where did September go! Oxbow has exceptional teaching and support staff members who work tirelessly for the benefit of each and every student. We pride ourselves on being a place where our mission is to ensure that "we build each student's tomorrow, every day". We encourage parents to participate in the daily learning activities of their children by talking to them about their learning and to openly communicate with the teacher.

Our entire school works together to create a community that is welcoming and inclusive. Our Care Team has organized monthly assemblies that will recognize, encourage and reinforce character attributes of good citizens. Each trait will be introduced in our monthly assemblies and then in the following assembly, students exhibiting this trait will receive a 'Character Certificate.' October's Character Trait will be Collaboration. Our award winners and assembly will take place on October 25th in the morning.

EQAO scores have been released. (To access the full EQAO report go to www.EQAO.com.) Individual reports will be sent home next month. Our Junior student scores in Reading, Writing and Mathematics exceeded those of the board and province. Our primary students' scores are slightly above the board and Math was lower then we had hoped.

With the Ministry focus on the Renewed Math Strategy, we will continue to improve our Math instruction and learning. Our school goal is "Students will become more flexible when counting, adding and subtracting by applying efficient representations/models to communicate their thinking/understanding." We will be focusing our professional development this year around our math school goal.

Oxbow School is a vibrant and wonderful place to teach and learn! We endeavour to work collaboratively with you to ensure an enriching and safe learning experience for all. Please continue to drop in or call me anytime. I always enjoy meeting with you to discuss your children, and your ideas and concerns.



Happy Fall Everyone;

Thank you again to all those parents who attended our September meeting and participated in the elections for the current council executive. We're looking forward to another great year!

Your 2018-2019 Home and school executive is:

President: Jenn Steller
Vice-President- Jodi Mills
Hot Lunch Chair - Ingrid Bygden
Fund Raising Chair: Amela Bjelic
Secretary: Karen Sheaves
Treasurer: Erin Ward

Thank you to all of our Oxbow Families in supporting our Pizza Night, during the Meet the Staff evening. Our next **meeting** will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 **at 6:30 p.m.** in the School Library Learning Commons. Please join us!

OUR COMMUNITY CARES

"SAVE YOUR POP TABS"



Sophie Blair is a 7 year old London girl with a Neuro Muscular Disorder (SMA-11). She attends Knollwood Public School and is going into grade two this fall. She is a bright little girl with a six month old baby sister, Holly.

Sophie enjoys miniatures, dolls, toys, games and her cat "Kentucky Steve" and dog "Shelby". Her favourite TV show is "Bob's Burgers", and she loves pizza!

Her favourite sport is swimming. Sophie is currently using a loaner wheel chair.

So save your aluminum tabs and help Sophie acquire her new manual wheelchair!



Parents and Community

Members save those aluminum pop tabs!

Please have your child(ren) bring the tabs to school in zip lock bags where they will be placed in an empty water bottle in the front foyer outside the main office.

We are making a difference!





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Mathify

Online Math Help for Grade 7-10 Math Students

September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This fall, TVOntario has launched a new and improved math help website for live online support for students known as TVO Mathify (previously Homework Help). All Thames Valley District School Board's mathematics students enrolled in Gr. 7 - 10 have access to this resource that includes many helpful supports!

Mathify is free, live, safe and anonymous.

TVO Mathify features an interactive chat room and whiteboard where students can obtain free personalized tutoring from a certified Ontario mathematics teacher - Sunday to Thursday evenings from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Students will also have 24/7 access to interactive tutorials, pre-recorded instructional sessions, a glossary of terms, and much more. New this year, students can choose to have instant audio to speak directly to an Ontario math teacher for real-time assistance if they wish and upload a photo of their math question! This online live support works on all types of devices.

Students interested in receiving this help should simply log on to TVO Mathify at <https://tvomathify.com/>, and using their OEN (Ontario Education Number which can be found on the top of any report card) and email address, create an account.

By registering with TVO Mathify, please be advised that the following information about your child will need to be shared in order that they may be registered:

- ✓ Ontario Educational Number (OEN)
- ✓ Grade
- ✓ Birth date
- ✓ Course (secondary students only)



If for any reason you do not wish your child's information to be shared with TVO Mathify, please contact Diana Hughes (diana.hughes@tvdsb.ca). However, if the above information is not provided to TVO Mathify, it will not be possible for your child to activate their account and be enrolled in the Mathify program.

We look forward to your child having the opportunity to use this outstanding resource. If your child has previously utilized Homework Help, please know that all accounts from last year will need to be recreated.

For further information, please contact:

Diana Hughes, Technology-Enabled Teaching and Learning Contact

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October 2018 Newsletter Insert

THAMES VALLEY MATHEMATICS

Home Connections in Mathematics

Productive Struggle in Mathematics

We, as parents, want our children to succeed in school. We feel uncomfortable when our children struggle and often want to make the work easier to help them (and us) escape the discomfort.



While helping and making challenging material easier for our children may feel like the right thing to do, research shows us how being *less helpful* is more supportive of learning – permanent change in understanding. Learning is greatest when children are given challenging tasks requiring thinking and reasoning. This active thinking is where sense-making, deep understanding, and self-confidence grows.

Productive struggle in mathematics is the sweet spot we all experience when we have just enough support and prior knowledge to engage with a challenging problem. There is no learning without struggle. Doing the thinking for a child by explaining what must be done or providing a formula ensures there is zero thinking and, thus, no learning.

There are two important aspects to this idea:

- 1) *Productive*: children need support in the form of math tools (like coins or counters) and gentle guidance. E.g., "I wonder if a picture might help you understand this problem?"
- 2) *Struggle*: the task can't be immediately obvious to the child

If a supported child struggles to the point of nearing frustration, it is appropriate to change the task to avoid unnecessary upset.

Messages our children need to hear:

- "I would love to help you with your homework. Before I do, I'm really interested in how you thought about this problem."
- "Problem solving is what we do when we don't know what to do!"
- "You worked really hard on that problem to find a solution. That is impressive."
- "How does it feel to know that you wrestled with that tough problem and figured it out?"
- "I'm glad you made that mistake. Your brain grew at that moment. When you realized you had made a mistake, your brain grew even more!"
- "Doing mathematics is about being challenged. This is hard. This is fun!"

Links to Support You at Home



- <https://www.youcubed.org/>
- <https://www.mathplayground.com/thinking-blocks.html>
- <https://solveme.edc.org/mobiles/>
- <https://mathies.ca/>

So, let's value and celebrate the struggle our children experience and forget the "that was easy" button.

MEDICAL

If your child has medical concerns such as severe allergies that require an EpiPen, asthma that requires an inhaler or any health concern that you believe the school needs to be made aware of, please call Mr. Kelly (Vice Principal) at 519-666-0310.

LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES -

We have students at our school who have severe allergies to: Peanuts and Nut Products.

Exposure to these food products could cause an anaphylactic reaction. Such a reaction can become life threatening in the space of a few minutes. Our staff is trained at the beginning of each year to recognize the symptoms and to implement an emergency treatment plan; however, prevention is the key to dealing with this issue. We need your help!

Please do not send 'Peabutter' or 'Sunbutter' or other peanut butter substitutes to school. Although it does not contain any of the anaphylaxis allergens attributed to peanut butter, it is very difficult for our staff and lunchroom supervisors to differentiate between the two products in order to monitor our students' safety. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Immunization Reporting

Did you know....

It's the responsibility of parents and guardians to notify the Health Unit when their child has been immunized. Your doctor does not do this.

Keep us informed:

- Call: 519-663-5317 ext. 2330

- Fax: 519-663-0416

Online: shots@mlhu.on.ca.

Walk-in: 50 King Street

From the Public Health Nurse

Eye exams for children are important!

Did you know that many children are not aware that they have a vision problem? This can make school difficult because 80% of what children learn is based on what they see. Help your child succeed in school. Make an appointment with an optometrist for an eye exam.

Children should have at least one eye exam before to beginning school followed by an annual exam through age 19.

Your child's health card (OHIP) provides coverage for an annual eye exam for Children aged 0 to 19 years.

For more information, visit the Ontario Association of Optometrists website:
<https://www.optom.on.ca>

From your Public Health Staff