



# Oscar Peterson P.S

December Character Trait: Empathy

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## CALENDAR

Dec 3 Day 1	Chanukah begins
Dec 4 Day 2	
Dec 5 Day 3	
Dec 6 Day 4	
Dec 7 Day 5	

## PHOTO GALLERY

### Grade 5's in Action!



## AT A GLANCE INFORMATION

**New Lunch Order:** Next round of Pizza and subway orders beginning in January are due **Wednesday, December 19**. Please place orders through [schoolcashionline.com](http://schoolcashionline.com) as late orders will not be accepted.

**Games Club:** Every Tuesday and Thursday, students meet in the Library Learning Commons for Games Club. In its ninth year, Games Club is offered to students from Grades 1 through 8 on a rotational basis. Students play a variety of board games and card games during lunch recess. It's a great way to learn new games, socialize with peers, strategize and problem solve. On Tuesday, December 11 and 18, Grade 1 students will have their turn to try Games Club. Both parents and teachers run Games Club. More volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Grant for more information.

**Reach for the Top:** A new club is beginning at OPPS! Students in Grades 7 & 8 are invited to try out for this exciting academic opportunity.

**School Assistants:** We are in need of school assistants for the lunch hour. This is a paid position. If you are interested please contact the office and come in to get an application package

**Pizza Lunch:** For students who order pizza on Friday Pizza Day.....In the past, we have had pizza leftover on the last day before the Winter Break as families leave early on vacation. If you know your children will not be at school for Pizza Lunch on Friday, December 21st please email Kiran at [oppspizza@gmail.com](mailto:oppspizza@gmail.com) by Wed. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> to let us know and we can reduce waste and save money. Please include your child's name and teacher. Unfortunately we cannot give refunds.

### Upcoming Dates:

December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Chanukah begins

December 12<sup>th</sup>: Primary Winter Concert

December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 4<sup>th</sup>: Winter Break!

## OSCAR PETERSON: STUDENT NEWS: 12/03/18

This week will be talking about boys and girls basketball tryouts, movie night, our PLAY program, and our brand new Reach for the Top Team!

On Wednesday of this week, intermediate students were invited to tryout for the Oscar Peterson Reach for the Top Team! Reach for the Top is a game of trivia where we learn about many new topics and compete with rival schools!

Boys and girls basketball tryouts took place this week. If your child is interested, make sure they don't miss the tryouts. If your child has missed the first tryout, it's not too late to tryout. They should speak with Mr. Whiton if this is the case.

Tonight our school is having a movie night! If you purchased tickets on School Cash Online, then you have the chance to enjoy a movie with family and friends. Wear your pajamas, grab your favourite stuffed toy and join your friends to watch an exciting new movie, The Incredibles 2! See you there!

On Monday, November 26th 2018, grade 8 students were trained by a YRDSB public health nurse, Andrea Collins. Oscar Peterson is reintroducing the P.L.A.Y Program (Peer Leadership for Active Youth) where students will be leading inclusive games at recess for all grades, to get kids active, and moving!

Games Club is another way that students can interact positively at recess. It runs Tuesday and Thursday at lunch.



**Games Club Action!**

## PRIMARY WINTER CONCERT

We are excited to inform you that the students in K-3 alongside the Intermediate Band will be participating in a Winter Holiday concert on December 12th. Parents and relatives will have the chance to come and watch one of two shows on Wednesday, December 12th.

Kindergarten concert times: December 12<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am and 6:00pm

Primary Grades 1-3: December 12<sup>th</sup>: 1:45pm and 7:15pm



## EVERY STUDENT COUNTS SURVEY: Deadline Extended

We've extended the deadline to fill out the Every Student Counts Survey! Deadline extended to **Dec 14th**. NOTE - If your child is in K-6, a letter was sent home with a code to fill out the survey online. If you can't find the letter, contact the school.

## FROM THE LIBRARY/LEARNING COMMONS



### Book Fair

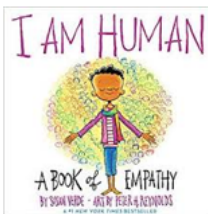
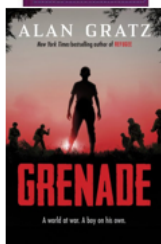
We made \$8500 in sales!

Thank you Oscar Peterson for making this Book Fair our best one yet!

Thank you to our Parent Community and staff for volunteering your time and energy to help the Book Fair run smoothly!



### New Books in Stock Now!



**Don't forget...**



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Updates, pictures, what's happening in the LLC!

### Makerspace

#### Ahead in December?

1. LEGO Challenge for December
2. Parachute for Santa
3. Happy Hanukkah
4. Tallest Tree
5. Shelf for the Elf





## **Red Cross Babysitting Course** (with first aid & CPR) Offered by Stayin Alive With First Aid, CPR & AED

Caregiver and first aid skills for youth 11 to 15 years old. Participants learn how to manage difficult behaviour, gain essential leadership skills, and discover professional conduct for babysitters. Babysitting promises to deepen and enhance the responsibility that older youth feel when caring for younger children. The curriculum is complete with new science about giving appropriate care in the event of an emergency.

- Date:** Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (P.A. Day)  
**Duration:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (7 hours)  
**Location:** **Oscar Peterson PS., 850 Hoover Dr., Stouffville**  
**Instructor:** Stayin Alive Certified Red Cross Instructor  
**Cost:** \$60 per participant (11 to 15 years old) + HST = **\$67.80**

### **Course content:**

- Check, Call, Care (including phoning 911)
- Conscious choking (adult/child/baby/alone)
- CPR (baby/child)
- Asthma (includes use of inhaler and spacer)
- Anaphylaxis (includes use of EpiPen), poisoning and insect stings
- Wound care (minor cuts and scrapes, splinters, nosebleeds, bumps and bruises, life-threatening bleeding, and burns)
- Broken bones, head, neck and back injuries, seizures

### **Take-home materials:**

Red Cross Babysitter's Manual  
Red Cross Babysitter Certificate



**Register today!**  
[www.StayinAliveWithFirstAid.ca](http://www.StayinAliveWithFirstAid.ca)

**Questions?**  
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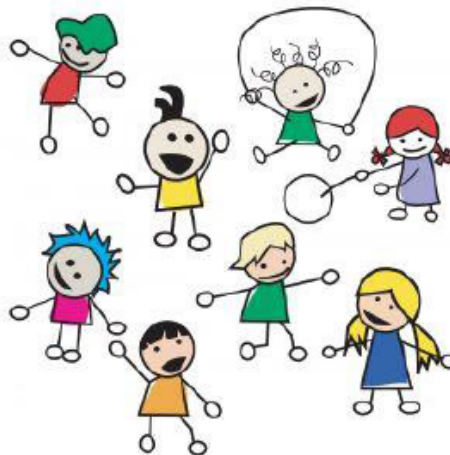
### Available School Assistant Positions for 2018/2019 at Oscar Peterson Public School

Are you interested in becoming a School Assistant (lunch/recess supervisor) this year? This is a **paid position**, where adults supervise students during the lunch break (incl. lunch and recess). You will supervise students in the classroom for 20 minutes and then for recess for 40 minutes (outdoors, weather permitting).

We are currently in search of at least two more assistants to help supervise on a daily basis, from 12:40 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. We also welcome "casual" assistants who are only available on certain days rather than 5 days a week, or on call. The areas of supervision are rotated occasionally, so flexibility is appreciated. We fully train all new assistants!

#### How to apply:

Visit our office (or call) for a hiring package to fill out and, if you like, to arrange a tour of the school!



Thank you for considering being a part of the  
Oscar Peterson PS team - your role is an  
integral component of providing a safe  
learning environment for our students!

# December is an Exciting Time of Year!

The first day of winter falls in December!

*Start of School Winter holidays!*

## Spending time with Family and Friends!

December is also a great time to get outside, have fun in the snow and discover the great outdoors! .

When the temperature drops, it is common for many parents to want their kids to spend time indoors. However, there are many benefits for kids to be active outside in the winter, including:

- Building different muscle groups and improving physical health
- Engaging in creative play
- Being messy and having fun
- Fresh air and sunlight
- Learning first-hand about nature, the weather and the seasons

When children are outside they move more, sit less, play longer and sleep more soundly at night. Being active also helps to improve your self-esteem, social skills and mental health. Here are some December challenges we invite your children to try leading up to the holidays (December 3<sup>rd</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>):

1. Walk to and from school or the bus stop everyday
2. Wish the crossing guard or a classmate on your walk to school a great day
3. On your walk to school make a snow angel
4. On your walk to school complete 10 star jumps and 10 jumping jacks
5. Make someone laugh today
6. Check your local recreation center for fun activities that you and your family can do over the holidays
7. Say something positive to one of your classmates

### Active School Travel is a simple way to fit physical activity into your daily routine!

If you live far, consider parking a block away and walking. If active school travel every day is a challenge, choose one, two or three times a week to make a change.

Sincerely,

YRDSB Active Travel Team and York Region Public Health