

**“From the Eagles Nest”**

Principal’s Message:

**As Winter starts to fade, Oneida Central welcomes Spring!!**

Hard to believe, but the months are flying by and it is already March!

The final push for Kindergarten registration is on. Once we have our numbers for the Kindergarten class(es) we will know how many classes and teachers we will need for September. This is our chance to “get it right” because changes in the fall are rarely a quick fix. We want to ensure all our students have the best chance for a good start to school!

Please contact the office if you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten this fall, or remind friends and family members if you are aware of students in our catchment area (born in 2018) who are not registered.

We had a great turn out for pink shirt day on Feb 23rd, in support of bullying awareness.

Finally, Mrs. Powell and I would like to wish everyone the very best this March Break. Hope you are able to reconnect and rejuvenate so we head into spring with health and happiness.

All the best,

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NEWSLETTER

**School Start Time: 8:45a.m.**

**Dismissal Time: 3:05 p.m.**

**Sportsmanship**

**Character Trait for March: Sportsmanship**

Sportsmanship is an **attitude** that helps define our conduct. Attributes of Sportsmanship include:

* Courtesy and consideration, encourages others
* Values fair play and follows the rules
* Determination
* Grace in losing
* Humility when winning

In sports, our best learning often comes from the mistakes we make; taking the time to figure out why something is not working increases understanding. That is how we develop a skill!

This is true in sports and it is true in Math. Making mistakes in Math is not a bad thing! Take a deep breath; review your work to figure out where things went a little “off”. Students who are able to think about what they were thinking are the deepest learners.

**How do the new Covid 19 changes impact the school?**

Restrictions are starting to open up for us at school. Some of the changes, as of March 1, include:

* Many of the places Teachers might take students for field trips are no longer requiring proof of vaccination. Classes may not visit venues that are not welcoming of all our students (i.e. those who are not vaccinated) so this is indeed a good thing for our programs.
* Badminton and volleyball can start up. There are already badminton practices going on during Nutrition Breaks
* Visitors are allowed into to the school for short meetings, they sign in and are required to complete the covid screen

Things that have not changed include:

* Masks are still required at school and on buses
* Cohorting at recesses means classes stay in an assigned an area of the school play space with their class; we rotate these weekly so everyone gets their favourite area at some point.

At this point one can only guess as to what guidelines the Ministry of Education and Public Health Unit will have for us after March Break. Everyone at school is very eager for spring, when the playground is dry, the field is not “puddle deep” and the Primary students can use the climbers to develop those large muscles.

**Two fundraisers coming in March and April**

1. Families have already received a School Messenger about the Grade 8 Chocolate Fundraiser to **support their graduation ceremony**. With Easter coming up you will want to check out these great ideas to add to the celebrations.

What you will need to order through Purdy’s Chocolatier

1.      Our campaign number: **62713**2.      Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1518441-94622>3.      Click **“Join Campaign”**

B) At the end of March, Oneida Central partners with **Mohawk Garden Centre on a gift card project**.

Gift cards will be purchased through School Cash (students do not have to carry money on the bus) and Oneida Central will provide coupons that entitle parents to pick up the gift cards when you visit Mohawk Garden Centre. Students never carry money or gift cards on the bus.

Great savings on Easter, Mother’s Day and spring gardening purchases. Families enjoy a 30% savings (paying $35 for a $50 value in gift cards). In addition, Oneida Central keeps 100% of the funds raised for our own school projects.

* **Limit of two $25 gift cards per student** …. $17.50 per card.
* Gift Card Purchase Dates:

A reminder will be sent via School Messenger at the end of the month when School Cash is open.

Thank you for your consideration of these two quality fundraisers.

**March Break**- March 14th-18th. Enjoy your week off; we will see everyone back on March 21st.

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**Grad Photos**- Grad photos will take place March 9th at 9am.

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