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Dear Oppenheimer Community:

There were many highlights in October, but I think one of the biggest was our first annual **Halloween Dance**. A big thank you to all the families who joined us that evening and an ever-louder applause to the PAC and all the parents that helped plan, decorate and run the event. Well done!



October is also remembered for the **Oppenheimer Kindness Challenge**. In a school



assembly, students were encouraged to find ways to be extra kind to one another. Then, at our next school assembly on Monday, November 5th we will be reading some of the reports that were made from the recipients of kindness.

This is a great way to set up our year at Oppenheimer for continued kindness.

One of our goals at Oppenheimer is to get all our **students to school on time**. I am happy to report that we have made great progress with this. Thank you for your help in getting your students to school and ready to learn by 9 AM. I appreciate the challenges we all face in "getting out the door" and we are continuing to work with a few more families.



Recently our students in Grades 5 to 7 have had an opportunity to join our **Peer Helpers** and **Student Council**. Playground Leaders will be training with me over the next two weeks. I will be teaching two problem solving techniques to the Playground Leaders and Supervision Aides. **WITS** (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out and Seek help) is a problem solving acronym to help students remember some strategies to handle difficult situations on the playground. **LEADS** is a second acronym to help the Peer Helpers work with students to resolve conflicts. For more information visit www.witsprogram.ca The students will also be learning basic playground games to teach to their peers. We are excited to see what Student Council will bring this year to Oppenheimer. They have already planned **Decades Day** on November 27th. I look forward to seeing students dressed in their poodle skirts and tie-dyed tee's.



I met last week with the head of **VSB Grounds** to express my concerns around drainage and mud. He has promised to start work on his 3-step plan in the middle of this month. We are hoping this will result in less dirt brought into our school.



We will be holding our **Remembrance Day Assembly** on Thursday, November 8th at 11 AM. If your child is a member of Scouts or Guides or another organization, we encourage you to send them in their uniforms that day.

Also, in November we are holding our **Reporting Conferences**.

Again this year, we have about half of our teachers participating in the VSB pilot project on Communicating Student Learning. So, you may notice teachers sending out report cards at different times during the year.

We will keep you posted on this. We hope to see you all at reporting conferences!





Hope Sterling, Principal

November

November 2 -23

10:00 Skating

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 	5 Fruit & Veggie Day – Pears 11:00 School Assembly 7:00 PM Grad Meeting (Library)	6 12:10 DT Lunch Time Program 12:10 Peer Helper Training 3:00 DT After School Program	7 8:00 Intermediate Crochet Club 2:00 Early Dismissal for Student Conferences	8 11:00 Remembrance Day Assembly 2:00 Early Dismissal for Student Conferences	9 CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION DAY SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS PAC Babysitting and Stay	10
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18	19 Food Bank Donation Begin	20 12:10 DT Lunch Time Program 3:00 DT After School Program	21 8:00 Intermediate Crochet Club	22	23 9:30-11:30 RESP Presentation in Library 12:10 Sushi Day Direct Drive & Shopfunds Orders DUE	24
25	26 Fruit & Veggie Day – Fuji Apples	27 Decades Day 12:10 DT Lunch Time Program 3:00 DT After School Program	28 8:00 Intermediate Crochet Club	29	30 9:00 K & Gr 6 Immunization in Activity Room 12:10 Pizza Day	



Food Bank Donations Appreciated November 19 – December 20



Decades Day

Tuesday November 27nd is



Have you ever wanted to travel back in time? Well, now you can! (Sort of) You can wear anything from the 1900s and beyond (the far future). If you don't know what to dress up as, we have drawn some examples as inspiration. In the case that you don't want to dress up, we encourage you to wear/bring something that relates to a decade, like a tie or a top hat.

We are all looking forward to seeing what you come up with!
Organized by Student Council and students from Div. 3.



Vancouver Food Bank

Oppenheimer's Student Council would like to bring back the opportunity to help the Food Bank again! We have participated in this event for more than 9+ years and it is because of YOU, we are able to help others like how we do.

Q: What is the Food Bank?

A: The Food Bank is a place where a collection of unopened/not expired/nonperishable donated food is supplied to people in need, free of charge.

Q: What are some examples of food items that the Food Bank accepts?

A: Canned beans, peanut butter, rolled oats, canned vegetables, with no or low-sodium, canned tuna in water, canned chicken, brown rice, quinoa, canned stews, unsweetened apple sauce, whole grain, low-sugar cold cereals, olive or canola oil, canned tomatoes, dried fruits, no sugar added, honey, chicken, beef and vegetable broths and stock.

Q: When will this event happen?

A: Student Council will run this event from November 19 to December 20.

Q: What can I do to help?

A: All you have to do is bring unopened/not expired/nonperishable food items to school and place it in your classroom Food Bank box.

Let's make this another successful year as we help others fill their tummies for the upcoming festive event(s)!

Thank you, Adeline Hui (Division 2)



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PAC News

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What's New

Direct Drive Fundraiser is now Underway!

It is our most important fundraiser where the money collected is used directly in our school and towards your children!



We are fundraising to **continue a number of favorite activities including skating and dance classes** that happens every fall. As well as purchasing new school sports jerseys and gym equipment. Our goal this year is **\$10,000**. Everyone's contribution is needed and appreciated. Tax receipts for the 2018 year will be issued for donations over \$25. Forms have been sent home, and can also be downloaded from our PAC website. Donations are **due by Friday, Nov 23**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school!

Red Cross Babysitting & Stay Safe Course – Nov 9th

Registration forms for this course have been sent home. Please complete registration form and drop off with payment to the PAC mailbox in the office. This course is for students in grade 6 and 7 only. This Year we have also added a new Stay Safe course as an option for students aged 9-13 to help them prepare to be on their own at home or in the community. Both will be held at the school on November 9th.



RESP Presentation

Family Services of Greater Vancouver will be having an informational presentation for parents on **Nov 23rd at 9:30am to 11:30am** in the school's library. To give parents information about opening a **Free Registered Education Savings Plan** for your child's post-secondary school education. Please come and join us to learn about what incentives the government offers when you contribute monthly towards your child's future. Sign up for the free information session will be on the PAC bulletin board.

Mark your calendars

- Nov 2** (Fri)
Freshii Day
- Nov 5** (Mon)
Fruit & Veggie + Milk day
(Pears)
Grad Committee Meeting
(7pm in Library)
- Nov 7&8**
Early Dismal @ 2PM
- Nov 9** (Fri)
Babysitting &
Stay Safe Course
No School - **Pro-D Day**
- Nov 12** (Mon)
No School
in lieu of Remembrance Day
- Nov 14** (Wed) 6:30
PAC Meeting
(with free child minding)
Popcorn Day
- Nov 16** (Fri)
Subway Day
Bottle Drive
(8:45-9:15 & 2:45-3:15)
- Nov 23** (Fri)
RESP Presentation – 9:30am
Sushi Day
Shop Funds Order – **DUE**
Direct Drive - **DUE**
- Nov 26** (Mon)
Fruit & Veggie + Milk day
(Fuji Apples)
- Nov 30** (Fri)
Pizza Day

Parents Helping Parents - NEW SECTION ON OUR BULLETIN BOARD

Are you looking for a reliable sitter? Do you need help with drop offs or pick-ups? Please feel free to post your information under the, "Parent Helping Parent", heading on the PAC Bulletin Board by the office. Include the date and all the necessary information for another parent to contact you and help you out. PAC will take care of refreshing the postings every month. Happy posting!

Clothing & Houseware Drive

Our fall clothing drive hulled in 293 bags which equals \$879 to our school's best yet! Div 3 came in first with 47 bags, second was Div 5 with 42 bags, and third with 22 bags was Div 2.

A special thank you to the parents who helped as well as Division's 1&2 for helping to carry bags and load the truck. Much appreciated! Next drive will be the spring.

Halloween Dance

Our first Halloween dance was a huge success, with just under 300 kids and parents in attendance, fantastic costumes, a busy dance floor, and tons of fun for all. Thanks to everyone who came out and our amazing Parents and Volunteers for all of their hard work to make it happen.



A few fundraisers that will help the Holidays and Grade 7's



Our grade 7 classes will be using an online shopping fundraiser called FlipGive this year, which allows you to do

your regular online shopping, while supporting our grads. A notice with more information will be sent home the week of November 5th. Please join the fundraiser and help our grads to achieve their fundraising goals.



Purdy's Chocolates are a favourite during holidays.

Purdy's will give 25% of the profit back to the grade 7 student to help offset camp costs. Information on ordering will be sent home shortly or please check out the PAC website for updated information.



Save your bottles! The grade 7's first bottle drive is Friday

November 16th. Bottles will be collected from **8:45 to 9:15 am** and **2:45 to 3:15pm.** We are

looking for any type of bottles that were given deposits on. Look for **the red truck** parked in front of the school!



Shop Funds gift cards cost exactly the same as if you bought them at a store and they do not expire. The only

difference is when you buy from our school Shop Funds program, a portion of the sales will go to our school. Forms will be sent home soon. Orders are due **Friday, Nov. 23.** Cards will be delivered in December well before winter break. Stock up for your holiday gift giving.

Is it really November already?

For more info on PAC events & all forms, check out our website www.oppenheimerpac.ca