

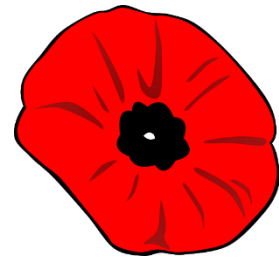


Onslow Elementary School Newsletter^{C19}

November 5, 2020



Remembrance Day, 11 November: rather than have a school assembly with honored guests, this year, due to the pandemic, students will have a virtual assembly with the Principal and see a special presentation to maintain the tradition of honoring veterans in each classroom. Homeroom teachers and our FSL specialist will have related learning activities as well.



Extended Planning and Training Days: last week, the [MEQ](#) announced that teachers will have an extra 3 days for training in distance education and to prepare blended learning activities in the event that schools and/or classes are closed again due to the spread of COVID 19. We are advised by the government to hold one *training and preparation* day per month. Ideally, we would like to train and prepare as fast as possible. Therefore, it is important to note the days on which Onslow elementary will be closed for distance education *training and prep*:

20 November

11 December

18 January.

Note: You may notice that school busses will continue to operate as not all schools in the region will have the same days. If there is a delay or cancellation of one of the *training and prep* days above, we'll follow-up on 17 February (only *if necessary*).

Preparing for colder weather: With the colder weather here to stay, teachers and staff are asking parents to ensure that our students are dressed appropriately. At OES we are encouraging the younger students in K4, K5 and Grade 1 to be as independent as possible with getting dressed to go outside: our goal is the enable as many students as possible to dress themselves for going outside for recess. Teachers and staff are able to provided limited support (given COVID 19 protocols). Please practice with your child to help our staff make sure the students are as warmly dressed as possible.

Governing Board meeting: 18 November (virtual) 5:30 pm.

Members on Governing Board

Stacy Johnston – Chair

Hollie Leach

Stephanie Eisan

Dana Scott (SEAC Rep)

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Cathy Nugent

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School Fees (update and delay of notices from October): 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 **January, 2021**, which will cover a nominal fee for additional supervision and materials commonly used in school.

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.

COVID19 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