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**1. Fun Fair**

**Mark your Calendars for.....**

**THE ANNUAL OPPS FUN FAIR**

**MAY 31, 2014 - 10:00AM - 2:00PM**

***It's that time of year once again! The annual OPPS Fun Fair is just around the corner and is going to be bigger than ever!***

There are lots of ways to get involved this year... would you consider one of the following:

**VOLUNTEER** - the day of the BIG event - two shifts available: 10:00am-12:00pm or 12:00pm-2:00pm

**BAKE A CAKE** (or two, or ten) - for our FAMOUS Cake Walk... this is always a crowd pleaser and we can never have too many cakes!

**BAKING COOKIES/CUPCAKES** - for our OPPS Cafe - we will be serving RED BULB coffee again this year and are in need of some "sweets" to enjoy!

**2. Jazz Week**

Jazz Week is coming to O.P.P.S. Our week of electives will run from May 14<sup>th</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup> and will support the Arts and Healthy Schools initiatives as well as incorporate a variety of curricular connections. Students from grades 1-8 will participate in a different workshop each day and will have the opportunity to work with a number of different teachers and staff members. The workshops include; dancing, baking, cooking, cross fit training, a variety of craft activities and more.



### 3. Me to We

**Garage Sale:** The Me to We Committee will be hosting a garage sale on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. All proceeds will go to the Me to We Clean Water and Sanitation project. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

#### MILK BAGS TO MATS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Me to We Committee is collecting milk bags as one of our initiatives to help make our world a better place. We are asking for your help in making this recycling project successful. The milk bags will be used to make sleeping mats that are in great demand in third world countries. It takes about 400 bags to crochet a 3'x6' sleeping mat. Sleeping on these mats help to protect children and adults from parasites such as hookworms and biting insects. These plastic mats are durable, with a life expectancy of 20 years+ and they are easy to wash and dry. They provide an alternative to sleeping on the bare and/or wet ground. We are also helping the environment by recycling these milk bags into useful articles, as it will take them years to decompose in the landfills. PLEASE, SAVE the large outer 4 litre milk bags and send them to the school with your child or, you can drop them off yourself. Before sending them in, please make sure that they are clean and flattened.

Thank you for your support.

**Water Walk:** Our Me to We committee is organizing a Water Walk in June to raise funds to provide water in third world countries. If you have a bucket of any size that you can loan the school, please contact Mrs. McIntyre.

### 4. E.Q.A.O. ASSESSMENTS (Grades 3 and 6)

The Primary (grade 3) and Junior (grade 6) assessments will take place from Monday, May 26 until Monday, June 2, 2014. During this time students in these two grades will complete the assessments for Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Where necessary, accommodations are put into place for children requiring additional support. Both the Primary and Junior assessments are a measure of a students learning to date in relation to the Ontario Curriculum. The results of this assessment, along with other forms of data, provide the school with information that will further our instructional practices and guide our school improvement planning. During this time we ask that you try **not to schedule any appointments or vacations** as it is important that the students are at school every day and on time. This will allow for minimal disruptions, consistency in the administration of the assessment and ensure the assessment is completed within the given time frames.



## 5. June 26th, 2014 Early Dismissal in Elementary Schools

All students have received a copy of the *2013-14 Learning Calendar*. Please note that on **Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014** an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to participate in activities in the afternoon of that day in support of student achievement and school planning.

Students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 only. More details will follow closer to the date.

## 6. School Climate Survey for Parents/Guardians

Between May 20 and June 2, we will be inviting parents/guardians to participate in a school climate survey. The surveys provide the Board and our school with valuable information about how you feel about the school environment and your child's education. The results will be used to identify areas that need to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. We value parent input and encourage you to complete the survey. The information parents provide will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Information about how to access the survey will be sent home with students later in May. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

## 7. A Few Reminders

For the safety of our students, we would like to remind parents that they are not allowed in the school hallways and classrooms during school hours unless they sign in, receive a visitors tag and have a scheduled appointment.

Supervision: At Oscar Peterson P.S. our supervision begins at 8:35 in the morning and ends at 3:30 in the afternoon. Please ensure you drop off and pick up your child during these times to ensure they are properly supervised.

## 8. Music Monday

On Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, in order to celebrate Music Monday's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, OPPS filled the skies with music at 12:00 p.m., singing Chris Hadfield's 'Is Somebody Singing' alongside one million other students in Canada.



## 9. Combined Spring Concert

On Wednesday May 28th the Intermediate Band will be hosting an instrumental spring concert at Oscar Peterson P.S. and will be performing with the Wendat Village P.S. Intermediate band. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Oscar Peterson P.S. All family members and friends of band members are welcome to attend!

## 10. ECO News

We are very excited to announce that the green bin waste reduction program is coming to Oscar Peterson Public School this fall. Over the summer each classroom will be outfitted with a kitchen sized green bin. While we will continue to encourage students to bring litter-less lunches and participate in boomerang lunch programs, the green bin will act as another mechanism to divert waste at our school.

## 10. Art Display

Between May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup> some of our student art will be on display at the Latham Gallery on Main Street in Stouffville. If you are in the area, please stop in to enjoy the variety of student work.

## 11. Kiss and Ride

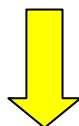
Please help to keep our student's safe by following our drop off and pick up procedures. The parking area to the west of the school acts as a loop where parents can drop off and pick up their child. This is **not** an area where you can park and leave your vehicle, therefore, you need to stay inside your vehicle or park in a designated parking space. If you need to park your vehicle, please make use of the parking available on the road or on side streets and walk onto the property. Thank you for help to ensure the safety of the students at Oscar Peterson P.S.

## 12. Pita Lunches









Our final Pita Lunch order form was sent home last week and is due back by Friday, May 9th. It will carry us through the last 6 weeks of the school year. If you did not receive one, please email [oppspizza@gmail.com](mailto:oppspizza@gmail.com) or the main office has extra copies.

***Please take the time to read the attachments to this e-Bulletin. They provide information regarding school and community initiatives.***

***(see next page for calendar)***



# May, 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<b>1</b> Grade 3 V.I.P.	<b>2</b> 
<b>5</b> Robotics Team to Skills Canada in Waterloo  Music Monday	<b>6</b> Grade 2 to Sibbald Point Outdoor Education Centre (Ms McMullen  Games Club during lunch recess for grade three	<b>7</b> Grade 4 to Sibbald Point Outdoor Education Centre (Ms Aprile and Mrs Stover)  Kindergarten Orientation 6:30-8:00 	<b>8</b> Grade 4 to Sibbald Point Outdoor Education Centre (Ms Grant)	<b>9</b> 
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Games Club during lunch recess for grade three	<b>14</b> Jazz Week 	<b>15</b> Jazz Week	<b>16</b> Jazz Week 
<b>19</b> Victoria Day (no school)	<b>20</b> Games Club during lunch recess for grade three  Track and Field	<b>21</b> Spirit Day – Wear Bright Colours 	<b>22</b> Track and Field (Rain Date)	<b>23</b> 
<b>26</b> JK Observations	<b>27</b> Games Club during lunch recess for grade three  JK Observations  Grade 6 EQAO	<b>28</b> Spring Band Concert with Wendat Village (7:00 – 8:30)  Grade 6 EQAO 	<b>29</b> Grade 6 EQAO	<b>30</b>   <b>31</b> – Saturday Fun Fair



## Wendat Village Summer Institute

Ride the summer adventure with us!



AVAILABLE AT THIS LOCATION

AVAILABLE AT THIS SITE

- optional lunch
- extended child care (a separate YMCA registration form is required)

During the literacy block, students are engaged in fun and enriching learning activities that address reading, writing, media and oral communication expectations from the Ministry of Education curriculum documents under the supervision of YRDSB Teachers and Administrators.

During the activity block, students are engaged in purposeful, intentional learning which is embedded within the following electives:

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| • Actor's studio    | • Ready, Set, Cook | • Wacky Science World |
| • Ball Hockey       | • Rock Hounds      |                       |
| • Comic Book Wizard | • Simple Machines  |                       |
| • Cricket           | • Soccer           |                       |
| • DigiArt           | • Sportacular Fun  |                       |
| • Field Invaders    | • Street Ball      |                       |
| • Music Mix         | • Tech World       |                       |
| • Naturally Curious | • Ultimate Frisbee |                       |
| • Racquet Sports    | • Visual Arts      |                       |



Weekly out trips for **Clubhouse & Words Alive** students at no additional cost!

Weekly Outdoor Education trips will be taken to Bruce's Mill!



### Contact Information:

Wendat Village Public School

Phone: 1-877-280-8180 ext. 240 (before June 30)

Phone: (905) 642-8095 (after June 30)

Email: [oscarpeterson.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:oscarpeterson.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

Cost for YRDSB student:

**\$115**  
**per**  
**week**



### New summer programs from Springvale Kids!

Whether you are looking for a summer long option for your kids or a fun adventure for just one week, our new **Sparkwood Day Camp** is just for you. We offer theme days, crafts, games, weekly swimming, field trips, special guests and so much more. Your child will have a summer to remember at **Sparkwood!**

Ages: SK-Grade 5  
As of September 2014

Time: 9am - 5pm  
Weekly Cost:  
\$160/camper \$130: August 5-8

**Extended Care**  
Early Drop-Off (7:30-9am): \$20/camper  
Late Pick-Up (5-6pm): \$20/camper

#### July 14-18 **Crazy Creations**

It's all about being creative this week! We will go on a Treasure Hunt and have a wacky Alice in Wonderland party. Ever made a rock? You will! And our trip to the Toronto Zoo will be a great way to see creativity at its finest!

#### July 21-25 **Silly, Sloppy Science**

Exploding art! A Safe Cracking Expedition! Plus some other science experiments you won't find anywhere else. There is also a field trip to the hub of science for kids, the Ontario Science Centre!

#### July 28-August 1 **Sparkwood Summer Olympics**

Wacky Olympics is coming soon! With Monkey Bar Golf, giant Tic Tac Toe and our popular Javelin toss it is going to be one crazy week. We will also be going on a mini-golf trip!

#### August 5-8 **Funny and Fantastic Foods**

Who would have thought that food could be so fun! Ever painted with your nose and pudding? You will at our Fun Factor! We also have an afternoon dedicated just to chocolate!

#### August 11-15 **Happy Holidays!**

Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day! All your favourite holidays in one week. Gingerbread house, egg hunts and even a Birthday Party for everyone! Plus you can also look forward to Newspaper Nuthouse – be prepared for all the fun you can have with newspapers!

#### August 18-22 **Around the World in 5 Days**

Let's finish off the summer with a bang! We have our very own Amazing Race around the world. Make your own paper mache globes and play some new games from different countries! And we have one final party planned as we say good bye until next summer!

**To Register or for More Information...**

[www.springvale.org](http://www.springvale.org) • [kids@springvale.org](mailto:kids@springvale.org) • (905)887-5651



# OPPS ME to WE GARAGE SALE

## Spring Cleaning?



Consider donating your good, used,  
no-longer-needed items to the  
ME to WE GARAGE SALE

Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> from 10 am- 2pm  
at the Oscar Peterson P.S. Fun Fair



### WANTED

- Toys
- Books/Games/Puzzles
- DVD's/Computer Games/working electronics
- Household items
- Spring/Summer sports equipment/Plants/gardening tools
- Good/clean gently used (or new) clothing- especially baby & children's items
- **NO** furniture /large items please



**Drop your items off at the  
office from Thursday May 29  
or Friday May 30.**

**Contact Shanyn McIntyre at  
905-642-1236 ext 403 or  
Shanyn.McIntyre@yrdsb.ca**



All proceeds go to the ME to WE  
Clean Water and Sanitation project  
in developing countries with Free  
the Children.

**Thank you for your  
support!**





**Save The Date  
Saturday May 31st  
10am - 2pm**

## Spring Has Sprung and the Oscar Peterson Public School Fun Fair is Around the Corner!!

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is that time again!! Yes, our Annual Fun Fair is just around the corner on Saturday May 31st, 10am-2pm and we can't wait to see you all there!

As a standing tradition here at Oscar Peterson one of the highlights at the fair are the RAFFLE BASKETS! It is such a great, fun way to fundraise for our school and hopefully send some 'lucky' people home with amazing themed baskets to start the summer right.

Once again we have made it even easier for each student and family to participate in their classroom theme. This year, instead of asking you to rush around and think of something to contribute let us do the work for you! We are asking for a donation of \$2.00 to \$5.00 per student/per class to be bundled together and we will do all the shopping.

This is a fun way for you to be a part of the OPPS Fun Fair. Please have your donation into your child's teacher no later than May 16th and we thank you for your support.

*Fun Fair Committee*

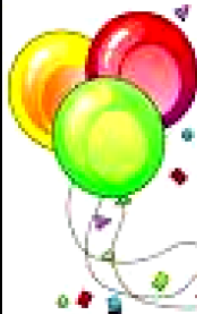
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# Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services



## ***OPEN HOUSE!!***

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - 10am-2pm  
100 Weldon Road, Stouffville



## **COME OUT AND JOIN US**

*Cotton Candy*

*Coloring Contest*

*Popcorn*

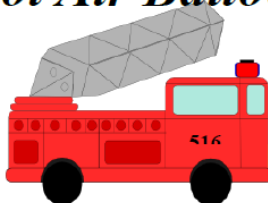
*Hotdogs*

*Hot Air Balloon*

*Games*

*Door Prizes*

*Sparky the Fire Dog*



*Face Painting*

*Firefighter Challenge*

*Tour the Fire Trucks*



May, 2014

## OSCAR PETERSON PUBLIC SCHOOL: e-BULLETIN

