



Chicken Hawks News

January

2012

RRSD

Happy 2012!

Important Dates

- * Jan 17-Mrs. Beaumont at ORS
- * Jan 19-Ms. W away
- * Jan 20-Ms. K away
- * Jan 23 & 24-Mr. Stouffer here
- * Jan 25-Ms. K away
- * Jan 26-Ms. W away pm
- * Jan 27-Mrs. Beaumont at ORS
- * Jan 30-Ms. W away
- * Jan 31-Mr. Stouffer here
- * Feb 1-Mr. Stouffer here
- * Feb 2-Ms. K away pm
- * Feb 4-RRSD Curling Bonspiel @ TBA
- * Feb 6-NO SCHOOL
- * Feb 7-Mr. Stouffer here
- * Feb 8-Manitoba Hydro at ORS

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday and is all refreshed and energized for the new year.

A great big thank you to the students for putting on such an awesome performance at the Christmas Concert. We have heard so many great comments. Thank you to those of you who shared your time with us that night.

Also a big thank you to the parents for helping us out with setting up and taking down the stage, providing us with props and helping to practice lines with your child. We couldn't have done it without you.

The Parent Council Christmas lunch was

a huge success.

Thanks to the parents for doing a great job. The food was so delicious. Also thanks to the students for setting and cleaning up the gym. The lunch would not have been successful without the support from our family, friends and community members. Thank you for your continued support.

We have had two school review meetings this school year. There has been a great turn out at all of the meetings. The division has heard how supportive and dedicated we all are to keeping our school open. If you would like any more information please contact the school or a parent.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Arenda Vanderdeen to the elementary classroom. She will be working afternoons. She has been a great addition to our classroom.

This month is jam packed with fun activities. We will be going skating and the older students will be going curling in Phys. Ed. Mr. Stouffer, our Divisional Literacy Coach, will be visiting the elementary classroom to show us different ways to do writer's workshop. On February 10th all students will be going to Ski Valley in Minnedosa. If you are wanting to volunteer with this field trip, please let the school know.

K. Klemetski

Skating and Curling

Just a reminder that if skates are being brought to school they must be in a cloth bag. This is for safety reasons to make sure the blades are not

going to hurt anyone.

Students that are curling need to make sure they have clean runners or curling shoes. They are also expected

to change into pants that will help them stretch and be flexible. Jeans will not be allowed out on the ice. Please help your child with this. Thanks

Magazines

Thank you very much for ordering magazines from our school. I have received an email stating that you should have received your magazines although some seasonal magazines may be an exception.

If you have an inquiry regarding any of the magazines that you ordered, please phone the Toll Free Number 1-800-667-2536 with the following infor-

mation and someone will assist you. This number can also be found on the back of your pink customer receipt.

1. Name of Magazine
2. Name & Address of Customer
3. Approximate Date of Purchase

You can also support Oak River School all year long by or-

dering magazine subscriptions online! Simply:

1. Go to www.QSP.ca
2. Click the link "Shop Now" or "Just Shopping"
3. Enter our School Group #4704 to ensure that we receive the profits from your order.

Thank you again for your support to our Magazine Campaign!

Parent Volunteers

Some parents have mentioned that they would like to come on our field trip to Ski Valley. That is great! The only thing we require is that all parents attending field trips need to have their Criminal Record

Check and Child Abuse Registry applied for and returned back to the school. Please contact the school to receive the appropriate paper work. If you require this, please see us as soon as possible. I don't

want any parents to be disappointed. Thank you for your understanding with this process.

Grade 5-8 News

It's hard to believe with all the nice weather that we are already in the middle of January! I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday and you are ready to get back to work! The next few months will be very busy around ORS. We have started our new "optics" unit in Science. The 5-8s will be learning about how light is produced, transmitted and detected. We will also be looking at different types of visible light, identifying colours as

different wavelengths of light and why objects appear to have colour. In math the 5/6 students have finished looking at the order of operations and are now beginning a unit on integers. The 7/8 students are finishing up our work with the Pythagorean Theorem and will now be looking at fractions, decimals and percents. We are continuing our new spelling program (Words Their Way) and have started looking at the different types

of writing. For gym class, we will be spending some time at the rink both curling and skating as well as beginning a floor hockey unit. Our 5-8 students will be hosting our own curling bonspiel on January 27th as well as participating in the RRSD bonspiel on Saturday, February 4th. Have a great week everyone and remember attitude is a CHOICE!

Ms. Willis

Grade 1-3 News

The students came back to school on the first day full of energy and excitement. It took us quite a bit of time to share all of the great things we did during the holidays. What an exciting time of year.

We came back to a great surprise! The snow blew into a great hill that we can build forts on and slide down. This is pretty big news in our room as I am sure you have heard about it also. Please remember to send proper clothing for the weather. The wind blows really hard through our playground. Neck warmers would be a great addition to the winter clothing.

In Phys. Ed. Class we are going to be learning some skills and rules in hockey. We will also be doing some indoor curling. I am organizing a guest to come to the rink to teach us curling and allow us an opportunity to use the little rocks out on the ice.

In Math all students will be working on addition and subtraction. Please pay attention to the math sheets that come home. At the bottom there are some great activities to extend their learning at home.

In ELA, Mr. Stouffer will be visiting our class to help us with writing workshops. We are continuing to learn our

word families, sight words, spelling words and increase our reading levels.

The students really enjoyed our unit on Liquids, Solids and Gases. We were able to complete a ton of experiments which engaged the students learning. Our next unit will be My Environment for Social Studies. The students will be learning about maps and globes, their province and country, their address, along with their community.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please give me a call. Thanks

Ms. Klemetski

Are you teaching your child how to solve problems?



Children need to know how to solve problems for themselves. Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below to find out if you

are helping your child develop problem-solving skills:

___ 1. Do you try to teach your child that problems always offer opportunities for solutions?

___ 2. Do you look for low-tech toys for your child to play with? The best toys let children invent how to use them.

___ 3. Do you encourage your child to learn more about topics she is interested in? Kids often ask the best questions—and then try to find their answers—in subjects they like.

___ 4. Do you encourage your child to brainstorm her own solutions. “How could you fix that problem?”

___ 5. Do you let your child try the solution she selects if it is reasonable? Even if it doesn’t work, she’ll still learn something.

How well are you doing?

Each *yes* means you are helping your child solve problems on her own.

For *no* answers, try those ideas.

Motivation is key to your child’s school success



You don’t just want your child to learn. You want your child to *want* to learn! Motivation is part of being a successful student. Thankfully, studies show that parents can help if they:

- **Stay involved.** When parents are involved in education, kids do better in school. Make sure you monitor study time and communicate with the teacher regularly.
- **Remember that kids are adaptable.** If your child struggles in school, stay positive. Work with his teacher to find solutions.
- **Promote independence.** Give your child age-appropriate freedoms. You might let him choose between two places to study.
- **Limit criticism.** School is challenging. Instead of criticizing, use positive words to boost your child’s self-confidence.
- **Correct mistakes in an encouraging way.** Don’t say, “You have poor spelling.” Try, “You spelled everything right except these two words! I bet you can fix them!”
- **Give specific compliments.** It’s better to say, “Your report is so neat. I can read the whole thing,” than, “I like your handwriting.”
- **Get more out of learning.** Let classroom lessons spark *your* imagination. You might visit the state capital, do a science experiment or figure out a waiter’s tip together. The key is to have fun!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1				5	6	7
8				12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		<i>Ms. Beaumont at ORS</i> <i>5-8 Curling</i>	<i>Skating</i>	<i>5-8 Curling</i> <i>Ms. W away</i>	<i>Ms. K away</i>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	<i>Mr. Stouffer at ORS</i>	<i>Mr. Stouffer at ORS</i> <i>5-8 Curling</i>	<i>Ms. K away</i> <i>Skating</i>	<i>5-8 Curling</i> <i>Ms. W away (pm)</i>	<i>Mrs. Beaumont at ORS</i> <i>Curling Bonspiel at OR</i>	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	<i>Ms. W away</i>	<i>Mr. Stouffer at ORS</i> <i>5-8 Curling</i>	<i>Mr. Stouffer at ORS</i> <i>Skating</i>	<i>Ms. K away (pm)</i>	<i>5-8 Curling</i> <i>Hot Dog Day</i>	<i>RRSD Curling Bonspiel</i>

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Library News

Happy New Year! The library is back in full swing after the students had a 2 week break for Christmas. It didn't take us long to get back into routine.

In the grades 5-8 class, we started a mystery novel from the Screech Owl series. We have some big hockey fans in this group so I'm hoping this book will "score big" with them! It is called "the Ghost of the Stanley Cup". In this novel, the Screech Owl team is headed to Ottawa to play in

a peewee tournament. They will have many adventures at this tournament and will have to solve a big mystery.

In the grades 1-3 class we are introducing chapter books. We have some VERY keen readers in our group and they are more than ready to move on to some harder reading. This month we are reading "Ready Freddy" books. We started the month off with "Talent Show Scaredy-Pants". We are having some great laughs along the way as Fred-

dy tries his very best to figure out what talents he has. I have a great collection of Ready Freddy books in the library and encourage the students to take them home and try to read one on their own.

The library is starting to get geared up for I LOVE TO READ month in February. Stay tuned for this years' events!!

Mrs. Gage