

Odessa Public School

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OCTOBER EVENTS at ODESSA:

- Oct. 04 - Bus Safety Presentations (8:00 - 11:30)**
- Oct. 8th - OPS Cross Country Meet - Fort Henry (9:15-11:30)**
- Oct. 9th - OPS School Photos**
- Oct. 10th - OPS Donation to the Odessa Community Pantry**
- Oct. 11th - P.A. Day (no school for students)**
- Oct. 14th - Thanksgiving Day (no school for students)**
- Oct. 15th - School Council Meeting (6:30 - 7:30)**
- Oct. 17th - District Cross Country Meet**
- Oct. 25th - Dance Workshops (Gym in use all day)**
- Oct. 31st - Hallo - Weenie Day (OPS School Council - all beef/veggie hot dogs for all students)**

October Newsletter - 2024

Significant Dates in October:

Women's History Month - Hispanic and Latin American Heritage Month - Islamic History Month - German Heritage Month

October 1 to 31st: K-12 Cyber Awareness Month (Provincial)

October 3rd: Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)

October 4th - National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/Girls/Sisters in Spirit

October 9th: Kathina Ceremony/Pavarana (Buddhism)

October 10th: Durgaashtami (Hinduism)

October 11th: International Day of the Girl Child

October 11-12th: Yom Kippur (Judaism)

October 12th: Vijaya Dashmi/Dassehra (Hindu)

October 14th - Thanksgiving (Canada)

October 17-18th: Sukkot

October 17-22nd: Secret Path Week (Indigenous)

October 24-25: Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah (Judaism)

October 27th: Dress Purple Day

October 31: Diwali - Hindu Festival of Lights

Dear Odessa Families,

Welcome to the month of October! September, 2024 has been a busy one at OPS. Student leaders in grades 5 and 6 have helped to set up OPS Welcome Assemblies, and participated in Mrs. Tucker's training sessions to support the office and share the announcements. The OPS Open House was a success, and it was wonderful to see so many families join us, visit classrooms, connect with staff, and socialize in the newly constructed primary playground. September also had an incredibly successful Terry Fox Walk, Run, and Roll event, where students helped to lead and support their peers around the circuit through Odessa. Thanks to everyone who 'honked' in support of the Tigers, and for all of your donations. The school raised \$2088.00. Well done! OPS students and staff also recognized and honoured the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Learning took place in classrooms with resources shared by the LDSB, and staff furthered conversations about this year's theme, "We are all connected". Staff and students have started literacy and numeracy instruction, where LDSB Learning Partners have visited, and collaborated with educators to build strong programming for the year ahead.

October has various events and activities to share. Bus safety presentations are taking place on Friday, October 4th. OPS students in grades 5/6 are running a non-perishable food drive to support the Odessa Community Pantry. Please help to support this initiative by having your child bring in non-perishable items that have not reached their expiry date by Thursday, October 10th. Tiger runners will be competing at the Regional Cross Country meet on October 8th and will have the opportunity to qualify for the District Cross Country meet on October 17th. OPS Picture Day will take place on Wednesday, October 9th. 😊. The OPS School Advisory Council will meet on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30 pm. Please join us!!! Mrs. Allen has also coordinated a "Dance 'n' Culture Authentic Cultural Workshop for OPS and LDSB sites. Tiger classes will be participating in a Bollywood Dance Workshop on October 25th. October 31st we welcome students to wear black and orange, and have OPS's traditional Halloweenie

Lunch, which is generously donated by the Odessa School Advisory Council! Looking forward to an October filled with learning, field trips and other events!

“Finding Nemo Kids” is Swimming to Odessa Public School!!

Dear Families,

We are excited to announce that auditions for **Finding Nemo Kids: The Musical** will be held after Thanksgiving! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their talents and be part of a fun and memorable production. The performance will take place the week of **April 22nd**, and we are looking forward to seeing our students shine on stage.



To help your child prepare for auditions, please take note of the following requirements:

- **Audition Dates:** Auditions will be held the week after Thanksgiving. Specific dates and times will be provided soon (during school hours)
- **Preparation:** Students should come prepared with **memorized lines** from the provided script and a **30-second song** to perform during their audition.
- **Song Selection:** The song can be from any genre or musical, but should highlight your child's vocal abilities and personality.

We encourage all students interested in theater, music, and performance to audition. Participation in the musical is a great way for students to develop confidence, teamwork, and creativity, while having fun with their peers.

Students will need to commit to rehearsals (schedule TBA) and some after school rehearsals will take place starting after the winter break.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are excited to embark on this creative journey and can't wait to see our students bring Finding Nemo Kids to life!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Catherine Allen

Congratulations to the OPS School Advisory Council Executive Team!





Does your child need glasses?

Take your child for a free eye exam.
Children in kindergarten
can get free glasses.

For more information, visit **health.kflaph.ca/FreeEyeExam**
or call your eye doctor. Offer ends June 30, 2025.



ATTENTION

Parents/caregivers!

Students in Ontario are required to have up-to-date immunization records submitted to Public Health. Health-care providers do not automatically send immunization records to public health units.

Submit your child's immunization record here:

kflaph.ca/ImmunizationReporting

If your child requires an immunization appointment and does not have a health-care provider visit **kflaph.ca/Appointments**.

kflaph.ca

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Lice (Pediculosis) Control Protocol

Protocol Rationale

Coordinated efforts between home, school and the community are necessary to control outbreaks of head lice. Students identified with head lice or nits will be supported to receive treatment and will not be excluded from schools within the Limestone District School Board. All supports will be administered in a manner that respects the student's right to privacy, dignity and cultural sensitivities.

Role of the Parent/Guardian

Parents/guardians are responsible for the treatment and control of head lice. Upon discovery of lice and/or nits, it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to notify the school and others (family members, neighbours, friends etc.) who may have come into contact with the child who has head lice. Close head-to-head contact should be discouraged pending treatment.

OPS Traffic Map - Recommended Traffic Flow - Drop-off and Pick-up Times



Odessa Public School – Daily Schedule

Please note that students are not supervised until 7:50 am each morning. The instructional day is set up to provide 100 instructional minute blocks during three periods of the day. If your child requires a pickup, or is being dropped off, please check into the office so they are notified. To ensure safety, families must report to the office and are not permitted to go directly to classrooms. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Odessa P.S. office staff.

7:50 am – 8:05 am – Supervision Begins

8:05 am – Instructional Day Begins

9:45 am – 10:25 am – Recess and Nutrition Break #1

12:05 pm – 12:45 pm – Recess and Nutrition Break #2

2:25 pm – Instructional Day Ends