



Oscar Peterson P.S

December Character Trait: Empathy

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CALENDAR

Dec 10 Day 1	
Dec 11 Day 2	
Dec 12 Day 3	Primary Winter Concert K-3 K: 9:00 am & 6:00 pm Grades 1-3: 1:45pm & 7:15 pm
Dec 13 Day 4	
Dec 14 Day 5	

PHOTO GALLERY

Jr. Volleyball Tryouts



Grade 4's Imagination Station!



AT A GLANCE INFORMATION

Personal Devices at OPPS: As a result of several serious incidents that have been reported and due to our commitment to provide a safe and supportive school environment for each of our students at Oscar Peterson, students at our school will not be allowed to use cell phones/personal devices during school hours. This includes in class, recess and lunch hour. Students may bring their devices and use it only after school to arrange after school activities and getting home safe. Please be assured that students will still be allowed technology provided by the school for instructional purposes. Thank you for your understanding.

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 by Wed. Dec. 19th 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.

Intermediate Band: Winter Concert Info: The Intermediate Band/Intermediate Classes Small Ensembles will be performing at the K-3 Winter Concerts on Wednesday Dec 12th at both the 9:00am and 1:45pm day time concerts, as well as the 6:00pm and 7:15pm evening concerts. Mrs. McWilliam is asking parents to contact her at melissa.mcwilliam@yrdsb.ca if you know your child who is involved, cannot attend the evening concerts. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Reach for the Top: Reach for the Top trivia club continues its tryouts this week. Our goal is to choose a final team of grade 7 and 8 students for this new competitive extra-curricular activity. Some categories include: geography, pop culture, sports, literature, science, and math. A sample question: "What structures come in arch, beam, cantilever and suspension varieties?" Reach for the Top!

PLAY Program: The PLAY program started this week: Ministicks Monday and variety of games Friday- encourage your child to get involved any try some new games.

Upcoming Dates:

December 12th: Primary Winter Concert
December 24th – January 4th: Winter Break!
January 7th: First Day of School in 2019

OSCAR PETERSON: STUDENT NEWS: 12/10/18

Hello parents and guardians of Oscar Peterson Public School! This week we will be informing you about upcoming events in your child's school community, as well as a recap on what has already happened. We encourage you to inform your students about these upcoming events and ask them questions as you see fit.

The Intermediate girls' basketball team has been determined! All the girls who tried out did amazing, and congratulations to those who made it. Practices started on Tuesday, and their season will begin after the New Year.

Our intermediate band and our primary/kindergarten classes have been preparing for the winter concert, where they will be performing all kinds of things from plays to songs. There will be four concerts, the Kindergarten concert at 9am, the primary concert at 1:45pm, the Kindergarten concert at 6pm, and finally the primary concert at 7pm. The concert will be on December 12th. We also encourage you to come a few minutes early and listen to our intermediate students' holiday ensembles. The performances will be in the hall as families enter and proceed to the gymnasium.

This year at Oscar Peterson we are having our first ever *Reach for the Top* team! This team is open to grade sevens and eights to tryout and contest against other schools at a game of knowledge. This club is run by, Mr.Izzo, Mrs.McWilliam, Mrs.Offor, Mrs.Rand who will also be choosing the top ten students to take part in the team. This week there were two tryouts during lunch recess, one was on Wednesday and the other was on Friday. Reach for the Top is a club where you compete against other schools clubs to be crowned winner. You compete by answering questions as fast as possible. An example of a question under the category *pop culture* might be: "What musical did Zac Efron star in, where he is known as a high figure in society before he joins the circus?" As many of you might know, the answer is *The Greatest Showman*. Students will be challenged to answer questions corresponding to their category as fast as they possibly can.



Staff vs Student Volleyball

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 12th: 9:00am and 6:00pm

Primary Grades 1-3: December 12th: 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 Drive

Have lots of books piling up at home? We want them!

Oscar Peterson will be having a Book Drive January 14-25 (Family Literacy Week).

Paperbacks 0.50 cents,
Hardcover \$1.00

Please send in any book donations when you can. Drop off at the Front Office!

Reading at Home

Try www.storylineonline.net
Choose a picture book, have it read aloud.
(Primary focus)

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

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Date: Friday, January 18th, 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



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Questions?

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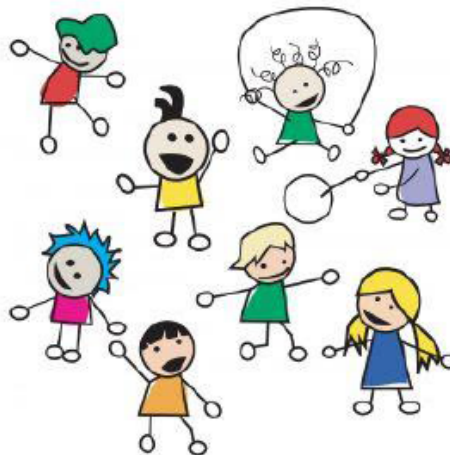
Available School Assistant Positions for 2018/2019 at Oscar Peterson Public School

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
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活動主題: 特殊需要人士的社區資源及政府資助

語言: 普通話及廣東話

日期: 星期四 2018 年 12 月 13 日

時間: 早上 10 時至下午 1 時

地點: 萬錦村圖書館, 6031 Highway 7, Markham, L3P 3A7

講員: 陳太, Community Living York South

報名或查詢 (可以要求托兒服務):

陳太, Community Living York South, 905-294-4971 分機 267,
echan@communitylivingyorksouth.ca

未來活動:

2019 年 1 月 17 日 「ABA 行為分析及塑造合宜行為的策略」

2019 年 2 月 7 日 「正念: 如何平靜與放鬆」

Chinese Newcomer Parent Support Group for Families with Children with Developmental Disabilities

Topic: Community Resource/Funding for Special Needs

This event is only available in Mandarin and Cantonese

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Markham Village Library, 6031 Highway 7, Markham, L3P 3A7

Presenter: Ellen Chan, Community Living York South

Registration and inquires (Childminding available upon request):

Ellen Chan, Community Living York South, 905-294-4971 ext. 267,
echan@communitylivingyorksouth.ca

Upcoming topics:

January 17, 2019: ABA strategies to understand and manage behavior of children with ASD

February 7, 2019: Mindfulness



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Monday, Dec. 17, 2018

Topic: Anxiety - how to help

Expert Speaker: Shannon Bowler, Kinark

PARENTS' Support Group

Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult?

Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
 - find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
 - learn how to access resources in the community

Future Meetings	3 rd Monday of each month Next meeting is Monday, January 21 st
	6:30-8:00 pm No pre-registration is needed Sorry no child minding available. Young children cannot safely be left unattended. .
Where	*NEW*Aurora Kinark Office 218 Earl Stewart Drive, Unit 7, Aurora, ON L4G 6V7. One block south of St. John's Sideroad. One block west of Bayview Ave.

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit www.pcmh.ca.

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