



# Oscar Peterson P.S

December Character Trait: Empathy

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## CALENDAR

Dec 17 Day 1	Jr. Volleyball Games 3:30 pm
Dec 18 Day 2	Int. Boys Basketball Game 3:30 pm
Dec 19 Day 3	
Dec 20 Day 4	
Dec 21 Day 5	Oziel and McMullen's classes to Sibbald Point

## PHOTO GALLERY



Robotics Club in Action

## AT A GLANCE INFORMATION

**Personal Devices at OPPS:** In the best interest of student safety, 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](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.

**Volunteers needed:** School Council is in need of helpers on Fridays for Pizza Day. Please email [oppspizza@gmail.com](mailto:oppspizza@gmail.com)

**PLAY Program:** The PLAY program is alive and well! Come join our PLAY leaders at morning recess for: Ministicks Monday and Fun Fridays - encourage your child to get involved and try some new games.

**Reach for the Top:** Our newly formed Grade 7 and 8 Reach for the Top team will host a friendly trivia competition game against Armitage Village Public School on Thursday, December 13, after school. Good luck Jazz!

**FDK Registration for 2019-2020:** This is the link to the YRDSB kindergarten registration page that gives the link for online registration and also the documents needed for registration. The office will be open 8am – 4pm every day for parents to come in to verify the information they entered into Edsby and to submit the registration documents needed to complete the registration. **The New Edsby Online JK registration that opens on January 18, 2019.**

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Repository/NewsEvents/Pages/BoardNews/Online-Kindergarten-Registration.aspx>

#### Upcoming Dates:

Pyjama Day: December 21<sup>st</sup>  
December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 4<sup>th</sup>: Winter Break!  
January 7<sup>th</sup>: First Day of School in 2019

Hello, parents and guardians of Oscar Peterson. This week we will be talking about our robotics club, our holiday concert, our Reach for the Top, our boys and girls basketball team, and our PLAY program.

Our holiday concerts on Wednesday were a huge success. Students worked super hard and were happy to see so many smiling faces in the audience. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins, friends and guardians for supporting our concert and students, and we hope you enjoyed performing.

Our PLAY program has officially begun! Every Monday at recess and Friday at lunch kids are invited to participate in different games. A group of grade 8 students will be running many different inclusive and exciting games throughout the rest of the year. These games are open to all students!

The Lego Robotics competition is coming up in February and the students are rapidly working through the challenges, to try and finish as many as they can. They are showing great dedication coming in mornings and at lunches, to take place in an exciting activity. If your child is in grades 5-8 they may be participating in this competition!

The Oscar Peterson 'Reach for the Top' team has been created! Our team consists of grade 7 and 8 students who are eager to begin the season! On Thursday, the team was able to host a practice tournament. Two schools from Markham were invited to join us in a fun and friendly competition!

The Grade 5's have been learning about Government and Citizenship. Students volunteered to run for class Prime Minister and formed groups and began campaigning for their leader. They created posters with their party name, slogans and logos that represented their party as well wrote their own speech which included their platform what the leader would read on Election Day. The platform included changes they would like to see in our classroom and their plan on how they would implement this change. Groups also created "merch" that they could give out to possible voters and a cheer!! Some examples were mini fans and bookmarks with QR codes on them.

When the election took place they invited all the grade 5's and a grade 4 class to vote. Students voted behind a polling station, on a "official" ballot. A group of students counted and recounted the ballots. Two groups ended up with a tie, so they decided to combine their platforms and share the role of PM. They have promised the class a more achievable Dojo goal and to start a "suggestion cup" in the classroom.



**Grade 5 Elections**

 Adobe Spark



**Winter Concert Night**

 Adobe Spark

## YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH MESSAGE

Children need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily to live healthier, happier lives, yet many only spend 14 minutes doing heart pumping activities after school. Most children spend their after school time sitting playing video or computer games, watching television or reading.

Tips to get your kids active after school:

- Get outside with your kids
- Use active modes of travel such as walking and cycling as much as possible
- Restrict television viewing and video/computer games during the after school period
- Encourage your child to participate in sports or intramural activities after school
- Investigate the availability of programs at your local Parks and Recreation Department
- Help your child find activities that they enjoy and best suit their abilities


What Is Healthy Active Living?

- Good physical health
- Good mental health
- Good social health
- Good spiritual health



This material is provided by York Region Public Health. For more information on physical activity please visit [Physical Activity for Schools | York Region](#)

## FROM THE LIBRARY/LEARNING COMMONS

<u>Green Screen Fun</u>	"Elfing" Around	Makerspace
<p>The Grade 7's began to use the Green Screen this week as they recorded their Health Reports</p> 		
 <p>@OPPSLibraryLearningCommons</p> <p>Updates, pictures, what's happening in the LLC!</p>		<p>Happy Holidays from the OPPS Library Learning Commons!</p>

## ONLINE MATHEMATICS HOMEWORK HELP

The Ontario Ministry of Education and the Independent Learning Centre have partnered together to bring a new project called **Homework Help** to students. This year, all Ontario Mathematics students enrolled in Gr. 7 - 10 have access to this resource.

Students log on to Homework Help and using an interactive chat room and electronic whiteboard, they can obtain personalized tutoring from a certified Ontario Mathematics teachers.

**Homework Help is no cost, live, and anonymous. Chats take place Sunday to Thursday evenings from 5:30pm - 9:30pm and all sessions are recorded.**

### Key Features:

- best session videos of commonly asked questions
- interactive tutorials
- listen and learn presentations on various topics
- a virtual locker to record chat sessions for future review
- calculator
- glossary

Ask a Tutor



Tutor Chat Room sessions are available to all registered users to watch and learn, including parents/guardians, who can register as guests.

### Registration Information

**Note:** The following information will be needed to login to the Independent Learning Centre (ILC)\* in order that students currently taking Mathematics may be registered in the **Homework Help program:**

- Ontario Educational Number (OEN) - found on the Provincial Report Card
- Date of Birth

**It is recommended that students use an anonymous username and password when registering.**

\* The Independent Learning Centre (ILC) is the organization that the Ontario Ministry of Education has designated and accredited as their official distance education provider.

To access the site, please visit [homeworkhelp.ilc.org](http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org)

We look forward to your child having the opportunity to use this outstanding resource.

[Step by Step Guide for Student Registration](#)



## Come Support Oscar Peterson at a Toronto Marlies Hockey Game!



**TORONTO  
MARLIES**

VS

**CLEVELAND  
MONSTERS**



SATURDAY, MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 PM @ COCA-COLA COLISEUM

### INCLUDES

- A post-game family skate on the Coca-Cola Coliseum Ice (9:00pm – 10:00pm)
- Ticket to the Marlies game
- Supporting the school in this unforgettable experience

**Discounted group tickets only \$30 each (tax included)**  
***Payable at School Cash Online***





## **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!





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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 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month Next meeting is Monday, January 21 <sup>st</sup>
	<b>6:30-8:00 pm No pre-registration is needed</b> 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](http://www.pcmh.ca).

The Lunch Lady is excited to start the new year off with a Fun Lunch sure to please everyone. Our **New Year's Noodles menu** is full of healthy & delicious hot lunch options, including our new Cheesy Broccoli Pasta served with apple slices. Sure to be a kid favourite!

The menu also features our homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Topsy Turvy Lasagna and delicious Teriyaki Chicken Noodle Bowl, a Staff favourite!

