



OYEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

EAVESDROPPER



October 8, 2009

From the Principal's Desk

Staff and students at Oyen Public have been busy with their studies and extra curricular activities over the past two weeks. Many accomplishments have been achieved in the school as well.

The band program under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Orr is starting to sound awesome. They have started playing their first song, "Merrily We Go Along." Mr. Orr said they are starting to read their music much better. I had a chance to hear them play yesterday, and I encourage all parents to drop in and hear how much they have already accomplished. I would like to thank Mrs. Pearen and Mrs. Roseneau for volunteering to be the lead parent coordinators for the band program.

Mr. Beynon's volleyball team was in Schuler a couple of weeks ago, and played very well in their invitational tournament. They ended up winning the consolation side. Mr. Simmons' volleyball team was in Three Hills last weekend and ended up in second place, along with Mrs. Stober and the girls, who placed second as well in the Three Hills tournament. Way to go volleyball teams.

Mrs. Berg along with our three cross country zone runners traveled to Canmore yesterday to compete in the South Central cross country zone competition. Jasmin Reimer competed in the bantam girls' category and ran an excellent race. Austin Garchinski was in the midget boys' category and also ran very well. David Reimer was in the juvenile boys' category and finished well in his race. Thank you Mrs. Berg and Mrs. Smigelski for coaching our cross country program this year.

The staff and students of Oyen Public would also like to congratulate Justin Logan on receiving Baseball Alberta's competitive pee wee player for the year award. This is a huge accomplishment, and Justin will attend the awards ceremony in Edmonton on November 21 to receive his award.

The front entrance also has a new look with the addition of the vending machine. The parent council in working with healthy living are to thank for the machine. Your efforts in helping provide healthy snacks for the students and staff are greatly appreciated.

Finally I would like to end by saying thanks to ConocoPhillips who generously donated some money to help replace staffroom furniture. This new furniture will be used by students who are feeling sick as well as the staff. ConocoPhillips also donated to the exercise equipment area that we are working towards. This is the outdoor exercise equipment that will go on the north-west side of the building. Mrs. Alberta McKinstry generously made a donation to the band program. Thank you for your support in helping our students strive towards their full potential in the music field. Mrs. Imogene Hauck along with Value Drug Mart donated a computer to the school. They were awarded this computer through the Kits for Kids project. This is greatly appreciated and will be put to use by the students.

The staff at OPS would like to wish all students and their families a very relaxing Thanksgiving weekend as you reflect on your blessings.

Yours in Education,

Jason Duchscherer



INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL RENTAL

Textbook Rental Fees Are Now Due

Please make cheques payable to: **Oyen Public School General Fund**
(Payment plan available)

School Fees for Year 2009-2010

FEEs	ECS	Grade 1-3	Grade 4-6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
TOTAL PAYABLE	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$53.00	\$53.00	\$73.00

Please make cheques payable to:
Oyen Public School.



ECS UPDATE

For those of you who like the colder weather ó ENJOY!! Please remember to send your child with appropriate clothes and accessories for the chilly conditions.

Lee Switzer has kindly donated pumpkins for our pumpkin-carving afternoon. On Thursday, Oct. 29th starting at 1pm we will be carving pumpkins. Students should invite an adult to help them and bring their own carving tools. The children may change into their costumes at that time. We will need to be finished by 2:10 as I am on recess supervision.

Please phone the school if your child will be absent for the day or send a note in the agenda if you know in advance.

Thank you to Mrs. Foot and Mrs. Woods for doing a great job substituting while Mrs. Evens and I were at a workshop.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at parent-teacher interviews next Tuesday and Thursday. Please see schedule from Mrs. Peterson and please phone if you are unable to attend.

We have been working on the sentence "My favourite sea creature is" with a picture and printing for our pocket chart. We have been talking about Thanksgiving and we made a "Thanks for" chart and a collage of what we are thankful for. We also made a "shapes" turkey.

Special thanks to Tegan, Kaylee, Alana and Jade from grade nine who helped us with our first session of KidPix on the computer.

Help your child remember his/her Show-and-Tell, it is important for each student to have his/her turn to build self-confidence and language skills.

Homework is for your child's benefit so please help them fit it into his/her busy schedule.

Keep working on letter and sound identification and counting and number identification at home.

Proofs have been sent home today. Please see note about school photos in this newsletter.

Please remember that we have Kindergarten next Wednesday, Oct. 14th NOT Thursday, Oct. 15th.

Kindergarten – Monday October 19th.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday, Oct. 13th and Thursday
Oct. 15th
Elementary schedule was sent
home today.
Junior High interviews are
conducted on a drop in basis
from 5:30pm ó 7:00pm.

Student's Union News

Magazine Campaign:

- Please ensure you are keeping your pink receipts from your magazine orders. There is a customer service phone number (1-800-665-5133) on the back of the pink receipt that you can call if you are having problems with your order. Feel free to call this number with any questions or concerns; they are very accommodating and helpful.
- Magazine deadline is October 13, 2009

Poinsettia Fundraiser:

- All OPS students will be selling red poinsettias from September 25th-October 13th for \$20.00 per plant. Please make cheques payable to OPS Student's Union. These beautiful poinsettias come in a 6" foil pot are very high quality (from the Oyen Greenhouse).
- Please hand in the poinsettia order form and all money to your child's homeroom teacher by October 13th.
- Poinsettias will be delivered to OPS December 8th. If you live in Oyen, your flowers will be delivered to you, if not, please make arrangements for pick-up.

Oyen Public School has been the beneficiary of generous donations from community businesses and individuals. We would like to thank the following for your contributions to our school.

Oyen Value Drug Mart for the donation of a computer to the Oyen Public School. This computer will be added to the bank in the library and will be mainly used by our special needs students to access their programming.

ConocoPhillips for their generous donation of \$800.00 towards school furniture and \$1000.00 toward exercise equipment. We greatly appreciate your support.

Alberta McKinstry for her generous donation of \$500.00 towards the Oyen School Band. These funds are very timely as we try and get this new band established.



Sibbald will be hosting their annual Haunted House on Halloween Night, October 31st, at the Sibbald Hall. Details to follow in the next newsletter.



Pumpkin Facts:

- Pumpkins are part of the squash family.
- Pumpkins have natural plant chemicals that can help keep your eyes healthy.
- Pumpkins are full of vitamins and minerals that help to keep our bodies functioning well.
- Pumpkins are a good source of dietary fiber.

Healthy Eating for Halloween

October

Healthy Eating Tips For Halloween

1. Set some guidelines as to when your children can have treats, e.g. after supper or a few treats in their lunch bag.
2. Don't replace healthy snacks with candy... have your children eat their Halloween treats after a healthy meal or snack so that they understand that candy doesn't replace healthy foods.
3. Practice what you preach... restrain yourself when dipping into your children's treats. Children learn by watching adults.
4. Avoid overeating...don't let children eat their Halloween treats in front of the television or in their room, where they may consume more treats than they realize.
5. Don't just focus on treats during the Halloween season. Carving a pumpkin is a fun activity for children. Make something healthy with the pumpkin. Check out the recipe below.
6. Get your family active after a meal or a treat. Try going for a walk or playing in the park.
7. Teach your kids that all foods can fit. Treats are okay in moderation. More importantly, your body needs the nutrients from healthy, foods in order to grow and develop.



Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffins

Ingredients:

- 1 egg
- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup oil
- ½ cup applesauce
- ½ cup molasses
- 1 can (398 ml) pumpkin (you can also use fresh cooked pumpkin)
- 3 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 cup chocolate chips

Preparation:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F.
 2. Use a small amount of oil to grease muffin trays.
 3. Beat eggs and sugar together.
 4. Mix in oil, molasses and pumpkin to the eggs and sugar.
 5. In a separate bowl combine flour, baking soda and cinnamon.
 6. Mix the dry ingredients slowly to the pumpkin mixture.
 7. Fold in chocolate chips.
 8. Fill muffin cups about ½ full
 9. Bake for about 20 minutes.
- Makes approximately 24 servings.
For added nutrition try using *whole wheat* flour or use raisins instead of chocolate chips.

OPS GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT #2 – GOLD

September 26th saw the OPS girls' volleyball team in Trochu at their one day tournament. After an early start and a long bus ride the team's first game was against the host team, Trochu. Nerves obviously got the best of us and we lost the first game 21-25 but after settling down the girls played well and won the 2nd game 25-11. Next up was Drumheller. Some great plays found the Panthers out on top with a win of 25-16 and 25-23. Our 3rd match of the day was against a very strong team from Linden but the first game went our way winning 27-25. Many errors led to a loss in the 2nd game 11-25. Then it was time to play Delburne, which is coached by Cheryle who happened to play volleyball with coach Pat at Red Deer College. Well of course we just had to win. Unfortunately the 1st game resulted in a loss of 27-26 but the Panthers came back and beat Delburne 25-12 in the 2nd game. That placed us 2nd after the round robin and found us once more up against Trochu in the semi-finals. After some hard fought battles the Panthers were once again on top 25-14 and 25-19. Off to the finals and what a final it was. The Panthers had to fight hard against Linden but won the game 25-23. The Panthers then decided to sit back and hope that Linden would make all the mistakes but they sure didn't. After the first few minutes of the game we were down by at least 8 points so after some time outs, pep talks and a few subs here and there we started to chip away at the score and rattle the Linden team. The final score was 25-23 for a very excited group of Panthers earning them 1st place in the tournament and teaching them that you can never give up. Thank you very much to the 1st year players who were thrown into positions they had never played and did an awesome job. Also, a big thank you to the parents who came out and cheered.

Both Boys and Girls Finish 2nd in Three Hills

On October 3rd, both the boys and girls volleyball teams traveled to Three Hills to play in their 2009 Volleyball Tournament.

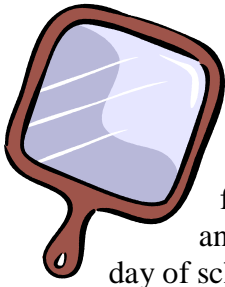
The boys played Bassano in their first match and won 2 games straight; 25-20, 25-13. They then played Three Hills and again won 2 games straight; 25-21, 25-19. Their final round robin game was against Carbon. They split winning the 1st game 25-17 and losing the second game 15-25. The result was finishing 1st in the round robin part of the tournament. In the semi-final we played Bassano and won 2 games straight; 25-13, 25-9.

In the final they played Carbon. Winning one game and losing one game which forced a third game to 15 points. Our boys lost 15-12 in the third game, therefore finishing in 2nd place.

The girls played Bassano in their first match, winning two straight; 25-13, 25-18. In their second match they played Drumheller, winning two straight; 27-25, 25-15. Their third match was against Three Hills and they split, losing one game 15-25, and winning the second game 25-21. Their fourth match was against St. Joseph's from Brooks and they won two straight; 25-19, 25-22.

After the round robin our girls finished in 2nd place and had to play the third place team from Drumheller and won two games straight; 25-20, 25-21.

In the final our girls played Three Hills and lost 2 games straight; 14-25, 15-25, finishing in second place like the boys.



Machellø's Mirror

“Mirror, mirror, on the wall! What have the grade twos been up to lately?” The month of September zipped by, and we are already almost finished our sixth week of school! Zero the Hero and Decimal Dot made another visit on the 20th day of school ó September 30th. Both the date and the day of school ended in zeros!

Since last report, we have looked at the story “Stone Soup”. One group of children has been comparing three versions of this story. Another group has been looking at the story of the “Three Little Pigs”, which also involved a large iron pot, but it was meant for the wolf, not Stone Soup. This group has been looking at adjectives and verbs in this story, and reading a play version of the tale.

Along with “The Three Little Pigs”, we have had “The True Story of the Three Little Pigs” by A. Wolf, and “The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig”. An old German tale was “The Nose Tree” which involved three magic gifts ó a cloak, a money bag, and a horn ó and a very long nose. In Math, we are playing the “hand game”, and doing adding and subtracting with the daily number using beans. To go along with this, we had the story “Jack and the Beanstalk”, and “The Princess and the Pea”.

Last Friday, our Stone Soup was a big hit. It had many ingredients, as everyone brought something to add to the soup. The soup boiling, and hot dogs baking led to some very tempting aromas. On Monday, we graphed who liked the soup, and all of those who tasted it liked it. It must have been good!

In Math, we have learned a lot about the numbers 1 to 20, and have begun with the number one again. Today we are on the number six. We have discovered that the numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, and 19 are what we call “prime”, because we can only make groups of one with these numbers. We have also found the number 23 to be prime. Tuesday was the 24th day of school, and we found out that we could make lots of equal groups out of 24: 2s, 3s, 4s, 6s, 8s, 12s. We have been checking the temperature daily, and have found that it dropped considerably with the arrival of October. We have also been getting more cloudy days.

The children have been asking to bring “Show and Tell”, so I have made a schedule for when they can bring this:

Monday ó Quinell, Dylan, Stacie

Tuesday ó Treyle, Hayden, Erica

Wednesday ó Xanel, Daniel, Melissa

Thursday ó Tyrell, Charity

Please do not send toys, unless they relate somehow to what we are learning about.

Last week, our Student of the Week was Charity. Charity also admires her mom, because she is nice. Her favourite food is macaroni, her favourite animal a giraffe, and her favourite book “Hanna Montana”. She says she plays with toys well, and likes the new patio at school. Her wish is to be a hair dresser some day.

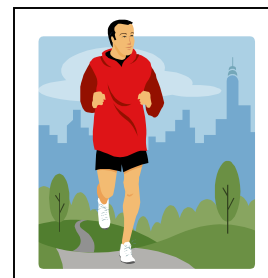
Our Student of the Week this week is Stacie. She is another person who admires her mom, because she gives her hugs and kisses. Her favourite food is chicken nuggets, and her favourite book is “Clifford Gets a Job”. Stacie likes cats and dogs. At school, she likes playing outside and free time. She says she dances, does math, and rides her bike well. Stacie wishes to some day meet Hannah Montana.

Congratulations to Erica and Melissa for being the first in the class to receive their Bronze Award. They have each already earned 25 PEP points.

X- Country Update

On Monday, September, 28, 2009, The cross country team, consisting of 15 runners, participated in the divisional run. The day was cold and windy, but our athletes competed hard. The results were as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
4	Kallie Caskey - 3 rd Liliana Yanez - 4 th Niamh Hogan - 5 th	Johan Bouwer - 2 nd Griffin Ball - 4 th Brendan Logan - 5 th
5	Jaylene Snell - 1 st Darbi Olds - 2 nd	Ben Smith - 2 nd Dylan James - 3 rd
6		Jordan Symes - 2 nd
7	Jasmin Reimer - 1 st	
8		Austin Garchinski - 3 rd Brian James - 5 th
9		David Reimer - 1 st



Junior high students who place in the top 3 are given the opportunity to compete in Zones. On Wednesday, October 7th, Jasmin, Austin, and David took part in the zone run at Canmore. The competition is very tough at these events, as the students race against other athletes from large centers, who train all year round. We are very proud of these three students who all placed in the top 80. Jasmin Reimer had a unique experience at the Canmore event as she reiterates in the following story:

All crowded at the starting line, snow lightly falling on our shoulders, elbow to elbow, lined up to race. Suddenly the whistle blows. All you hear is cheering. Go...Run...That is all that you think about as you start the race. People swiftly dodge in front of you as you surge quickly through the competition. For me, my thoughts were "run, go, get the lead". Starting the race is the most difficult part of the run.

The Bantam girl competitors all sprint to the first uphill ridge. Suddenly, a girl stumbles to the ground in front of me. As I lunge over the fallen girl, someone nicks the back of my heel, and to my horror, my shoe slips off my foot. Though I'm only running with one shoe through the mud and the snow, I know that I must continue on with the race. Then on the speaker I hear, "This is a first!" I knew they were talking about me leaving my shoe behind.

All Mrs. Berg thought about was, "I know whose shoe that is." She grabs the shoe and comes to the first corner where the runners pass through. As I come to the corner, I hear her shout to me, "Do you want your shoe?" "Yes", was my first thought. "I could use it." I slipped my muddy sock into my nice clean runner and then I was gone. I managed to finish 82nd out of 105 strong athletes. What an extra ordinary day.

Thank you to Mrs. Berg and Mrs. Smigelski for coaching the cross country team. Special thank you to Mrs. Berg for taking the zone runners to the Canmore competition.

October Birthday Wishes

October 2 nd ó	Bryce Billingsley
October 3 rd -	Mrs. Smigelski
October 8 th ó	Shyanne Mann
October 10 th ó	Cayden Dumanowski
October 19 th ó	Brooke Robertson
October 20 th ó	Kaitlyn MacLean
October 23 rd ó	Dylan James
October 27 th ó	Brendan Kuzmiski
	Jordan Symes
October 28 th ó	Kira Smigelski

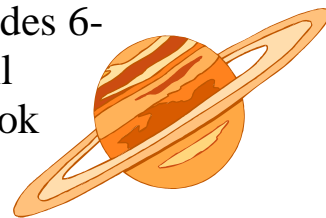


BOOK FAIR



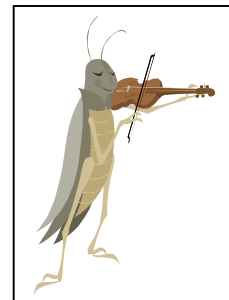
Our Galaxy of Books book fair starts on Tuesday, October 13 and runs until Friday, October 16th. Students will be able to come in during the day as well as during their library classes. The book fair times are 12:15 ó 12:30 on Wednesday and Friday and from 3:30 ó 6:30 on Tuesday and Thursday.

Students have been sent home flyers. The Galaxy of Books flyer for JK to Grade 5 and the Book Fair Sneak Peek flyer for grades 6-9. There will be other books available as well as small items for purchase and posters. Please support our book fair and encourage reading as a family. I look forward to seeing you there.



Music Lessons

Mr. and Mrs. Orr still have a few openings for music lessons. Mrs. Orr has openings at 7:30, 8:30, 9:00 and 9:30 on Monday, as well as 9:00 and 9:30 on Tuesday evening. Mr. Orr has an opening at 9:30 on Monday evening. They are able to give lessons for a wide variety of instruments, and welcome adult students. To book a time call Clara at the school. 664-3733





October 2009



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Boy's 1 VB Practice 3:30 Boys 2 VB Practice 5:00	2 HOTDOG DAY \$1.25 EACH	3 Girls and Boys 1 Tournament Three Hills
4	5 Boys 2 VB Practice 3:30	6 VB Practice Girls 5:00 Boy's VB Practice 3:30 School Council Meeting	7 VB League Games Subway forms due	8 SCHOOL PICTURE DAY Boy's 1 VB Practice 3:30 Boys 2 VB Practice 5:00	9 SUBWAY LUNCH VB Practice Girls 7:00am	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Day No School	13 Parent/Teacher Interviews <input type="checkbox"/> Book Fair VB Practice Girls 5:00	14 VB League Games	15 Parent/Teacher Interviews VB Practice Girls 7:00am Boys 2 VB Practice 5:00	16 HOTDOG DAY \$1.25 EACH	17 Boys 1 Tournament Consort Boys 2 Tournament Three Hills
18	19 Boys 2 VB Practice 3:30	20 School Council Mtg. & Election Boy's 1 VB Practice 3:30 VB Practice Girls 5:00	21 VB League Games	22 Boy's 1 VB Practice 3:30 Boys 2 VB Practice 5:00 VB Practice Girls 7:00am	23 Girls VB Tournament Dehlia	24 Girls VB Tournament Dehlia
25	26 Boys 2 VB Practice 3:30	27 Boy's 1 VB Practice 3:30 VB Practice Girls 5:00 PICTURE RETAKES	28 VB League Games Subway Forms Due	29 VB Practice Girls 7:00am	30 SUBWAY LUNCH	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN