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THE PAW PRINTS

OCTOBER 2016

Important Dates

Nov. 9 – Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 10 - No School – Day-in-lieu
Nov. 13 - No School – Remembrance Day
Nov. 22 - School Council
Nov. 23 - HASS Conference
Nov. 25 - PD day
Nov. 30 - Report cards go home



Hey Families! Did you know...?

Hello Ocelot families,

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Grade 9 information evening.

We hope that this night provided you with clarity about the transition to high school and answered some questions about the process from ÉOJHS to Foothills Composite High School.

Parents: Please be mindful that our classes start at 8:35 a.m. with O' Canada in your child's homeroom class. The warning bell goes at 8:30 a.m. for all students to be **in** class. We have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving late to school. Please support your child by having them arrive at school by 8:25 a.m. so that they have time to go to their locker and get ready for their day of learning. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

The Accountability Pillar summary for ÉOJHS is in. We are happy to celebrate the following:

- 85.8% reporting ÉOJHS as a Safe and Caring School (increase from last year).

- 86.5% reporting ÉOJHS as offering a quality education to students (increase from last year).

We are very proud of our students, staff and families of ÉOJHS as we strive for excellence and continued growth.

With Ocelot P.R.I.D.E.,

Leah, Bill and Rhonda

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.

November

Hats on for Charity, we will be supporting men's cancers and mental health. Students will get to wear their hats and/or purchase and wear a moustache November 4, 18 & 24th.

"In Pursuit of Excellence"

Music Department News

All choirs will be involved with the Remembrance Day ceremony on November 9th in the afternoon. If you have not done so already, please ensure that black pants or long skirt and a black dress shirt or blouse are ready to go for Wednesday.

Concert dates are as follows, with downbeats at 7:00 sharp. Students are expected to be at the school for 6:30 for instrument setup and warmup:

Dec 2 Choral at Okotoks
United Church
Dec 5 Grade 7 Band and Jazz
Band – Eastlick Gym
Dec 12 Grade 8 Band, Grade 9
Band, FCHS Band – Eastlick Gym

Poinsettia orders are due no later than November 25th <https://okotoksschool.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>. The order will be delivered on December 5th, and the flowers will need to be picked up after the concert. I need some parent volunteers to help sort the orders out. Some students already have upwards of 40 flowers ordered, and although I'll be able to provide muscle when the order gets here, I'll need help sorting through it. Our return on this is 60% going directly to your kid's fundraising account. We are at 20 days remaining on the fundraiser. All online orders need to be paid in full by the 25th of November. Please send a cheque to school to cover it.

The Jasper itinerary is in the final stages, and almost ready to submit to division office. There will be a couple of changes (all really great ones) from the meeting in September that will be highlighted. Let's just say, that the new restaurant in Hinton is not only supplying us with great food, but the kids will be able to play a couple racks of pool as well.

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/OJHS/parents>

Payment is now PAST DUE.

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 or 403-9384426 ext 19105.

School Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday November 22, 2016
Location: École Okotoks Junior High
Time: 7:00pm

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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!

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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. These cards can be used at Sobey's or Safeway. 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. We accept cash, cheque, Visa, Master Card and Debit Card payments. If you need any further information please contact Tracy Thorbjornsen at 403-938-4426 ext 19105.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

École Okotoks Jr. High School has partnered with **myBlueprint** to provide your child with an engaging and interactive online education and career planning program.

myBlueprint Education Planner (9-12) includes a number of beneficial resources to support your child as they progress through high school, including:

- ✓ **Who Am I** – 6 unique assessments for self-exploration and discovery (including Learning Styles, Myers-Briggs Personality, Holland Interests, Knowledge, Motivations, and Compatibility)
- ✓ **High School** – A tool to visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify post-secondary eligibility for opportunities in all pathways
- ✓ **Post-Secondary** – A database to explore post-secondary opportunities and compare detailed information on apprenticeships, college programs, university programs and workplace sectors across Canada
- ✓ **Goals** – An interactive goal setting tool to set S.M.A.R.T. goals and action plans
- ✓ **Occupations** – A database of over 500 occupations to compare comprehensive information on jobs
- ✓ **Resumes & Cover Letters** – Interactive tools to record personal experiences, build resumes and write cover letters
- ✓ **Money** – An engaging budget-making tool to help students track income and expenses and develop financial literacy
- ✓ **Job Search** – A tool to explore real-world job postings that relate to occupations of interest
- ✓ **Portfolios** – A portfolio builder to create multiple portfolios and share it with parents, teachers, or future employers

To explore the features of myBlueprint, you can create a **Parent Account** and link to your child's account. With direct access from home, you can get more informed and involved with your child's education, and support your child in making the most informed decisions for their future.

To create your **Parent Account**, follow these simple steps:

1. Visit www.myBlueprint.ca
2. In the blue **New User** box, enter your child's school Activation Key "**Oilfields**" and click **Create Account**
3. Click **Not a Student? Teachers, Counsellors, and Parents sign up here**
4. Select **Parent/Guardian/Advisor**
5. Fill out the sign up form

We encourage you to get started today!

If you have any questions, please contact the guidance department and attend a quick workshop during parent teacher interviews!

2016



DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2016

TIME: 6:30PM-8:00PM

SITE: Highwood High School
1401 10th St. SE
High River AB

FEES: No charge;
Pre-registration required

Provincial Curriculum Development Engagement Session - An Opportunity for Collaborative Conversations (**Parents & Community**)

FEATURING— CALGARY REGIONAL CONSORTIUM STAFF

PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

It is an exciting time in our province as Alberta Education begins work toward developing a student-centred provincial curriculum that will enrich student's lives and prepares them for careers in an ever changing global landscape. In this journey of creation, Alberta's K-12 Provincial Curriculum Development Process will include three key phases: Shaping, Developing and Implementing. As part of the Shaping Phase, Alberta Education is providing opportunity for reflective feedback from stakeholders, including First Nations, Métis, Inuit and Francophone stakeholders, related to the strengths and areas for improvement in current curriculum.

This dynamic learning session will provide participants with a deeper understanding of the curriculum development process, as well as the sharing of the online needs assessment where they can provide their feedback in relation to perceived strengths and gaps in current programs of study.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own device to aid in survey completion.

SESSION OUTCOMES

Through participating in this session, participants will:

- gain a better understanding of the curriculum development process; and
- understand how to complete the online survey and how their thoughts can be captured within it.

REGISTRATION NOTES

This learning opportunity is being offered through a grant from Alberta Education.



REGISTER ONLINE: crcpd.ab.ca

Questions? Contact the Registration Desk

e: register@crcpd.ab.ca

p: 403.291.0967



Foothills Church & Community Ministries

119 Centre St 403-652-2195 ext 2

Okotoks Registration Days

Day's: November 18th, 2016

November 25th, 2016

***Location: Okotoks Family Resource
Center***

Please bring with you:

Proof of Income for anyone over 18

ID for all members of your family

Your children's wish list

**** Children in grade 12 and under****

***PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS ONLY 1 HAMPER
GIVEN PER HOUSEHOLD***