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# OPS Eavesdropper

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TITLE	EXTENSION NUMBER	EXTENTION
Library	Mrs. Woods	3013
Preschool	Mrs. Getz	3002
ECS/Grade 1	Mrs. Robertson	3017
REAL Prog. Coordinator	Mrs. Mcfadden	3019
REAL Prog. Success Coach	Mrs. R. Smigelski	3019
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Cox	3018
Grade 4/5	Mr. Meekins	3021
Grade 6	Mrs. Berg	3022
Grade 7	Mrs. Coates	3003
Grade 8	Miss Chmilar	3006
Grade 9	Mrs. Senkiw	3023
Gym Office	Mr. Simmons	3009
Music Room	Mr. Orr	3004
Classroom Support	Mrs. D. Smigelski	3016
Gr. 6 & Drama	Mrs. Beynon	3020
Ed. Assistant	Mrs. Stammers	
Ed. Assistant	Mrs. Molzan	
Ed. Assistant	Mr. Beynon	3015
Ed. Assistant	Mrs. Riehl	
Ed. Assistant	Mrs. Evens	
Secretary	Mrs. Peterson	3000
Principal	Mr. Duchscherer	3001

## Grade 4-9 Ski Trip is rebooked for Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>

- No payments will be deposited until after the trip.
- All registrations will be kept on file. Please inform the office of any changes.

## February Hot Lunch

Friday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hotdog Day  
 Workers: Charmain Snell & Shirley Holland

Friday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – School Council

Friday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – Hotdog Day  
 Workers: Pam Park & Veverly Loyola

**Reminder that punch cards can now be used to pay for any of these lunches. Please make cheques payable to OPS Fundraising Society**

## February Birthday Wishes

February 1<sup>st</sup> - Kayne Wright  
 February 8<sup>th</sup> – Cheyenne Barrette  
 February 12<sup>th</sup> – Rayla Andersen  
 February 18<sup>th</sup> – Mackenzie Duchscherer  
 February 18<sup>th</sup> – Kadie Lavellee  
 February 18<sup>th</sup> – Shannon McKain  
 February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jillian Mundt



## From the Principal's Desk

The staff and students of OPS would like to congratulate Mrs. Machell on her upcoming retirement. Mrs. Machell has worked in the Prairie Rose School Division for many years as a teacher and finished her career as the REAL coordinator. Mrs. Machell was a very effective and passionate teacher, and she brought many great ideas and enthusiasm to the REAL program. Her fingerprints will be left in OPS and PRSD for many years.

The staff and students would also like to wish Mrs. Deanne Smigelski well during her maternity leave. We will miss your expertise around the school for the next year. Mrs. Cox will be taking over as the Classroom Support Teacher starting next week. Interviews for the grade 2/3 position will take place on Tuesday, January 31. Mrs. Cox will only be a couple of doors down from the grade 2/3 room which will allow for a smooth transition for the students from Mrs. Cox to the successful applicant. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to phone Mr. Duchscherer at 664-3733 ext. 3001.

The grade 4-9 ski trip is rebooked for Wednesday, February 29. The forms for the ski trip don't need to come in again, but if there are any changes please let Mrs. Peterson know. We still have two buses booked for transportation, and we are looking for two parents to drive the bus. If interested please contact Mr. Duchscherer.

The junior high basketball season is underway and OPS would like to thank community coaches Vern Brockman and Dean Neudorf for working with the team this year. The next tournament dates are February 7 and 14 with both tournaments taking place in the OPS gym.

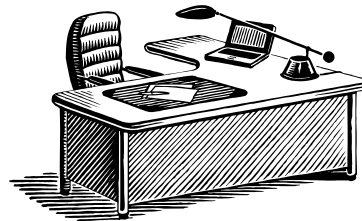
Badminton season is also off to an early start this year. Thank you to Mr. Simmons for coaching the badminton team this year. Practices this year are doubles on Tuesday and singles on Thursday with the practices beginning right after school.

All parents who have a son or daughter in grades 4-9 should have received an accountability pillar survey from Alberta Education. Please take the time to fill out the survey and mail it back to Alberta Education. The school and school division value the comments of our parents, and we use the suggestions to help improve the way the school is operated. As well, all teachers and students from grades 4-9 will be completing a survey at school.

Prairie Rose School Division conducts school reviews on all of their schools. This year OPS is one of the schools which will have a school review. The review will take place the week of April 30-May 4. Members of central office as well as other principals from around the division will be at the school during this week to conduct the review. Teachers, students, and parents will be surveyed during the review. The review will provide an opportunity for the school community to see what is working well, as well as provide feedback on areas that could improve.

Yours in Education,

Jason Duchscherer



The **Grade 6 Class** would like to extend a HUGE thanks to **Mrs. Connie Heath** for sharing her expertise in **water colour painting** with them. Mrs. Beynon would like to congratulate the Grade 6 class on such fabulous water colour paintings - Look for them on display!

# Oyen Jr. Curling Bonspiel

Saturday, Feb. 11th/2012

Starts at 9am

Entry Fee: \$60.00 per team  
(includes lunch)

*Team Categories:*

*Elementary Teams*

*Jr./Sr. High Teams*

(4 curlers— male, female or mixed)

May enter as a team or individual

Entries to:

Jackie Dick

(ph)403-664-3268

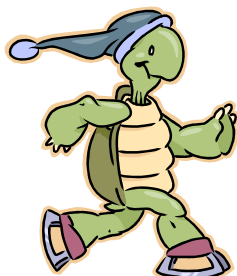
Email: [davdic@netago.ca](mailto:davdic@netago.ca)



# February Gym Schedule

## Phys Ed Schedule Junior Highs

February 1<sup>st</sup> – Curling  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Curling  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Curling  
February 6<sup>th</sup> – Curling  
February 8<sup>th</sup> – Curling  
February 9<sup>th</sup> – Curling  
February 10<sup>th</sup> – Curling



## Phys Ed Schedule Grade 6

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Broomball  
February 9<sup>th</sup> – Skating  
February 16<sup>th</sup> – Curling  
March 1<sup>st</sup> – Broomball  
March 8<sup>th</sup> – Skating  
March 15<sup>th</sup> – Broomball

## Phys Ed. Schedule Grade 4/5

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Skating  
February 9<sup>th</sup> – Broomball  
February 16<sup>th</sup> – Curling  
March 1<sup>st</sup> – Broomball  
March 8<sup>th</sup> – Skating  
March 15<sup>th</sup> – Broomball

## Phys. Ed. Schedule Grade 2/3

February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Skating  
February 9<sup>th</sup> – Broomball  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Skating  
March 12<sup>th</sup> – Broomball

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## Boy's Basketball

Three tournaments of 3 round robin games. Final tournament will be considered the zone qualifier. All tournaments will be held at the OPS gym after school.

Tournament 1: Tuesday, January 24th

Game 1: WPS vs OPS  
Game 2: WPS vs NBS  
Game 3: OPS vs NBS

Tournament 2: Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

Game 1: WPS vs OPS  
Game 2: NBS vs OPS  
Game 3: WPS vs NBS

Tournament 3: Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

Game 1: NBS vs OPS  
Game 2: OPS vs WPS  
Game 3: NBS vs WPS



Coaches: Vern Brockman and Dean Neudorf  
Practices will be Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30



Junior High Badminton Season is also off to an early start – Practice will be Tuesdays (doubles) and Thursdays (singles). Please note...the Tuesdays listed above the gym is booked for Basketball.

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## The REAL Deal

We would like to thank Value Drug Mart and Dougs AG Foods for their generous donation of hygiene supplies for the upcoming Health 7 hygiene unit.

Welcome also, to Tammy McFadden, the new Project Coordinator! She has been back and forth between Oyen and Medicine Hat throughout the month of January. Everyone, including Tammy, is excited about her arrival, and for the work ahead.

I would like to thank everyone for their support in the beginning stages of the Project. I am off to retirement, but will be watching the upcoming activities and initiatives with interest.

REALy yours,  
Patti Machell

### Parent Teacher Interviews

<i>Feb. 1<sup>st</sup></i>	<b>Grade 7</b> Drop in 3:30 – 6:30pm
<i>Feb 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<b>Grade 6</b> – Select students 3:30 – 5:15 followed by drop in 5:15 – 6:30
<i>Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>EC and Grade 1</b> – Mrs. Robertson gone on the 9 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Feb 6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Grade 2/3</b> – Mrs. Cox gone 7 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Feb. 7<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Grade 9</b> - Select students 3:30 – 5:30 followed by drop in 5:30 – 7:00
<i>Feb. 9<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Grade 8</b> - Select students 3:30 – 4:45 followed by drop in 4:45 – 6:30
<i>Feb. 7<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Grade 4/5</b> - Select scheduled students
<i>Feb. 9<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Grade 4/5</b> - Drop in 3:30 – 6:00



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## Your voice matters.

Alberta Education invites you to play an important role in your child's education.

By completing this survey, you are giving your school, your school authority and your provincial government important information to gauge the quality of education your child is receiving and make improvements where needed.

When you fill out the attached Accountability Pillar survey, you're adding your voice to the future of education in your school and throughout Alberta. Results are used by schools, school authorities and government to see what's working and what needs to be improved.

Thank you for your participation.

Thomas A. Lukaszuk  
Minister of Education  
MLA, Edmonton - Castle Downs

Your voice is a priceless resource.

If you have any questions, please contact:  
Keith Bowen, Alberta Education  
E: [Keith.Bowen@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Keith.Bowen@gov.ab.ca)  
T: (780) 422-4750  
(toll-free access within Alberta by dialing 310-0000 first)

Please return your completed survey in the enclosed, pre-paid envelope by February 24, 2012.

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# A true picture of our success.

## Measuring the quality of your child's education

We want to know that our children are receiving a quality education in a great school. Grades are important, but there's more to it.

A great school helps every child to make the most of their talents and abilities, is caring and secure and allows parents to play a key role. It's all about each student's success.

While it's easy to agree on such goals, how do we measure our progress toward them?

The Accountability Pillar is an innovative and straightforward way to measure our learning goals as schools, school authorities and as a provincial government.

School authorities receive a results report that is colour-coded and easy to read. At a glance, it points out successes and areas of concern from both a local and provincial perspective.

The results report shows which measures have improved, remained consistent and which have declined. It allows everyone — parents, teachers, school authorities, students and the province — to celebrate successes and respond to challenges together.

The Accountability Pillar looks at:

- **Survey results** — every year between January and March we survey students, their parents and teachers to see how they perceive the quality of education they receive and take part in
- **Student learning indicators** such as dropout rates, high school completion rates and the number of students eligible to receive Rutherford Scholarships
- **Student results** from Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams


Details about the Accountability Pillar and how to obtain results are available online at <http://www.education.alberta.ca/accountability>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> BB Practice @3:30 Parent-Teacher Interviews Grade 7  <b>Elementary Curling Make-up game</b>	<b>2</b>  Parent-Teacher Interviews Grade 6  Badminton Singles Practice	<b>3</b> <b>Hotdog Day</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Parent-Teacher Interviews Grade EC/1 Grade 2/3 Divisional Curling @ NB  BB Practice @3:30	<b>7</b> Parent-Teacher Interviews Grade EC/1 Grade 4/5 Grade 9  Basketball Tourn. @ OPS	<b>8</b> Parent-Teacher Interviews Grade 2/3  BB Practice @3:30  <b>Winter Walk Day</b>	<b>9</b>  Parent-Teacher Interviews Grade 4/5 Grade 8  Badminton Singles Practice	<b>10</b> <b>School Council Lunch</b>  <i>100<sup>th</sup> day of school</i>	<b>11</b> <b>Oyen Junior/Senior Curling Bonspiel</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  BB Practice @3:30	<b>14</b>  Basketball Tourn. @ OPS Zone qualifier	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Badminton Singles Practice	<b>17</b> <b>Hotdog Day</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>FAMILY</b>	<b>21</b> <b>WEEK</b>	<b>22</b> <b>BREAK</b>	<b>23</b> Teacher	<b>24</b> Convention	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Anti-bullying Pink Day  Badminton Doubles Practice	<b>29</b> Ski Trip Gr. 4-9			