



O. V. Jewitt Community School

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January 2022 Newsletter

Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that O.V. Jewitt Community School is located on Treaty 1 land, the original lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininewak, Aniishinin, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Red River Métis. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE...

There is a beautiful picture book by author, LeUyen Pham called *Outside, Inside*. In this book, there is a stunning page spread of pictures and words that we'd like to share with you. It goes like this:

"INSIDE we waited and we worried, we laughed and we cried, and we tried to breathe. We made things together and did things along. We hoped and prayed and wished. We were all changing a tiny bit inside."

It is difficult to process how quickly things begin to change. We are still waiting. We know that many of you are working very hard to do the best that you can. We thought we'd dedicate January's newsletter to recording some of the INSIDE work that has been happening at O.V. Jewitt. Some of the work that you have not been able to see. Your children, the staff and all of us in-between are continuing to do our best to do the right thing. We thank all of you that are essential workers and parents for all that you have sacrificed. We'll take one day and one month at a time.

OVJ FAMILY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

VIRTUAL

THURSDAY, FEB. 24, 2022 AT 5:45 P.M.

ALL WELCOME!

To join, please email tannis.nishibatachan@7oaks.org

FAMILY-SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

Our December FUN FRIDAY snack treats were met with enthusiasm by all students and staff that participated. The Family-School Council made \$536.05 that will go towards a project that they decide upon for our school community in the future!

Thank you so much for all who participated and especially to Louise Serra and her family for taking the time to collect orders, pick up the cookies and popcorn and organize them for each classroom. Stay tuned for the next fundraising opportunity in the coming months!



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Connection...Current information...Upcoming events...Classroom highlights





On December 20th and 21st, the students and staff of OV Jewitt celebrated the coming of Winter and all that the season brings. On Monday, the students of Maples Collegiate's Mino Bimatisiwin Indigenous Leadership Group brought Indigenous games to all of our classrooms. On Tuesday, classrooms read *Mouse Celebrates the Winter Solstice* by Terri Mack and heard a recorded message from Elder Dan Thomas; students went outside to participate in a ceremony with Ms. McKay and Ms. Coveney, and to hear a drum song by Shay Quill, CATEP student at H.C. Avery School; and volunteers from Portable 3 served wild rice casserole and berries to everyone in our school. Chi miigwetch to all who participated!

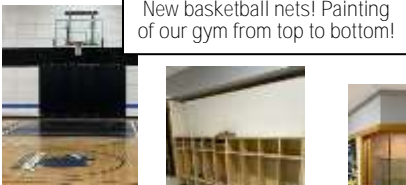
Small & Big changes at O.V. Jewitt!

Big thanks to our **Seven Oaks School Division** for all their support and for our wonderful staff in re-creating and re-imagining together... there will be more to come. We look forward to the days ahead where we can welcome you into our hallways again.

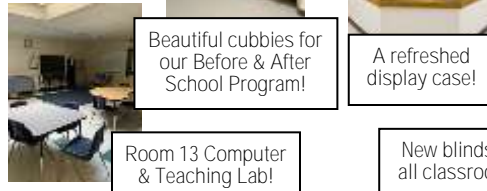


Fully renovated washrooms!

New windows installed!



New basketball nets! Painting of our gym from top to bottom!



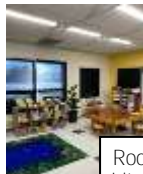
Beautiful cubbies for our Before & After School Program!

A refreshed display case!



Room 13 Computer & Teaching Lab!

New blinds for all classrooms!



Room 6 Literacy Space!

Portable 7

has been studying the diversity of living things. We have been looking most specifically at behavioural traits and physical characteristics of species belonging to the animal kingdom. We took a closer look at adaptations of animals as well and produced some artwork to demonstrate our understanding of camouflage. We are happy to be able to share with you and hope you enjoy our art!



SUBWAY
eat fresh.

O.V. Jewitt School is offering an opportunity to participate in a school-wide fundraiser. For the price of \$6, students are able to purchase a 6" Subway sandwich and a juice box in support of our extra-curricular and Physical Education Dept. Order forms have been emailed to families and are due on Thursday, February 10th

JAGUARS

Great News!
Covid19 In-School Vaccine Clinic
@ OVJ: 1st or 2nd Dose
5-11 YR OLD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
9 A.M.—12 P.M.

FROM ROOM 8...

The Grade 1/2 students in Miss Chin's class at O.V. Jewitt have been working on showing kindness in the classroom. From conversations about showing kindness, a student shared, "we are all the same, but different in our own special way!" This statement was the foundation of our inquiry into each student's culture and heritage, finding out different ways in which we are "special in our own way."

Please enjoy our self-portraits in traditional dress or favourite outfits! Along with our Learning Support Teacher, Kim Crass, students used acrylic paint and chalk pastel to create their art pieces. We created the full-body portraits using a technique called "gesture drawing" that we practiced in our sketchbooks. It is amazing to notice how the body can move and create meaning in so many ways. Students have also added a speech bubble welcoming you to this place we call school, in the language of their choosing.



Kindergarten!

As the seasons change, the kindergarten children are involved in an ongoing investigation of trees, as we closely observe the trees in our school yard and community. We share what we notice and wonder about while making connections to books in the classroom and images on the big screen. We have also been observing the sky, noticing how it sometimes looks grey or blue, sometimes a streak of a different colour. Viewing sunrises and sunsets in books and on the big screen we realize the sky is not always blue! We represented our learning about birch trees and sky colours through our winter water colour paintings!

Career Trek - Wonder of Work Program

The Wonder of Work virtual online program provides students an **"experiential, hands-on, learning opportunity that increases skills, competence, confidence, knowledge, self-awareness and understanding."** The lessons being delivered can help students understand the link between the subjects taught throughout their schooling and how their choice of courses may impact future career options.

The Grade 5 students in ROOM 10 have been enjoying their Wonder of Work online experiences. Throughout the program, students will be introduced to ten exciting careers. Each student has their own individual student kit, filled with all of the supplies needed for each career lesson. Some careers studied thus far include Water Quality Technician, Costume Designer, Biomedical Engineer and Urban Planner.

"Career Trek has been really fun because you get to learn about different jobs and make your own creations." - Kian

"It is super cool because we get to experience other jobs." - Ronin

