

ÉCOLE OKOTOKS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

NEWS- February 2018

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Dear families,



DID THIS GET YOUR ATTENTION?

← We do not actually have a shoe sale, but please consider volunteering for our School Council Hot Lunch Program. Your time and effort would be greatly appreciated by the students (and parents if we have to go back to making our kids their lunches every day) ☺ Please contact us at eojhccouncil@gm.fsd38.ab.ca to volunteer.



Important Dates

- March 1st – Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00 pm
- March 7th – Global Hockey Information Night at FCHS, 7:00 pm
- March 9th – PD Day, No school for students
- March 16th – High River Choir Fest, am
- March 16th – Calgary Choral Fest, pm
- March 21st – Grade 9 Students Open House at FCHS
- March 23rd – Learner Profiles Mailed Home
- March 29th – Early Dismissal at 12:05 pm
- March 29th – April 8th – Easter Break

Long Term Dates: (Subject to Change)

- May 1-2 – Track and Field (tentative)
- May 8 – ELA PAT Part A
- May 10 – FLA PAT Part A
- June 14 – Farewell dance (for Grade 9's and all students)
- June 19 – FLA PAT Part B
- June 22 – Social Studies PAT (TBD)
- June 22 - Grade 9 Awards 2:00-3:00
- June 25 – Math PAT
- June 29 – Science PAT
- June 27 – ELA PAT Part B
- June 27 – Grade 7 Awards 11:00-12:00
- June 27 – Grade 8 Awards 2:00-3:00
- June 28 – Early dismissal 12:05

ÉOJHS Wellness Conference

Our Wellness Conference is done for another year! We are so grateful for all the staff and students that helped to make this another amazing day. A huge kudos to Save-On Foods for donating enough bananas, apples, granola bars, and juice boxes for each student. A big thank you to the following presenters who took time out of their day to share their talents and passion with us:

Crystal Phillips from *Branch Out Neurological Association*
 Ross MacInnis from *Higher Trails*
 Bryn Roy from *CFL*
 Mark Sutherland from *WPCA*
 Gita, Laura & Stephen from *Sheep River Library and Studio Me Drumming Circle*
 Jennifer & Susan from *McBride Career Group*
 Terri from *RRAP*
 Sian from *FCSS*
 Calgary Archery Center
 Michelle from *Paint it Up!*
 Serena from *Calgary Sexual Health Centre*
 Christian from *ABCCRS*
 Stephen from *Momentum Physical Therapy Okotoks*
 Glen & Tannis from *The Kanto Sho Karate Club*

Charity & Katelyn from *AHS*
 Ging-E Lee
 Ms Cox from *FSD*
Big Rock Bouldering
 Kristine from *Balance Dance Centre*
 Jason from *AHS*
 Kristine from *AHS*
Millennium Lanes
 Christine from *The Kinkonauts*
 MCpl Justin Hamilton Signals Regiment
 Fawna Bews
 Sally Zerk
 Mrs. Dupras from *FSD*
 Amber Kreis
Money Mentors
 Matt from *Rising Phoenix*

Jamie-Brett from *Okotoks Art Gallery*
 Jill from *Built Strong Athletics*
 Betty Jean from *AHS*
 Captain Zane Williams CIC & cSgt Rylen Ramcharam-Bigelow RCACC

The Wisdom of John Wooden

In this *CABE Journal* article, Ohio educator Richard Lewis organizes a series of quotes from John Wooden, renowned UCLA basketball coach, under 17 exhortations. How much of this applies to K-12 schools?

- *Be a good person at all times.* “Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.”

- *Be a team player, always.* “The main ingredient in stardom is the rest of the team.”

- *Be a good student in all subjects, not just basketball.*

- *Be enthusiastic, industrious, dependable, loyal, and cooperative.* “The player who gives his best is sure of success, while the player who gives less than his best is a failure.”

- *Earn the right to be proud and confident.* “Winning takes talent, repeating it takes character. Little things make big things happen.”

- *Keep emotions under control without losing fight or aggressiveness.*

“Adversity is the state in which man most easily becomes acquainted with himself, being especially free of admirers then.”

- *Work constantly to improve without becoming satisfied.* “It’s what you learn after you know it all that counts.”

- *Acquire peace of mind by becoming the best that you are capable of becoming.*

“Don’t measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but by what you should have accomplished with your ability.”

- *Never criticize, nag, or razz a teammate.* “A coach is someone who can give correction without causing resentment.”

- *Never miss or be late for any class or appointment.*

- *Never be selfish, jealous, envious, or egotistical.* “Consider the rights of others before your own feelings, and the feelings of others before your own rights.”

- *Never expect favors – or grant them.* “It isn’t what you do, but how you do it.”

- *Never waste time.* “Never mistake activity for achievement... If you don’t have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over?”

- *Never alibi or make excuses.* “If you’re not making mistakes, then you’re not doing anything.”

- *Never require repeated criticism for the same mistake.*

- *Never lose faith or patience.* “Success is never final, failure is never fatal. It’s courage that counts.”

- *Never have reason to be sorry afterward.* “Tomorrow I will try harder.”



Donations Needed for the EOJHS Theatre Program

The theatre program is looking for your donations! As we prepare for our spring production, we have found that we are in need of construction supplies and specific set pieces. If you have extra construction materials that can be used for set building (wood of any kind, old crates, etc.) we would greatly appreciate your donation. We are also in search of some antique pieces that could either be borrowed or purchased. If you are able to assist us in our search, please send an email to fergusonc@fsd38.ab.ca

SCHOOL/STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS AND VIEWS!



The next **School Council** meeting:

Date: Tuesday, March 20th

Location: École Okotoks Junior High

Time: 7:00pm

Please connect with us on Facebook:

EOJ School Council and Fundraising Society or email us at

eojhcouncil@gm.fsd38.ab.ca if you would like to join our email group for relevant and current information.

School Council Fundraiser

“Family of Sweethearts” fundraiser held on February 14th at the Canadian Brewhouse in Okotoks raised just over \$2000.00



School Council Hosted Potluck Dinner for EOJHS Staff

Wednesday, February 28th

École Okotoks Junior High School would like to sincerely thank our School Council for providing a delicious potluck dinner for staff on Wednesday, February 28th prior to the parent/teacher interviews.

EOJHS Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunch ordering is available by visiting Healthhunger.ca to view menus and place orders. Volunteers are needed to help organize the lunch orders when they arrive. **Please contact us at eojhcouncil@gm.fsd38.ab.ca to volunteer.**

**VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY
NEEDED FOR THE HOT LUNCH
PROGRAM!**

Please, please and pretty please consider donating some time to helping out.



February News from Student Council by Payton M and Maddy B

As the month of February quickly comes to an end, Student Council has done a lot of work to promote school spirit, help out worldwide, and increase the positivity in our school. The battery collection initiative was a huge success! The batteries collected have saved over 90 000 lives preventing them from zinc deficiency. Great job EOJHS! The winners of the team challenges for the first semester was the Cheerful C's. Their hard work and school spirit has earned them a pizza party. The team challenge has started over again for semester two. There is an upcoming PJ Day on February 16th. Students can wear their PJ's and earn points for their team. Our Wellness Conference on February 9th was a major hit and we'd like to extend our thanks to everyone who showed up and helped. Students and teachers learned a lot and it was an incredible experience. For our national initiative, we are embarking on a project to help save the polar bears. More information on how you can help will be released shortly. Parent teacher interviews are coming up soon so look for students in the pink student council t-shirts to help assist you to find your classes. A huge thank you to everyone for participating in the events this month and hope that everyone had a wonderful break.

Student Council News

Members of Student Council with the support of EOJHS staff, students, families and the community collected dead batteries for the "Me to We Project" which began Monday, January 15th. The project's goal is to give the zinc from inside the dead batteries to children who need it and to reduce electronic waste going to the landfills. One dead AA battery can save six children. EOJHS collected a total of 16,123 dead batteries. WOW! That means that we have been able to save up to 96,738 people! Thanks to all that helped support this Foundation. For more information on the project, just click the link below!

<https://www.teck.com/responsibility/global-citizenship/zinc-and-health/>

**REPEATED
INFORMATION FOR NEW
FAMILIES...
OR IF YOU NEED A
REMINDER...
OR FOR YOUR READING
PLEASURE!**



Short Term Memory Rule #5
"Repeat to Remember"

Long Term Memory Rule #6
"Remember to Repeat"

EOJHS 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.

Visitors in the school:

PLEASE remember that **ALL** visitors in our school are to check in and sign in at the office. Once you have signed in, the office staff will give you a visitor's badge to acknowledge to all of our staff and students that you are a visitor at EOJHS. This policy within the School Division is to ensure a safe and secure environment for all.

"Hats On for Charity":

This monthly fundraiser for February was for KidSport Okotoks raised \$106.30.

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.

School Fees Updated

Your School fees accounts are updated regularly and of particular note Second semester fees have been added to your students Maplewood accounts. Please check your account to ensure that they are paid up to date. Invoices for school fees for 2017/2018 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. Please check your Maplewood accounts regularly as they get updated throughout the school year. <https://hosting.maplewood.com/ab/fsd/OJHS/parents> If you have any questions or concerns regarding your billing, please contact Mrs. Tracy Thorbjornsen at 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 high risk medical conditions 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.

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 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.

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.

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

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.

Water bottles are for sale \$6.00 each in a variety of colors (Red, Green, Purple, Blue and Black) and they can be refilled with our new bottle fountains located conveniently throughout the school including the gyms.

If you are looking for something special, try our new online shopping portal for École Okotoks Jr. High School Spirit Wear. Simply Log onto <http://okotoksjr.entripyshops.com> to place your order. You simply create an account to order and delivery will be made directly to your home.

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 for more information.

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.

Sobeys 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.