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**Principal's Message**

It was a pleasure to be appointed last June to come to Oscar Peterson Public School as Principal. I am looking forward to supporting the great work that has been in progress by students, staff and Parents. Thank to our students, staff and parents for the very warm welcome I have received.

Prior to my assignment as Principal at Oscar Peterson P.S., I have served as Principal at Castlemore P.S., John McCrae P.S., which I had the pleasure of opening, Central Park P.S. and James Robinson P.S. All the these schools provided me with superb learning experiences, during which time I worked with enthusiastic groups of staff and parents to provide the best educational experience possible for students.

My career has afforded me the opportunity to reflect on the values that would be most important to me. Some of these include:

- Developing and maintaining strong values and high expectations in academic and social matters
- Supporting the interactions of teachers and students as the single most important event that occurs in schools
- Maintaining high visibility in all aspects of school life
- Encouraging a commitment to ongoing improvement and lifelong learning for students and adults
- Encouraging an environment where students, staff and parents feel valued and supported
- Developing meaningful dialogues with the Oscar Peterson Public School community.

I encourage you to introduce yourself, when you are in the school and assist me in the task of gathering information that will help me be effective as the Principal of this successful school. I look forward to working with our school community to benefit each student who attends Oscar Peterson Public School.



## **Welcome Back!**

On behalf of all staff at Oscar Peterson P.S., it is our pleasure to welcome back all of our students and their families to our school. We would also like to extend a special welcome to all of the new families and staff members who have joined our school community. We encourage you to keep in touch with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) throughout the school year; for any point in time you have questions and/or concerns. Our role is to help the students become the best learners that they can be. We appreciate your support and look forward to a rewarding year for everyone in our school community.

## **Trustee's Message**

Welcome back to another school year.

I am happy to extend a warm welcome to our returning students and families and those who are new to our Board. I am the trustee for your child's school and your representative on the York Region District School Board of Trustees.

I am looking forward to continuing my work to ensure that all YRDSB students receive a high-quality education within safe, caring and inclusive learning environments.

In the coming year, trustees will continue to focus on the priorities that we set out in our Multi-Year Plan: student achievement and well-being, the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs and the responsible stewardship of Board resources.

We know that partnerships with families are essential to achieving this goal. Good schools become better schools when they are connected to parents and families.

I hope that you will find positive and meaningful ways to engage with your child's school over the course of the year. There will be many events and activities to look forward to throughout the year and many opportunities across the Region that support parent engagement.

2015-16 promises to be an exciting year. All the best for the upcoming school year!

## **1. Wake Up . . . .Punctuality is Important!!!**

Punctuality is a life-skill that is valued by school, employers in the work-force, and society.

The bell rings at 8:50 a.m. at Oscar Peterson P.S. Supervision outside begins at 8:35 a.m. Students must enter using their grade designated doors (not the front doors) when the first bell goes at 8:50.

Help your child start each school day ready to learn! Several strategies will be used to help students who are repeatedly late for school. Parents will be contacted and we'll work together on a plan to support



timely arrival. Severe cases will be referred to the York Region District School Board's Attendance and Counseling Services.

RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS. PLEASE PLAN FAMILY VACATIONS DURING SCHOOL VACATION TIMES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## **2. SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM . . . Where is your child?**

Through a directive from the Ministry of Education and Training, all School Boards are to implement a safe arrival program in their schools. The York Region District School Board works very closely with the York Regional Police to ensure the safety of our students.

The safe arrival program at Oscar Peterson P.S. depends on parents/guardians to notify the office in the event of their child's late arrival or absence. All parents and guardians are reminded to please call the school **(905) 642 -1236** and leave a message if their child is going to be absent or late. Please leave your child's name, teacher's name and the reason for the absence.

If a student is not in school and the school office has not received notification from the parents, the school will take the following steps:

**Step One:** Call the student's home. If there is no answer, the school will:

**Step Two:** Call the parents at work or cell. If there is no response, the school will:

**Step Three:** Call the emergency contact person. If the contact person cannot be reached and/or does not know where the student is then:

**Step Four:** The school will notify the York Regional Police that a child is missing.

**Please remember to call the school if your child will be late or absent. You may be interested to know that the secretary often spends over an hour daily following up on the numerous unreported absences. Each year, we are forced to contact York Regional Police to assist in finding a 'missing child'. In each case, the child is usually found with his/her parent. Please help out by being conscientious about notifying the school when your child is going to be absent.**

## **3. SCHOOL SAFETY**

Our Kiss & Ride program has proven to provide a much safer access to the school for our students and to establish greater control over movement of vehicles on school property. Parents are reminded that the parking lots at the west and east sides of the school are reserved for School and Day Care Program staff. As well, school buses and vans need to have easy access at all times. When dropping off your child (ren) in the Kiss & Ride on the west side of the school, parents are reminded to proceed to the end of the designated area where a staff member will be there to assist students to exit vehicles safely.

If you are dropping off and/or picking up your children at the end of the day, **please meet them outside the school** at the door that has been assigned to them for entry and exit by their classroom teacher. Our students need to learn independence and are quite capable of getting their belongings in order before going home. Parents are encouraged to discuss with their child (ren) where they will meet. Upon dismissal, students **MUST** meet parents/ guardians/caregivers/older siblings at their assigned exit door.



If you need to pick up your child (ren) during school hours, please report to the main office to sign them out and we will call your child from class. To ensure school safety, please do not go directly to classrooms. All visitors to the school must report to the school office.

#### 4. Lunches

If you are dropping off a lunch, there is a designated table in the office where you can leave it for your child. Please remember to label it with your child's name! We have a number of unclaimed lunches and unfortunately do not know who to contact. Children may come to the office at recess or lunch hour to pick up their lunch. We do not interrupt classes for students to come down during instructional time. Parents, please remember to label all your child's belongings...especially lunches and backpacks.

STAFF		voicemail			voicemail
Principal	Farooq Shabbar	1838	5A	Jacqui LiOwens	2048
Vice Principal	Susan Durfy	1828	6A	Adam Jerry	2038
EOAA	Sheila Noakes	1818	6B	Martyn Prieur	2248
	Amanda Harris	1808	7A	Jessica Rand	2218
Kindergarten A	Susan Dunham	1118	7B	Mary Offor	2238
	Laura Hogg	4118	78A	Jason Wilson	2008
	Claire Ellis (DECE)		8A	Tara Walker	2228
				Maria Roy	4338
Kindergarten B	Sabrina itwarie	1108	CCAA	Thomas Whiton	1238
				Lindsey Thompson (ADH)	4318
	Danielle Siapas (DECE)	4138	CCAB	Julie Duncan	2088
				Diane Green (EA)	4288
				Julie Boilard (ADH)	
Kindergarten C	Sarah Gibson-Neve	1028	SSCA	Maytal Oziel	
	Sheba Yosef (DECE)	4148	4/5A	Arman Stover	2028



Kindergarten D	Marilyn Benbow	1068			
	Caitlin Watson (DECE)	4158	SSCB	Sara Dart	2018
Kindergarten E	Rebecca Paul	1058	Music	Melissa McWilliams	1218
	Michelle Chau (DECE)	4168	French	Sharon Chinchin Candyce McCann	4238 4248
1A	Regan Crawley	1248	ELL	Eva Eng	2158
1B	Sarah Chetwyn	1268	Reading Recovery	Lori McGuckin Shanyn McIntyre	1228 1328
1C	Shanyn McIntyre	1328	Library	Lori Giancoulos	1198
1/2A	Jennifer Faric Ashley Gibson- Dickson	1258	CYW	Caitlyn McGuire	4308
2A	Allison McMullen	2068	EA	Tammy Wawryk	4328
2B	Sandra Martin Lori McGuckin	2078 1228	CYW	Linda Lebelle	
2C	Brendan Simair	1148			
3A	Susan Grant	3218			
3B	Karen Bucci	3228			
3C	Cathy Strike	1208			
3/4A	Diane Stover				
4A	Amanda Riel	2058			

September  
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OSCAR PETERSON PUBLIC SCHOOL: e-BULLETIN



*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)*



**September 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> First Parkash	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Sri Krishna Jayanti
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Labour Day	<b>8</b> First day of school	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Coptic/Ethiopian Orthodox New year
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Rosh Hashanah	<b>15</b> Rosh Hashanah	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Ganesh Chaturthi	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Day of Hajj Mabon	<b>23</b> Eid-ul-Adha Yom Kippur	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Ananta Chaturdasi	<b>28</b> PA Day No School Pavarana Sukkot begins	<b>29</b> Bus evacuation training Kathina	<b>30</b> Bus evacuation training			
Safety Week						

**October 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4  World Communion Sunday	5  Shemini Atzeret	6  Picture Day  Simchat Torah	7	8	9	10
11	12  Thanksgiving	13  Earth Rangers Gr. 1 to 6  Navaratri begins	14  First Day of Muharram	15	16	17
18	19	20  The Birth of the Bab	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31  Hallowe'en Simhain



**FREE Community Event  
CRIME PREVENTION SESSION ON PERSONAL &  
HOME SAFETY**

Hosted By: Stouffville Kin Club

Presented By: York Regional Police Constable  
Imtiaz Manjra #1520

When: Monday, September 21, 2015  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Stouffville Town Council Chambers  
111 Sandiford Dr. Whitchurch-Stouffville

We invite residents to join us for a presentation by members of the  
Community

Mobilization Crime Prevention Unit. Officers will share important  
information on home,  
vehicle and personal safety.

We will be discussing:

- What can we do to make our homes and vehicles safer?
- Neighbourhood Watch and how to start a group in your community
- Tips on personal safety and distraction thefts
- Traffic and road safety tips, including what to do when involved in a  
motor vehicle  
collision

For any questions please contact: York Regional Police Constable  
Imtiaz Manjra #1520 at [1520@yrp.ca](mailto:1520@yrp.ca) or Stouffville Kin Club at  
[stouffvillekinclub@gmail.com](mailto:stouffvillekinclub@gmail.com)

**No RSVP required  
Open to everyone**