



O'KELLY SCHOOL NEWS

**NOVEMBER
2025**

EMERGENCY PRACTICE DRILLS

AS PART OF OUR COMMITMENT TO KEEPING ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE, WE REGULARLY CONDUCT EMERGENCY PRACTICE DRILLS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THESE INCLUDE FIRE, LOCKDOWN AND SEVERE WEATHER DRILLS.

THE PURPOSE OF THESE DRILLS IS TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT TO DO QUICKLY AND CALMLY IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. PLEASE KNOW THAT THESE ARE PRACTICE DRILLS ONLY AND NO REAL DANGER IS INVOLVED. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TALK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE DRILLS AND REASSURE THEM THAT THEY ARE SIMPLY TO HELP US ALL STAY PREPARED. TO HELP KEEPS PARENTS INFORMED, WE WILL SEND OUT MORE INFORMATION ON THESE DRILLS AND THE PROCESS WE FOLLOW SOON.

BUS CANCELLATIONS/SCHOOL CLOSURE NOTICES

THE BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION POLICY ON BUS CANCELLATION/SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER IS AVAILABLE ON THE BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION WEBSITE UNDER:

DIVISION - ADMIN PROCEDURES - 2000 SERIES - 2120.

IF BUSES ARE CANCELLED OR THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED, A NOTICE WILL GO OUT VIA EMAIL AND/OR PHONE CALL FROM THE SCHOOL DIVISION AS WELL AS THE OKELLY SCHOOL. THIS INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON THE BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION WEBSITE, BSD FACEBOOK PAGE, O'KELLY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE.

***PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ON FILE IS UP TO DATE. IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTIES RECEIVING THE EMAILS FROM THE SCHOOL/DIVISION, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- NOV 10 - REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY 10:45 AM: O'KELLY GYM
- NOV 11 - NO SCHOOL: REMEMBRANCE DAY
- NOV 14 - NO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
- NOV 21 - PICTURE RETAKE DAY: MORNING ONLY
- NOV 24 - 28 - O'KELLY SCHOOL BOOK FAIR: MORE INFORMATION TO COME
- NOV 25 - GR. 7 & 8 VOLLEYBALL JAMBOREE:
- NOV 26 - PIZZA DAY
- NOV 28 - NO SCHOOL: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
- DEC 9 - CHRISTMAS CONCERT: MORE INFORMATION TO COME

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- WHEN PICKING UP OR DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILD, PLEASE USE THE GRAVEL PARKING LOT LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE SCHOOL BETWEEN O'KELLY SCHOOL AND ECOLE LA SOURCE. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING THE BUS LANE IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AS WELL AS THE TEACHER PARKING LOT.
- NON-BUS STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO BE AT THE SCHOOL NO EARLIER THAN 8:35 AM AND 12:35 PM. IF THIS IS A CHALLENGE, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO MAKE ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS.
- ALL SCHOOL VISITORS MUST USE THE MAIN DOORS, DOOR A , AND MUST CHECK INTO THE MAIN OFFICE WHEN VISITING THE SCHOOL.

TABS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

WE ARE PART OF THE MANITOBA TABS FOR WHEELCHAIRS PROGRAM. TABS CAN BE DONATED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE ON NOVEMBER 28. MORE INFORMATION WILL COME IN MID NOVEMBER ON THE REPORTCARD PROCESS AND HOW TO SIGN UP WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

O'KELLY SCHOOL USES SCHOOL CASH ONLINE FOR ALL SCHOOL ITEMS AND ACTIVITY FEES. WE ENCOURAGE ALL PARENTS TO REGISTER VIA THE BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION WEBSITE TO MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS AS ITEMS BECOME AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CHILD. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 204.729.0399.

ATTENDANCE

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LINE AT 204.729.2798 OR MAIN OFFICE AT 204-729-0399. IF NEEDED, PLEASE LEAVE A DETAILED MESSAGE WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- YOUR NAME
- YOUR CHILDS NAME
- THE REASON FOR THEIR ABSENCE

WINTER BREAK IS FROM DEC 22 - JAN 2. IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE STARTING WINTER BREAK PRIOR TO THE LAST DAY ON DEC 19, OR RETURNING LATER THAN JAN 5 WHEN CLASSES RESUME, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LINE/SCHOOL OFFICE

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER WITHIN O'KELLY SCHOOL PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

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