



O. V. Jewitt Community School

Principal: Ms. T. Nishibata-Chan

Vice-Principal: Ms. D. Drabek

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Summer 2023 News

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.

Farewell Ms. Kim...

It is with sincere gratitude that I am writing to the students and families of O.V. Jewitt Community School. In the fall of 2023, I will be moving to the position of Director at the Seven Oaks Adult Education Centre and saying goodbye to you all. I have been truly honoured to spend the last two years in this amazing community of learners and I will forever cherish the memories we have made together. The children at O.V. Jewitt taught me so much as they themselves have grown as learners and thinkers in our classrooms. We have shared laughter, many moments of deep thinking, reflection, celebration, and joy. We have worked together to overcome challenges, and I am incredibly proud of all the hard work and commitment they show every day.

A huge thank you to Ms. Tannis, the staff, and the students of our school for walking with me on this educational journey. I will miss each and everyone of you and wish you success in all that you do.

Thank you - Merci - Miigwetch - Ekosi - Marsi - ਤੁਹਾਡਾ ਧੰਨਵਾਦ - Selamat - شكرًا لك

Ms. Kim Dalton



Welcome Ms. Dina...

Ms. Dina joins O.V. Jewitt as our new **Vice-Principal**. She has been a classroom teacher, a learning support teacher, and an administrator in Seven Oaks School Division for 23 years. She has worked in 8 different schools in that time. Ms. Dina taught grade 5 at OVJ in 2002-2003!

Ms. Dina enjoys walking, hiking, and kayaking for recreation, and she loves to read and do puzzles. In her spare time, she is an international level triathlon official. She is looking forward to being part of the O.V. Jewitt school community!

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



2023-2024 Teaching Staff

Kindergarten:	Mrs. Cathy Foy	Room 20	Learning Support:	Ms. Kim Crass
Gr 1/2:	Mrs. Catherine Johnson	Room 1		Ms. Krystin Cullum
Gr 1/2:	Ms. Pamela Onchulenko	Room 4		Ms. Lucy Batista
Gr 1/2:	Ms. Manpreet Grewal	Room 5		Mrs. Jennifer Erickson
Gr 1/2:	Ms. Naomi Dennie	Room 6		Mr. Daniel Camaclang
Gr 3:	Mrs. Mary Robertson	Room 2	Music:	Ms. Arielle Block
Gr 3:	Ms. Erin Murphy	Room 3	Band:	Mr. Bryan Clendenan
Gr 4/5:	Ms. Kina Wong	Room 8	Phys Ed:	Mrs. Kim Pereira
Gr 4/5:	Ms. Swati Prabhakar	Room 9		Mr. Marco Lopes
Gr 4/5:	Ms. Kim McCallum	Room 10		
Gr 4/5:	Mr. Ari	Room 11		
Gr 4/5:	Ms. Lori Dubnicoff	Room 12		
Gr 6:	TBA	Room 14		
Gr 6:	Mr. John Mantolino	Room 15		
Gr 7/8:	Ms. Sara Jantzen	Room 16		
Gr 7/8:	Ms. Eva Moszkiewicz	Room 17		
Gr 7/8:	Ms. Amanda Rivers	Room 18		
Gr 7/8:	Mr. Jeff Morris	Portable 3		
Gr 7/8:	Mr. Dan Besner	Portable 4		



Farewell Ms. Wiebe...

I have called OV Jewitt my “home” for the past 26 years! That seems like a really long time....more than a generation! For some of you, I not only had the honour and privilege to teach you at OVJ, but also your own children. As I reflect on my journey here, I am filled with gratitude for the countless memories and incredible support.

To the parents and guardians....thank you for support over the years, attending concerts, musical productions, assemblies, Moose Hockey games, helping with Seesaw activities and Google Classroom during Covid, and the kind notes and little gifts and even making appointments to talk about your children during parent/teacher interviews. It has been great getting to know you and your children. Your involvement and belief in The Arts have made a significant impact on the lives of our young musicians.

To the students.....I will miss your smiles, your hugs and hearing about how your day is going. I will miss making music with you and hearing your lovely singing voices. I will even miss your recorder playing! You have filled my days with joy and laughter. *Remember, music has the power to touch hearts and souls and I hope you continue to nurture that spark within you.*

As I move on to this new chapter of my life, I plan to do some subbing next year, and relax and sleep in for awhile, and perhaps do some travelling. It is with a mix of emotions that I bid you all “auf wiedersehen” which is not goodbye, but “see you again.”

Welcome Ms. Block...

Ms. Block is passionate about music, drama, and dance, and cannot wait to collaborate with the creative minds of O.V. Jewitt students and staff! She enjoys travelling and attending musical theatre productions. Ms. Block is very excited to meet the OVJ students this fall!



Farewell Mr. Bob...

Mr. Bob has been at O.V. Jewitt for 23 years as a part of our evening custodial staff. He has worked hard to keep our school clean and always has a hello for our kids. We wish him well in his retirement!



Welcome Mr. Bui...

Mr. Ngh ia Bui will be joining the O.V. Jewitt evening custodial team in September. We welcome him to our school!

Farewell Ms Badhan...

Dear OVJ School Community, as I write this farewell message, a wave of emotions washes over me. I began my teaching career at OVJ & now looking back on my time here, I am filled with gratitude for the experiences and opportunities that this school community has given me. I will be moving to James Nisbet Community School to teach Grade 7/8 next year. Thank you for all of your support over the years! May our paths cross again, and may we continue to learn, inspire, and make a difference in the world! Sincerely, Anu Badhan

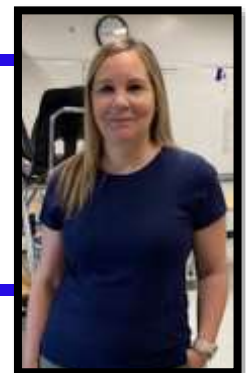


Welcome Ms. Rivers...

I am very much looking forward to beginning my 13th year of teaching at OV Jewitt. I am coming from Amber Trails Community School where I taught grade 8 (before that was grade 6/7 and Learning Support). What I love most about being a teacher is getting to know families and when kids surprise themselves with what they can do. When I am not at school, I am spending time with my husband, our two-year-old son, and our dog, Kismet. We are often outside and enjoy camping, cooking, and sitting with a great book.

Farewell Mrs. Rochon...

It has been a pleasure and honour to be a member of the O.V.J. School community these past 12 years. This is a bittersweet time as I leave behind existing relationships with students, parents, and staff to pursue a new opportunity as a student support teacher at West Kildonan Collegiate. I look forward to this new chapter in my career and will forever be grateful for the memories I've made at O.V. Jewitt!



Farewell Ms. Hoydalo, School Social Worker...

O.V. Jewitt Community School has been one of my homes for 9 years. It has been a pleasure to work with the students, families, and staff. What an amazing school and community! I will take away some beautiful memories. I may still bump into some of you as I continue my work at Maples Collegiate.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER 2023-2024

September 4	Labour Day
September 5 & 6	Orientation Days
September 15-17	Rosh Hashanah
September 24-25	Yom Kippur
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 3	Common PD Day (NO CLASSES) & Provincial Election Day
October 9	Thanksgiving (NO CLASSES)
October 13	Gr 6-8 Routine Immunization Clinic (a.m.)
October 18	Picture Day
October 20	MTS PD Day (NO CLASSES)
November 1	Divisional Day (NO CLASSES)
November 3	OVJ PD/Admin Day (NO CLASSES)
November 8	National Indigenous Veterans Day
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 12	Diwali
November 23	Picture Re-take Day
November 23	Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening Only)
November 24	Parent Teacher Conferences (NO CLASSES)
December 7	Hanukkah Begins
December 22	Last Day of Classes Before Winter Break
December 23/23-January 7/24	Winter Break (Dates inclusive)
January 8	Classes Resume
February 2	Division-Wide PD (NO CLASSES)
February 19	Louis Riel Day (NO CLASSES)
February 23	Middle Years Winter Activity Day (Gr 6-8)
March 14	Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening Only)
March 15	Parent Teacher Conferences (NO CLASSES)
March 22	Last Day of Classes Before Spring Break
March 23-31	Spring Break (Dates inclusive)
April 1	Classes Resume
April 19	OVJ PD Day (NO CLASSES)
May 20	Victoria Day (NO CLASSES)
May 29-31	Arts in the Park
June 6	Divisional Pow Wow
June 7	Common PD Day (NO CLASSES)
June 20	Middle Years Life Days (Gr 6-8)
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 24	OVJ PD/Admin Day (NO CLASSES)
June 24	Grade 8 Farewell
June 26	Middle Year Life Days <i>Rain Date</i> (Gr 6-8)
June 28	Last Day of School

Please check our website for updates/changes:

<http://www.7oaks.org/school/ovjewitt/Pages/default.aspx>

MOVING?

If your family is planning to move over the summer or your child will not be attending O. V. Jewitt Community School in the fall, please let the office know as soon as possible at
204-633-1714

Was your child born in 2018?

Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-2024 school year has begun!
Registration is taking place online or by appointment at your catchment school.
If you have any questions or need assistance, please call O.V. Jewitt School at 204-633-1714

