



Onslow Elementary School Newsletter^{C19}

March 9, 2021



International Women's Day: <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

Reading and Writing workshops this month:

This month we have Catherine Austen leading 2 workshops for upper elementary (grades 4, 5 and 6) on March 10 (this Wednesday) and on March 24.

March 10th: "10 Tips to a Fearless Writing Life"

Get the scoop on what it takes to be a writer, spot an author's voice and find your own voice.

March 24th: "5 Ways to Start a Story"

Go through exercises to launch stories and conquer the blank page.

Funded by the [Canada Council for the Arts](#) through the [Writers' Union of Canada](#)

Global Classroom Event March 22 – 1:00 pm ET

Create Comics with Dav Pilkey: Author and illustrator Dav Pilkey anchors a free event that will spark readers' imagination! Together, kids from around the world will create their own comic inspired by Dog Man, Cat Kid Comic Club, and Captain Underpants!



March 17: St Patrick's Day (wear something green). "Saint Patrick is said to have played an important role in converting the inhabitants of Ireland to Christianity and in ridding the island of snakes. However, there is no evidence that there have been any snakes in Ireland in the past 10,000 years. The "snakes" he drove out of Ireland may represent particular groups of pagans or druids. St Patrick died on March 17 probably in the year 461 or 493 (according to different sources). St Patrick is buried under Down Cathedral in Downpatrick, County Down, and is one of the three patron saints of Ireland. The other patron saints are St Brigid of Kildare and St Columba. [St Patrick's Day celebrations were brought to Canada by Irish immigrants](#). The day is a bank holiday in Northern Ireland and a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland. In the rest of the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia and New Zealand, it is celebrated, but is not an official holiday." <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/st-patrick-day>

"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's Party!'" — Robin Williams

Let's make sure the kiddos are dressed for the weather. There will be rain and mud. Having a change of shoes esp. dry indoor shoes and waterproof boots including splash pants are essential.

Dropping students off in the morning: thank you for taking the time to park away from the bus exit and using the side street. Using the cross walk is key to the safety of students when they are crossing the street to enter school grounds. We genuinely appreciate the effort parents are making to supervise their children as they make their way to the playground gate or to the school.

COVID19 Symptoms: the government has recommended that children report to school with masks on. Based on revised protocols set by [Public Health](#), when a single symptom is persistent (runny nose, cough, fever) we will inform parents and the student will remain at home for a 24hr period to allow for the symptom to clear completely. Public Health is now recommending that siblings should return home as well. If there is a combination of symptoms (fever + cough for example) we recommend keeping / taking the child home and contacting Public Health for instructions on the next step: **COVID 19 Helpline 1-877-644-4545**. Please see the [Additional information for parents after the calendar below](#).

Revised COVID19 protocols

- ☐ Headaches remain as a symptom
- ☐ 38.1° is the cut off point for fever, not 38°
- ☐ Siblings recommended to go home if one is showing symptoms
- ☐ Test results happen within 24hrs (now)
- ☐ Waiting for test results, siblings stay home but not for voluntary testing



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Other important information:

- To register for **Pre-Kindergarten (K4)** for school year 2021-2022, a child must be 4 years of age by September 30, 2021.
- To register for **Kindergarten (K5)** for the same school year, a child must be 5 years of age by September 30, 2021.
- To register for **Grade 1** for school year 2021-2022, a child must be 6 years of age by September 30, 2021.

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.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	8	9	10 Catherine Austen workshop	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Governing Board 	18	19	20
21	22 Dav Pilky workshop	23	24 Catherine Austen workshop	25	26	Sat 27
Sun 28	29	30	31	April 1	2 Good Friday	3

CAUTION: our parking lot on the east side of the school is a busy place between 7:45 and 8:00 AM. Please avoid using the parking lot at this time.