



Onslow Elementary School Newsletter^{C19}

October 1, 2020



Picture day: Our school and class picture day is on Friday, October 9th.
Look sharp!

Thanks Giving: 12 October. The OES staff wishes all of our families have a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving weekend.

Professional Development Days: 15-16 October. OES Teaching staff will have an opportunity to attend a virtual conference prepared by the provincial association of teachers ([QPAT](#)).

Governing Board meeting: 21 October (virtual) 5:30 pm.

Members on Governing Board

Stacy Johnston – Chair

Hollie Leach

Stephanie Eisan

Dana Scott (SEAC Rep)

Mallory Peck

Cathy Nugent

Sheena Hudson

Christine Derouin

School Fees: Given the changes we face in maintaining the schools due to the fight against COVID 19, there has been a delay in sending school fee information to parents. We will send notices in October which will cover a nominal fee for additional supervision and materials commonly used in school.

Terry Fox Run 2020: thanks to some innovative planning by Ms. Savard, we participated in our school based Terry Fox Run / Walk (29, 30 September, 1 October). We were keeping social distancing in mind while not forgetting value of participating in the Terry Fox event.

Visiting the school: A friendly reminder that we will have parents in the school by appointments only – we will also offer video conferencing to reduce the number of people entering the building.

Preparing for outdoor classes in the fall:

Many of the schools in the WQSB, if not throughout Quebec, are looking for opportunities to bring teaching and learning outside while the weather permits. This is not only a response to COVID 19, but, [outdoor learning](#) is important to the [overall development](#) of children¹. At OES, we are frequently taking classes outside. Therefore, we are suggesting that students are prepared for the colder weather as it arrives. Here is a helpful list of items the student can bring and/or keep in their lockers: Toque, Scarf, Gloves, Extra sweater or light jacket, Warm socks, Outdoor shoes (some form of boots). Briefly, we suggest that our students are prepared to dress in layers. Please notify your child's homeroom teacher if you have concerns about our outdoor learning. We understand that some students may have allergies and underlying medical conditions and we will do our best to make sure they are safe and comfortable.

Symptoms: Based on protocols set by [Public Health](#) (<https://www.inspq.qc.ca/>), when a single symptom is persistent (runny nose, headache, cough, fever) we will inform parents and suggest that the student remain at home for a 24 hr period to allow for the symptom to clear completely. If there is a combination of symptoms (fever + cough + headache, for example) we recommend taking the child home and contacting Public Health for instructions on the next step:

COVID 19 Helpline 1-877-644-4545

¹ Research: 1) Individual Differences and Possible Effects from [Outdoor Education](#): Long Time and Short Time Benefits 2) Last Child in the Woods 3) Outdoor Education [Research](#) Summary