



NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS



December was a month full of joy and celebration at Onway Elementary School! Our Christmas Concerts on December 11th and 12th were a huge success, with students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 showcasing their talents in both afternoon and evening performances. Families and friends filled the audience, and the holiday spirit was truly alive. Thank you to Mrs. Olson and the staff who worked tirelessly to make these concerts the success they were.

On December 16th, our Christmas Market brought the community together, offering unique gifts and festive cheer. Just a few days later, on December 18th, our entire school came together to enjoy a delicious school-wide turkey dinner. This special event, hosted by our incredible School Council and dedicated volunteers, created a warm and festive atmosphere for everyone.

Throughout the month, our toy and food drive was met with overwhelming generosity, with families contributing to support those in need during the holiday season. We wrapped up the month with our December Assembly on December 20th, celebrating the many achievements and efforts of our students and staff.

It was a fantastic way to end the year and head into Winter Break, which begins on December 21st. Thank you to everyone who helped make December such a memorable month at OES! We will see everyone back on January 6th!



GETTING INVOLVED IN JANUARY...

- January 7th at 5:15pm we are inviting families and community members for our Parent Information night led by Heather Rampling, OES' Mental Health Therapist. She will be touching on strategies to build resiliency in our children. We will have cookies and coffee available for our parents and community members attending.
- January 7th at 6:30pm please join our School Council meeting in the OES Learning Commons.
- January 24th at 2:15pm we will have our School Assembly. Families are encouraged to attend to celebrate our students and the amazing things happening throughout the month.



SPORTS CORNER

Grade 7/8 Basketball teams

- Girls practice after school on Jan 7th at OJSH, pick up is at 5:00pm
- Boys practice after school on Jan 8th at OES, pick up is at 5:00pm
- Tournament is Jan 10 & 11. Draw shared on Remind and paper copy sent home with your athlete

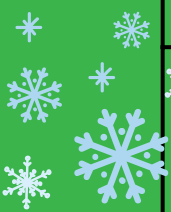
OES Gr 7 Basketball

- Information will be going home this week. If your child is interested please return the permission form and fees that will be added to school cash online.





JANUARY CALENDAR



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 First Day Back	7 Parent Info Night at 5:15 School Council Meeting 6:30	8	9	10 Rescheduled December Assembly at 2:15 Anything but a Backpack Day
13	14	15	16	17 Neon Day
20	21	22	23	24 School Assembly 2:15
27 CTF - Grade 7	28 CTF - Grade 7	29 CTF - Grade 7	30 CTF - Grade 7	31 PD Day - No School for Students



POLAR BEAR CLUB

The Polar Bear Club is a supervised program that encourages students to enjoy outdoor recesses even when temperatures dip below normal. At Onway Elementary, we believe that outdoor play is vital for children's health, well-being, and social development—even during Alberta's colder months!

Guidelines for Participation

Participation in the Polar Bear Club is completely optional, and students will need parental permission to join. Here are the key details:

- Eligibility: Students must dress appropriately for cold weather to participate. This includes winter boots, snow pants, warm coats, mittens/gloves, scarves, and toques.
- Temperature Threshold: Outdoor recess for the Polar Bear Club will proceed as long as the temperature (including wind chill) does not drop below -35°C. (AP750 states an indoor recess is in effect at any temperature below -25°C including the wind chill.)
- Supervision and Safety: Staff members will supervise all outdoor activities to ensure students stay safe and comfortable. Students can opt-out and head indoors if they feel too cold.

If you would like your child to participate, please send back a completed permission form to the office.

