



# Oyster Pond Academy Newsletter

November 2021

## Dates to remember:

- October 29 - Halloween Celebration—treats provided by H&S
- November 2 - Immunization Day
- November 10 - Remembrance Day Ceremony (virtual with a twist)
- November 11 - Remembrance Day – No school
- November 9 - SAC Meeting 6:00pm (virtual)
- November 19 - No School - Assessment/Evaluation Day
- November 23 - Report Cards Home
- November 25 - AM PD—PM Parent Teacher
- December 22 - first day of Christmas Break
- January 4 - return to school

## Safe Arrival

With cold and flu season coming, student absences increase. If your child will be absent for any reason (illness, late arrival, away, etc.), you are asked to call the safe arrival line at **889-4300 then press #1** and leave a message with your child's name, and the time they will be absent. The purpose of the Safe Arrival Program is to know all our children are safe. Please do your part by calling when your child is absent from school.

## Halloween Celebration

Tomorrow we will celebrate Halloween with an outdoor dance during the second half of lunch (still by cohort) Prizes will be given for costumes and dance moves. Ice-cream sandwiches will be provided to all our students as a special treat, so please no treats from home. Thank you to our Home and School for providing us with our special treats.

## SPIRIT Wednesdays

Sometimes Wednesdays just need a little extra punch so from now until Christmas break we will have theme Wednesdays.

Nov. 3—OPA Colors

Dec. 1—Super Hero Day

Nov. 10—Future Job

Dec. 8—Ugly Sweater

Nov. 17—Pattern Day

Dec. 15—Red/White/Green

Nov. 24—Camo Day

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Our online Parent/Teacher interview booking information will be emailed to you on Monday, November 15. Interviews can be done **virtually** or by **phone**.

## Headlice

As we transition into a new season of hats and hoods, please be mindful to check your child's head regularly for headlice.

## Breakfast Program

Our staff volunteers are doing a fantastic job with our breakfast program. Each morning staff puts a smorgasbord of delights out for each class. They offer fruit, cheese, yogourt tubes, bagged cereal, and milk.

## Yearbook

Yearbook order forms have gone home, the cost of the yearbooks is \$25.00 Get yours now! You may also order online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com).

## School Closures

In the event of a cancellation, we are the "Eastern Shore Family of Schools" Cancellations are typically made as close to 6:00 am as possible and posted on the HRCE website. In the event of a mid-day closure we are required to contact all elementary parents so please ensure all data is accurate in Power School.

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**SchoolsPlus staff are here to support Oyster Pond Academy families.  
We can:**

Connect you with services that can make a difference for your family.

Work with you and school staff to help your child be successful.

Help you get ready for a meeting with a school, agency, landlord, etc. We'll help you feel prepared and have a voice.

Help you navigate food insecurity, housing insecurity, grief or loss, the mental health system or medical system, the Department of Community Service or Income Assistance, etc.

Help you fill out forms.

Help you apply for and access funding (to help pay for things like recreation programs, dental work, eyeglasses, tutoring, etc.).

Support you during a stressful time.

**SchoolsPlus services are free and confidential. Your Oyster Pond Academy SchoolsPlus team includes Katelyn Woschek (Assistant Lead) and Jane Yeo (Community Outreach Worker). For more info, contact us at: 902-476-0173 (phone or text) or [kwoschek@hrce.ca](mailto:kwoschek@hrce.ca).**

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## **Community News**

### **8th Annual Musquodoboit Harbour Christmas Parade**

December 4th 6:00 pm The parade starts at Eastern Shore District High and heads east to Park Road ending at the rink. The parade takes approx. 1.5 hours. We look forward to seeing you all there.