



NIGHTHAWK NEWS

"Everything that you do today will make a difference in our world tomorrow."

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Happy New Year!

Principal's Message

Welcome back! We hope your winter break was filled with special moments with loved ones. As we return to school this January, we're excited to begin a brand-new year of learning, growth, and discovery together.

The start of the year is a wonderful time for students to set goals, try new challenges, and celebrate achievements—big and small. Our staff are eager to support students as they continue developing their skills, confidence, and curiosity in and out of the classroom.

We have several winter learning experiences that will be starting up - please look for permission slips coming home in the coming weeks. Our K-3 classes will be heading to the Sunbowl Arena for skating. Our grade 6/7 students will be going to Baldy for downhill skiing and snowboarding. Unfortunately, our grade 4/5 cross country skiing will not be happening this year as McKinney no longer offers a school program. We are in the process of finding a new activity for our grade 4/5 students. Stay tuned! As always, we encourage all students to challenge themselves to try new activities.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead filled with learning, laughter, and success!

Jason McAllister

Important Dates:

January

- 28 Early Dismissal (12:00 pm) TIM
- 28 Spirit Day—Hair/Hat Day

February

- 2 PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm Learning Commons
- 13 Non-Instructional Day (No School)
- 16 BC Family Day (School Closed)
- 23 District Basketball Tournaments
- 25 Early Dismissal (12:00 pm) TIM
- 25 Pink Shirt Day

Important Message to Parents Regarding Leaving Messages for Students

If you have an urgent message that you are needing delivered to your student at the end of the day, please call before 2:10 pm. We cannot guarantee that your student will receive the message if you call after that time. Thanks for your help with this.

Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be five years old by December 31, 2026, may begin their first year of Primary, Full Day Kindergarten in September 2026. These will be children who were born in 2021. Parents or guardians may register these new students from Monday, January 12 to Friday, March 13, 2026. Parents MUST bring a birth certificate and proof of BC residency to complete registration. For more information about registration, please call Osoyoos Elementary at 250-485-4444.





Nighthawk Winter Sports



Basketball

Sign-up has taken place for our grade 6 and 7 students and practices have started. We are planning to have two exhibition games, one at home and one away before the District Tournaments take place on Monday, February 23. The gym is open in the morning for shooting practice from 8:00 to 8:25 am, Monday to Thursday. All basketball players are strongly encouraged to come to morning practices. Boys and Girls from Grades 5, 6 & 7 are invited to morning basketball practices. Along with Grade 6/7 lunch hour practices, teams will also be practicing after school from 2:45 to 3:45 pm. Please see the attached Grade 6/7 boys and girls basketball practices calendar.

Exhibition games will be scheduled and forms will be sent home at a later date with dates, locations and times.

The girls team is being coached by Mrs. Kwak, Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Pearson. The boys team is coached by Mr. McAllister and Mr. Miller. Go Nighthawks!

Downhill Skiing or Snowboarding

Our Grade 6 and 7 students will be going to Baldy Mountain Resort where they can choose to downhill ski or snowboard. Mrs. Ward and Ms. Champagne's classes will be going January 30 and February 6. Miss Clark and Mr. Palmer will be going February 27 and March 6.



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Winter Weather

Although we enjoy a fantastic climate here in the South Okanagan, we still get winter conditions. It is important that children come to school dressed for whatever Jack Frost may throw at us. Students should wear shoes/boots with good, gripping soles; a warm coat; layers; and have toques, scarves, and mitts/gloves handy. We do expect students to get some fresh air during the school day, so such apparel considerations should be routine.

Morning Procedures

To alleviate some of the congestion at the front door of the school in the morning, students who arrive late, after classes have entered the building, will use their designated entry door until 8:40 am. At 8:40 am, the outside doors will be locked, and students must then enter through the front door of the school and check-in with the office.

Given the cooler temperatures, it is important to reiterate that there are no supervisors on duty until 8:00 am on school days, so children should not be sent/dropped off at school before this time. A lack of supervision and cold winter conditions compound the safety concerns when children are sent to school too early. Thanks for keeping this in mind.



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House Team Event Points

Here are the results from our House Team Events in December:



Christmas House Team

Blue Owls	232 pts
Red Coyotes	201 pts
Yellow Eagles	198 pts
Green Turtles	121 pts

Current Standings

Blue Owls	1st Place	372 pts
Red Coyotes	2nd Place	341 pts
Yellow Eagles	3rd Place	318 pts
Green Turtles	4th Place	281 pts

Christmas House Team Event



❄️ January: Executive Functioning: Helping Kids Get Things Done

After the busy holiday season, January is the perfect time to re-establish routines—and to support the “invisible skills” that help kids learn, stay organized, and manage everyday tasks. These are called executive functioning skills.

What Is Executive Functioning?

Executive functioning is a set of brain skills that help with:

- Getting started on tasks
- Focusing and staying organized
- Remembering instructions
- Managing time
- Controlling impulses and emotions

These skills don't come naturally to all kids—and they take time, practice, and support to grow.

What You Might Notice:

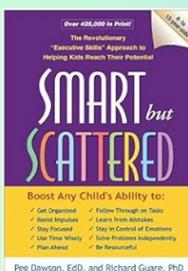
- Struggles with starting homework or chores
- Forgetting daily routines (shoes, backpacks, water bottles)
- Difficulty finishing tasks without reminders
- Emotional outbursts when things don't go as planned

How Parents Can Help:

- Break big tasks into smaller steps
- Use visual checklists and reminders
- Offer gentle prompts instead of frustration (“What's next on your checklist?”)
- Build in time warnings before transitions
- Model how you organize your day (“I'm setting a timer to remind me to start dinner”)

Gentle Reminder:

Executive functioning is not about laziness—it's about skill-building. With practice, routines, and lots of grace, kids can grow these essential life tools.



Smart but Scattered by Peg Dawson and Richard Guare is an excellent, practical resource for parents whose children struggle with organization, emotional regulation, follow-through, or independence. The book helps explain executive functioning skills and provides concrete, age-appropriate strategies parents can use at home to support their child's development. It is especially helpful for understanding behaviour as a skill that can be taught, practiced, and strengthened over time.



Candy Cane Reindeer Fundraiser

Mrs. Richards' and Mrs. Ward's classes made candy cane reindeer and sold them to raise money for the food bank. They raised a total of \$333.00! Way to go Divisions 6 and 13!



Osoyoos Elementary Lunch Program

Mondays with Boston Pizza

Tuesdays with Subway

Wednesday is Pizza Day with Mami's Pizza

Thursdays with Smitty's Family Restaurant

Fridays with Tim Horton's

Purchase the days of your choice for the week on Mondays, or by the month at the beginning of a new month. ***The deadline for ordering for the week will be the Monday before the week you are ordering for.***

Our monthly lunch menus can be found online at ose.sd53.bc.ca.

****ALL CHILDREN MUST BRING THEIR OWN CUTLERY****

Please encourage your children to bring healthy lunches and snack choices to school.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our suppliers for all of their hard work in providing these meals for our students. Thanks to Boston Pizza, Subway, Mami's Pizza, Smitty's Family Restaurant and Tim Horton's.

January 2026

OSE Nighthawk Girls & Boys Basketball

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 *Boys & Girls morning BB practice 8-8:30am	6 *Boys & Girls morning BB practice 8-8:30am	7 *Boys & Girls morning BB practice 8-8:30am	8 *Boys & Girls morning BB practice 8-8:30am Girls BB practice 2:45-3:45 after school	9 Lunch Boys BB practice	10
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25	26 *Boys & Girls morning BB practice 8-8:30am Lunch Girls BB practice Boys BB practice 2:45-3:45 after school	27 *Boys & Girls morning BB practice 8-8:30am	28 Early Dismissal Boys BB practice 12:00-12:45	29 *Boys & Girls morning BB practice 8-8:30am Girls BB practice 2:45-3:45 after school	30	31

February 2026

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22	23 District Basketball Tournament Boys @ OSE Girls @ SESS	24	25	26	27	28



LUNCH MENU January 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5 Boston Pizza \$5.00 Chicken Penne with Alfredo Sauce	6 Subway \$5.00 6" White Sub with Ham and White Cheddar	7 Mami's Pizza 1 slice \$3 2 slices \$5	8 Smitty's \$5.00 Chicken Quesadillas	9 Tim Horton's \$5.00 Roast Beef Sandwich on a White Bun
12 Boston Pizza \$5.00 Spaghetti with Meatballs	13 Subway \$5.00 6" White Sub with Turkey and White Cheddar	14 Mami's Pizza 1 slice \$3 2 slices \$5	15 Smitty's \$5.00 Chicken Nuggets and Cubed Potatoes	16 Tim Horton's \$5.00 Grilled Cheese and Chicken Noodle Soup
19 Boston Pizza \$5.00 Chicken Caesar Wrap	20 Subway \$5.00 6" White Sub with Cold Cuts and White Cheddar	21 Mami's Pizza 1 slice \$3 2 slices \$5	22 Smitty's \$5.00 French Toast and Sausage	23 Tim Horton's \$5.00 Chili and Bun with Butter
26 Boston Pizza \$5.00 Lasagne with Meat Sauce	27 Subway \$5.00 6" White Sub with Pepperoni and White Cheddar	28 No Lunch EARLY DISMISSAL	29 Smitty's \$5.00 Chicken Drumsticks and Mashed Potatoes	30 Tim Horton's \$5.00 Turkey Bacon Club on a White Bun

February 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Boston Pizza \$5.00 Fettucini Alfredo	3 Subway \$5.00 6" White Sub with Ham and White Cheddar	4 Mami's Pizza 1 slice \$3 2 slices \$5	5 Smitty's \$5.00 Macaroni and Cheese	6 Tim Horton's \$5.00 Chicken Strips and Potato Wedges
9 Boston Pizza \$5.00 Bugs and Cheese Pasta	10 Subway \$5.00 6" White Sub with Turkey and White Cheddar	11 Mami's Pizza 1 slice \$3 2 slices \$5	12 Smitty's \$5.00 Burgers and Cubed Potatoes	13 Non- Instructional Day No School
16 Family Day No School	17 Subway \$5.00 6" White Sub with Cold Cuts and White Cheddar	18 Mami's Pizza 1 slice \$3 2 slices \$5	19 Smitty's \$5.00 Chicken Nuggets and Cubed Potatoes	20 Tim Horton's \$5.00 Chili and Bun with Butter
23 Boston Pizza \$5.00 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce	24 Subway \$5.00 6" White Sub with Pepperoni and White Cheddar	25 No Lunch EARLY DISMISSAL	26 Smitty's \$5.00 Hotcakes with Fruit	27 Tim Horton's \$5.00 Crispy Chicken Sandwich on a White Bun



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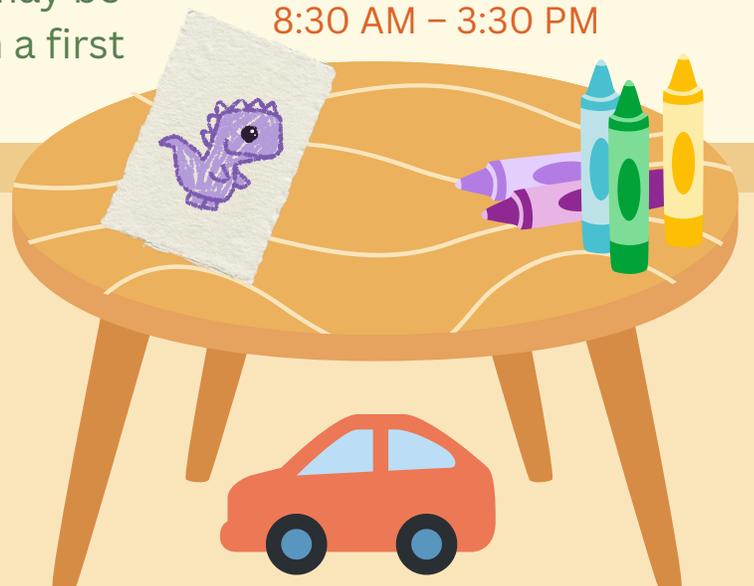
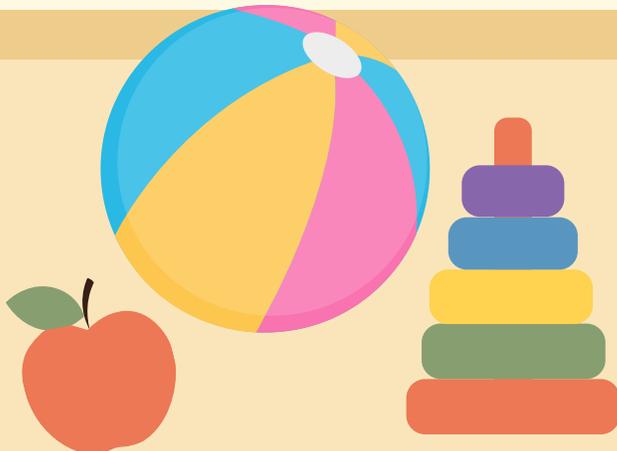
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2026-2027 Registration for Children Born in 2021:
January 12 to March 13, 2026

- Children who will be five years old by December 31, 2026, may begin their first year of Kindergarten in September 2026. These will be children who were born in 2021.
- Please bring your child's birth certificate and medical card with you, as well as proof of residency. Should you require further details, please contact your local school.
- Parents may defer the entry of their child into Kindergarten for one year but registration must occur in the following school year.
- Early registration assists the district with plans for September 2026. Also, Kindergarten spaces in a school may be limited and placement is done on a first come, first serve basis.

SCHOOL OFFICE INFORMATION

- **CAWSTON PRIMARY**
250-485-4434
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- **OKANAGAN FALLS ELEMENTARY**
250-497-5414
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- **OLIVER ELEMENTARY**
250-498-3468
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- **TUC-EL-NUIT ELEMENTARY**
250-498-3415
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- **OSOYOOS ELEMENTARY**
250-485-4444
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- **YOULEARN**
250-498-4597
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM



LEGO CLUB



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Calling All Builders & Imagineers! Create and Earn a Reward.

Boost your imagination and expand your building skills while working your way to great rewards with your LEGO passport. Visit the library on Tuesdays from 2:30-7:30 p.m. and create an item from your LEGO passport. Every 6th visit earns you a reward!

WEEKLY

Tuesdays
2:30 pm - 7:30 pm

January 6 - June 23

Cost **FREE** Age **SCHOOL AGE**

Program **DROP-IN**

25-1552-LEGO Builders Club

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HALF-DAY HANGOUT: SUPER SCIENCE!

Tired of boring afternoons? Get ready to conduct some cool experiments!

Are you looking for something to do after early dismissal? Try coming to our Half-Day Hangout! Jam-packed with mini experiments we will have a blast! Make new friends, channel your inner mad scientist, and have the best afternoon of the week.

January
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WEDNESDAY

Start **1:00 pm**

End **2:30 pm**

Cost **FREE**

Age

SCHOOL AGE

Program

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

25-1589-Half-Day Hangout: Super Science!

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PAC invites you to a...

Valentine's Family Dance

All Family Event!

**FEB
12**

**Osoyoos
Elementary
School Gym**

**6:00
PM TO
8:00
PM**

*Bring your family to a fun evening with dancing, a concession and buy your valentine(s) a carnation. *Grades 5 and under, parents must attend.*

**Parent Volunteers Requested*