

OAP NEWS

March 2024

What's happening at OAP?

- Drop off time JK-3: Doors open at 8:35, class starts at 8:45.
- Pick-up time JK: Please have students picked up by 3:15.
- Pick-up time K-3: Students will be brought to the front of the building around 3:15/3:20
- Please send students with enough lunch and snacks for the day.
- We have a lot of snow that may melt quickly and make lots of water and mud. Please make sure your children are dressed for the messy weather and have a change of clothes at school.
- Next School Council Meeting is Wednesday, March 20 at 7pm. You are welcome to join in person or virtually. Email kim.caron@ngps.ca for the link
- No School for JK through Grade 3 Thursday March 7 and Friday March 8 for Teachers' Convention.
- Emotion Coaching Parent Session originally scheduled for January 31st is now scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th.







Upcoming events:

- March 7,8: No School- Teachers' Convention
- March 12: Free (Pembina) Hot Lunch
 Pizza (was changed from grilled cheese)
- March 12,13: Grade 3 Ski Trip to Little Smoky Ski Hill
- March 18: Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day
- Week of March 18: Report Cards will be sent home for K-3
- March 19: Free (Meckenics) Hot Lunch- Hot Dog
- March 21: Awards Assembly at 2:15pm
- March 25-April 1: Spring Break, first day back is April 2

Stay in touch:

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.



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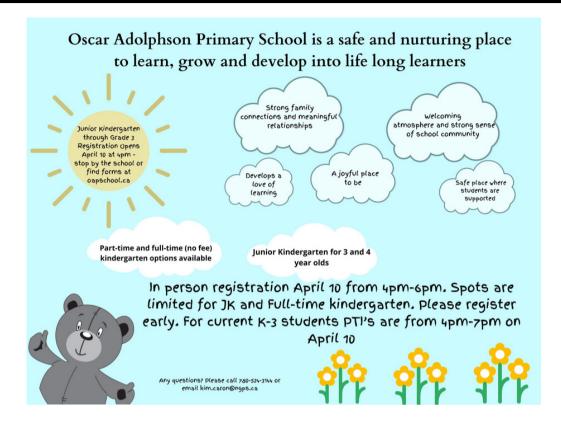
A big thank you to **PEMBINN** for donating to our snack and hot lunch program

and to the following for donating hot lunches this month:





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This March we continue focusing on Learning **Through Play!**

- JK and Kindergarten spend the majority of their day Learning Through Play
- Our Grade 1s to Grade 3s are spending 30 minutes every day, in addition to recess time, also Learning Through Play
- Psychologists say the best way for children to build executive functioning skills is through play
- Our staff have completed some training in facilitating play to target skill growth
- Some successes we are celebrating this month:
 - we are seeing more pretend play happening on our playground
 - students are growing in their play and being more creative in their play
 - o students are making new friends and expanding who they choose to play with at recess time
 - students are coming in quickly from recess





What is executive function?



A combination of motor, sensory, communication, and cognitive skills used to learn, play, and socialize



Applied when we learn information and use it to complete a task

When do we use executive function skills?

What are some of the tasks executive function | Completing homework helps with?



Finishing a project



Playing with friends and having control over emotions



Asking for help and alerting others when needed



Getting to work and school on time

What are some ways you can help?



predictable

Bring children with on

Let them have unstructured

Download the Executive Function Brochure to learn more!

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