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## THE PAW PRINTS

December 2016

### Important Dates

Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> – Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Break
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 9 Vaccinations
Jan 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gr. 9 Cap & Gown
Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Global Info. Night
Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Council
Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day No School
Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Start of Sem. 2
Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	PT Interviews
Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	Quebec Trip
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	Staff/Student
Hockey Game	
Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day
Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	No School
Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	PD Day
Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Teachers'
	Convention, No School

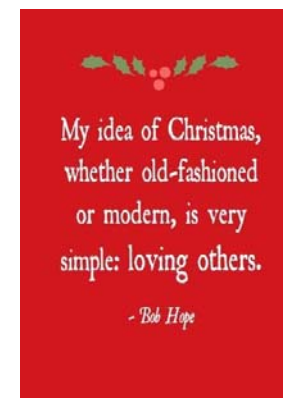


### Hey Families! Did you know...?

The Accountability Pillar Survey speaks to questions around Safe and Caring schools, the Program of Studies, Educational Quality, Parental Involvement, Continuous Improvement and Citizenship & World of Work. Please know that at École Okotoks Junior High School our staff takes great care to analyze results to ensure our continued growth as teachers to improve learning for your child. We care deeply that your child is safe at our school, has the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities, and learns at high levels.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions around your child's learning, supports being offered or programs and activities available.

We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday break. May you find time to rest, rejuvenate and spend quality time with your children.



Sincerely,

Leah, Bill & Rhonda



**"In Pursuit of Excellence"**

**Please Be Considerate of Our School Neighbors**

With parking at a premium, please be considerate of our neighboring preschool, Children's Montessori Academy that is directly across the street from EOJHS. Their parking area is the driveway that is often blocked by EOJHS parents dropping off or picking up students. Your consideration of being mindful to keep their driveway open is appreciated.

**\$\$ Win Your School Fees \$\$**

School Council announced that this event has been cancelled due to low interest in participation.

**Hats On For Charity - December:**

Hats on for Charity donations for the month of December supported the Foothills Country Hospice! EOJHS raised a total of \$215.65.

**Recycle, Reduce, Reuse.....**

The Foods and Textiles room are accepting any unwanted magazines (old Sears catalogues included), both Foods and Fashion related, to be used for different projects throughout the year. Also being accepted are any clean yogurt or sour cream containers with lids. Please drop them off at the front office or to Mrs. Schaan in the Foods Room. Thank you.

**Tuesdays Are Pizza Day at ÉOJHS**

Pizza is for sale at the school every Tuesday at lunch time. Pizza selection includes Pepperoni, Hawaiian and Cheese. \$3.00 for 1 slice and \$5.00 for 2 slices.

**School Fees**

Invoices for school fees for 2016/2017 school year have been mailed home and are now PAST DUE. Payment can be made online or we accept Cash, Cheque, and Debit Card at the school. If you wish to Pay online with Visa or Master Card please follow the link using your Maplewood User Name and Password. The link to login to our schools Maplewood is <https://hosting.maplewood.com/ab/fsd/OJH/S/parents>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your billing or wish to make arrangements for a payment plan, please contact Mrs. Tracy Thorbjornsen at [thorbjornsent@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:thorbjornsent@fsd38.ab.ca) or 403-9384426 ext 19105.

**Student Illnesses**

At EOJHS, we endeavor to provide all students with a safe and caring environment. As such, we have students who have a high risk medical condition and we believe it is our responsibility to support them to the best of our ability. For this reason, we ask that you communicate to us any suspicions or occurrences of illnesses, particularly measles, chicken pox or flues.

Thank you for your support!

**Student Messages**

Urgent student messages can be left by calling the school's main number 403-938-4426, ext 0. Student with messages will be called to the office at 12:30 pm (lunch time) and 3:05 pm (end of the day) only.

**Absenteeism**

All students are expected to be in school on time and to attend all classes. It is the parents' responsibility to confirm with the front office at the school whether or not these absences are excusable or inexcusable. The attendance number is 403-938-4426, then press 1. Alternatively you may email us at [ojattendance@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:ojattendance@fsd38.ab.ca) and provide the student's name, homeroom and reason for and approximate length of absence/lateness. Any student absences not reported to the office will be recorded by the office as inexcusable.

**School Council Meeting**

The next School Council meeting will be as follows:

Date: Tuesday January 24, 2017  
Location: École Okotoks Junior High  
Time: 7:00pm

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

**ÉOJHS 2015-2016 Year Books**

The yearbooks for last year have arrived and have been distributed to students whose parents have purchased one. The office does have extra for sale and they are available for \$20.00 each.

### **Criminal Record Check (CRC) for Volunteers**

All volunteers for the school are required to have a criminal record check on file with ÉOJHS. If your family is new to EOJHS, and you need to obtain the required CRC please contact the office (938-4426, ext. 0) so we can prepare the letter you will need to take to the RCMP. The detachment is charging a \$5.00 fee- exact change, cash only.

Parent volunteer drivers are also required to have a CRC as well as completing the Volunteer Driver Form and providing a copy of their driver's license and insurance coverage of \$2 million.

### **Optional Athletic Wear –Sweat Shirts**

We have available the optional Ocelot athletic wear available for sale in the front office.

The EOJHS Sweat Shirts - \$40.00 each

The EOJHS Sweat Pants -\$20.00 each

The athletic lightweight wicking jersey – great as a warm up shirt or gym shirt in sized youth medium to adult XXL for \$30.00. Please see Mrs. Thorbjornsen any time to pick up these great items that will help keep you warm on those chilly outdoor PE Days.

### **School Twitter Information**

ÉOJHS is now using Twitter on our home web page to get you information about what is and will be happening in our school. Check it out! Visit <http://okotoksjr.fsd38.ab.ca> Contact [holmesb@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:holmesb@fsd38.ab.ca) for more information.

### **Canadian Tire Money Donations**

Ms. King is once again collecting Canadian Tire money on behalf of the Okotoks Pound Rescue.

Donations are collected all year and then given to the organization to help them purchase supplies.

If you can donate, please bring \$ to Room 001. Thank you.

### **Sobeys/Safeway Gift Cards**

Gift cards are available again this school year and are a dollar to dollar program where anyone can purchase pre-loaded gift cards in variable denominations from \$25.00 to \$500.00. Cards can be purchased from the office and the forms are located on our website. Up to 8% of you purchases will be credited to your students account and can be directed to the program of your choice, School Fees, Athletics, Field Trip, Band Camps. If you need any further information please contact Tracy Thorbjornsen at 403-938-4426 ext 19105.