



# O. V. Jewitt Community School

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## May 2021 Newsletter

### Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that O.V. Jewitt Community School is located on Treaty 1 land, the original lands of Anishinabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. 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.

### Letter from the Principals

Our O.V. Jewitt school community has had to adjust to yet another way of doing school this month. Some are still attending school in person while others are attending virtually. Our **teachers and EA's continue to face the challenges of the pandemic with much skill and success.** Our custodial team continues to sanitize and disinfect frequently. Our secretaries continue to deliver a friendly greeting, direct your questions and make our work easier.

Your children, in-person or remotely, continue to bring a smile to our faces. Many thanks to our families who have helped them connect online and who have supported them at home. We know that you have had to juggle your family needs and re-invent home life too. We hope that you are staying safe through this difficult time.

We are striving to connect with families and with our students from afar, this being one of the challenges of working in the pandemic. Stay tuned and connect on our Instagram @ovjewitt for any updates! **Together, we've got this.**



### BEEP Camp – Balanced Experiential Education Program

Seven Oaks School Division is committed to a summer learning experience for students at participating schools. BEEP Camp is designed to provide quality learning opportunities to enrich the summer experiences of children. BEEP Camp is an activity-based program that infuses literacy and numeracy into daily activities. Qualified teachers and high school mentors bring exciting hands-on learning experiences to the children. In order to comply with the Provincial government guidelines outlined by the chief medical officer, BEEP Camp will take on a different look again this year. 2021 BEEP Camp Registration Opens June 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Registration closes June 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Visit your school website to register - the link is under Participating Schools. BEEP Camp is running a Summer Camp this year with two different dates:

- July 12 – July 30, 2021 OR August 3 – August 20, 2021

In addition the camp is full day: 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Families must select a particular date to attend. Note: **Due to high demand for this program, we are only allowing students to attend in either July or August (not both).** BEEP Camp is free to participating school students and includes a snack, fun activities, art, music, sports instruction, and outdoor learning. Children need to come prepared for outdoor learning every day (sun screen, hat, jacket, rain gear, bug spray, etc.). Note: **BEEP Camp is only for children attending schools where programs are held.**



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## Café Friday @ Portable 7...

Café Friday is a celebration of reading over a cup of hot drink and some treats. Every Friday, Portable 7 students bring their mugs to school. In the afternoon, Portable 7 transforms into a café where students can read, share stories, write, or catch up on leftover work. We have different types of teas and different flavours of hot chocolate. We also have different types of cookies! Here are what students are saying:



*"I liked Café Friday. it was a nice break during the day and we got to change our routine up. We got to relax and enjoy different teas and treats." ~ Nick*

*"I wish we can have it again ASAP so we can have fun and have a great time again!!" ~ Mary*

*"I think Café Friday is a great idea!! It helps get our minds off work and helps me enjoy tea time with my friends. I would love if we did Café Friday while online learning." ~ Jasleen*



Boozhoo! Our Pow Wow Club filmed for the Seven Oaks Divisional Graduation Pow Wow during the month of May. This filming will be a virtual compilation in honour of our student graduates. The event was filmed outdoors and gave our students a chance to showcase their learning from Pow Wow Club and contribute to the honouring of the graduating classes. We are so proud of all of our dancers!



**Before remote learning, Portable 5, Mr. Mantolino's class, illustrated drawings that reflected a linear perspective.** This method uses lines to create the illusion of space on a 2D surface. These amazing paintings are examples of two point perspective because it uses two vanishing points on the horizontal line. Students took time and a total of three phases to complete this project. The first and most important phase was the drawing itself and this took the greatest amount of time. Students paid close attention to the two basic rules: 1) all vertical lines remain vertical and 2) horizontal lines lead to a vanishing point. The second phase was painting. Students used watercolour to show off their creativity and imagination and give life to their drawing. Lastly, the final phase was to "Sharpie" their lines to really highlight the illusion of a three dimensional space...





## LOVE GROWS—ROOM 11...

While this year has certainly come with its challenges, Team 11 (Room 11) always looks at our glass as being half-full. Team 11 has kicked off O.V. Jewitt's participation in this year's LOVE GROWS challenge. Students and their peers are challenged with spreading kindness even in hard times. Team 11 decided to take on the Hold My Hand challenge where students would "reach out" using art and their voices to spread kindness. We hope to continue to spread kindness and positivity as we head into the summer months.



## It's a Digital World...

Digital devices and media are a vital part of our world today. The benefits of these devices, if used moderately and appropriately, can be great! So, what can parents/caregivers do? The key is to pay attention, be involved, model positive media habits and have conversations about appropriate use of technology.



**Treat media as you would any other environment in your child's life.** Parenting guidelines apply to both real and virtual environments. Set limits, kids need and expect them. Know your children's friends both online and off. Know what platforms and apps your child is using, what sites they visit and what they are doing online. Set parental controls on their devices and have conversations about why the controls are on their personal device.

**Set limits and encourage playtime.** Media use, like other activities should have reasonable limits. Have family discussions about digital limits. Perhaps you decide no phones during dinner, recharge phones overnight in the kitchen instead of bedrooms or limit screen time on the weekends.



**Apps for kids— do YOUR research!** More than 80,000 apps are labeled as educational, but little research has shown their actual quality. Products pitched as "interactive" should require more than "pushing and swiping" Look to organizations like [Common Sense Media](#) for reviews about age-appropriate apps, games, and programs.

**Obtain your child's or teen's passwords and login information.** This will help ensure safety online and to follow online profiles and activities. Have open, meaningful discussions about why you are checking their devices. Do it together and ask about their experiences and encounters online.

**Warn children/teens about the importance of privacy and the danger of predators and sexting.** Teens need to know that once content is shared with others, they will not be able to delete or remove it completely. They may also not know about or choose not to use privacy settings, and they need to be cautioned that sex offenders often use social networking, chat rooms and online gaming to contact and exploit children.

**Model...model...model.** Be a good role model. Teach and model kindness and good manners online. Review your own media habits. Never text or use headphones when driving, walking, biking, or jogging. Encourage daily "screen free" times, especially for family time.

**Remember: Kids will be kids.** Kids will make mistakes using media. Try to handle the mistakes with empathy and turn the mistake into a teachable moment. However, some indiscretions, such as texting, bullying or posting self harm images may be a red flag. In such situations, parents/caregivers may want to enlist the help from supportive professionals, including their family pediatrician.

For additional information please visit  
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and [Who We Are | Caring for kids \(cps.ca\)](http://www.who-we-are.org)

