

OAKWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

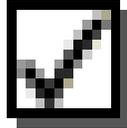
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Achieving Success Together

Month End Wrap Up - Nov. 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 1st—Oakwood's Annual Grinch Day
- Dec. 17th—Red and Green Day
- Dec. 20th—Red and White Day
- Dec. 21st—Holiday Hat/Antlers & Socks Day
- Dec. 22nd—Holiday Shirts/Sweaters Day
- Dec. 23rd—Holiday PJ Day
—last day of classes before Christmas break
- Jan. 10th—Classes resume



STUDENT of the MONTH

This year, we are continuing to focus our student of the month recognition around the **LEARNING SKILLS** from the Report Card. These are the characteristics and behaviours that help promote success for students both at school and in the real world. Each month, teachers will be reviewing what these goals look like in classrooms and helping our students to develop these important skills. For November our focus has been on **ORGANIZATION!**

- K1 - Charlotte I. & Josslyn L.
 - K2- Nora T. & Jason G.
 - Gr. 1 — Emersin K. & Elliott N.
 - Gr. 2/3 — Mya P & Colton W.
 - Gr. 3/4 — Cru T., Joey & Daniel D.
 - Gr. 4/5— Lace F. & Brooklyn A.
 - Gr. 5/6— Landan K. & Jett T.
 - Gr. 7/8 — Madi P., Aaron V. & Tyler F.
 - FSP — Aubrey B. & Isaac C.
- For December the focus will be on **CARING!**



COVID ACTIVE SCREENING

As directed by Public Health, it is mandatory that all **students** and **staff** complete their individual COVID screening prior to coming to school each day. For the Health and well-being of all it would be appreciated if this screening was completed at home daily.

Thank you to those family members who role model wearing their masks while they are NOT social distancing while dropping off or picking up students at school. It helps our students understand that 'we are in this together' when we all 'walk the talk'!

DSBN SCHOOL CULTURE SURVEY

We're working towards building an equitable and inclusive school culture across the DSBN, and hearing from you and your child is an important part of this work.

We are proud to be offering the **DSBN School Culture Survey** to students, families and staff. You and your child will have the opportunity to share how you experience your school to help us better understand how we can build and maintain a positive culture for all.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff. The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to <https://www.dsbn.org/inclementweather>.

Transportation Cancellations:

Information about transportation delays and cancellations are posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, every effort is made to communicate the decision by 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/>, so we can make sure they are safe at home.

School Closures:

When the decision to close schools is made, it refers to all schools: both in-person and remote learners.

Every effort will be made to share school closure information before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on [dsbn.org](https://www.dsbn.org), and all school websites, DSBN social media, and local media or news sources share the news widely as well!



What is the School Culture Survey?

The School Culture Survey is a valuable opportunity for students in Grades 4-12, their families and DSBN school staff to help us learn more about your experiences at school. The questions will be organized into five main factors that help create your school culture: Well-Being; Caring and Safe Schools; Sense of Belonging; Equity and Inclusion; Teaching and Learning.

When can Students Grades 4-8 and their Families do the Survey?

Students in Grades 4-8 will be asked to take the survey during class time between **January 17-31, 2022**. Families will be sent the survey to take within this time as

well. This survey will be **entirely anonymous and confidential**. While it is voluntary to take, the more responses we receive, the more effective the DSBN can be in supporting your family moving forward.

Where Can I Learn More About This?

Check out the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Team's website for more information and Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.dsb.org/equity/school-culture-survey>.

Please reach out to the school directly for additional questions. We're here to help!



LATES

If you know that your child is going to be late or absent please record this using the School Messenger App., or contact the office in advance of the entry bell. **Please note, when a student is late (after 8:35 bell), he/she must report to the office prior to going to his/her classroom to obtain a late slip, which must then be presented to his/her teacher.** (please note that this is also the routine for kindergartens who arrive after the bell, but before the students head indoors. As the kindergarten gate will now be locked after the bell, students arriving late, will be required to sign in and enter the school through the main doors by the office to receive their late slips.

DREAMBOX

All students in grades 1-6 at Oakwood have access to Dreambox math software from school and at home! This software runs on a standard computer or on the I-Pad. Students are familiar with log-in from a standard computer via our School Web Page, but need to access I-Pads differently. The pass-code for the I-pads is 42cv/oakwood Please log in under school when accessing the program! To access the program from a desktop or laptop computer, use the link on our school web-page and use the student log-in!

ZERO TOLERANCE TO THROWING SNOW

To ensure safety on our playground during winter months, students are reminded that snowballs, and throwing and kicking snow at others is strictly forbidden. Building forts and snowmen are encouraged, but destroying other people's creations are frowned upon. Please take a moment at home and help the school, by discussing these expectations with your children!

DRESSING FOR WINTER WEATHER

All students go outdoors for fresh air and physical activity during our nutrition breaks. Please ensure that your children are properly dressed for the cold winter weather as during breaks, students are out-doors for 20 minutes. Students are expected to go out onto the playground wearing the coats, hats, etc. that have been sent from home (ie. If Mom and Dad want you to wear your boots outside, we won't be okay if you are only wearing your runners or leaving your coat inside!).

SHOES

With cold and wet weather on its way, we are reminding par-

ents to send an indoor pair of shoes to school for **all children**. Students **cannot** be permitted to wear their wet/ muddy outdoor shoes within the building. Ideally indoor shoes are running shoes, which can be utilized for physical education. Students must have running shoes to be permitted to participate in physical education classes! If you haven't already, please send your children's spare shoes in quickly!

LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE DRAWS!

The winners of the library draw for September were Kaiden H. (Grade 3/4 and Annie D. (JK/SK). The winners for October were Tristan S. (Grade 5/6) and Josslyn H. (Grade 2/3). PLEASE NOTE—When students return their library book and sign out a new book he/she receive a draw ticket. The more books returned and signed out and read, the more tickets and chances to win. The library will draw 2 names every month. The more you read, the better your chances to win!



REPORT CARD ENVELOPES

A gentle reminder to return your child's report card envelope to school if you haven't already done so! Thank you!

CHECK OUT OUR ARTISTS!

Grade 7 and 8 students had the pleasure of participating in a community school initiative called "Snow-portant Mission". They were required to design and paint a snow-plow for the city of port Colborne to build community connections and school pride! Under the guidance of Ms. Schonewille, student artists were; Kieren, Jayda, Madilyn P., Hailey W., Bella, Abby, Zach, Hailie K. and Ashton. Oakwood's Plow design received an honourable mention from our Mayor! Look for the Oakwood plow on the roads in town this winter!

