

# OTTER NEWS

October 11, 2022

Upcoming Events	
Date	Event
October 10	Thanksgiving – No school in session
October 12	Grade 6 Immunizations
October 13	Rock and Roll Performance
October 14	Interims go home
October 19	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 2:00 – 4:00 (1 hour early dismissal. <b>Students released at 1:08PM)</b>
October 20	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 2:00 – 7:00 (1 hour early dismissal. <b>Students released at 1:08PM)</b>
October 21	Provincial Pro-D – No school for students
October 25	Photo Retake Day
October 31	Costume Day

## Welcome, Mrs. Threlfall!

North Otter is excited to welcome Mrs. Threlfall to the grade 1 team. Mrs. Threlfall has been working alongside Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Tocol, and Mrs. Vis this week in preparation to provide continuity in our grade 1 literacy and numeracy program.

## Thank you, Parents

On behalf of North Otter staff, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the work that went into making World Teacher Day so special for our staff. Your balloons, signs, coffee, snacks, and treats have gone a long way to making the week a special one.

## Food Drive Updates

Big thank you to all the families that helped support this year's Thanksgiving food drive. This year, we were able to collect over 600 food items and over \$200.

Here is a message from our local food bank...

*"Thank you all SO much for your generous donation of non-perishables for the Aldergrove Food Bank. It is awesome that a country school of your size was able to gather such an overwhelming number of boxes!*

*Because of your food drive, many needy families in Aldergrove will now be able to put healthy food on their tables and in their children's backpacks for school. Thank you for your kind hearts and all your hard work.*

*Hope that you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!*

*blessings,*

*Mary van Zuuk*

*Aldergrove Food Bank Manager"*

### **North Otter Band Students**

With Monday being Thanksgiving, Mr. Follett would like to run band rehearsal on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. **Band students, please bring your instrument to school on Tuesday and Thursday next week.**

### **Grade 6/7 Volleyball**

Volleyball players should have received their jerseys, bags, and water bottle once permission forms and athletic fees have been submitted. Players are asked to wear black shorts or leggings and athletic shoes while participating in games. League games begin on **Tuesday, October 11 (boys) and Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> (girls)**. Parents are welcome to come watch, we simply ask that you enter the gym through the exterior doors at the back of the school. Players, please remember your jersey, shorts, and shoes. Students that do not have appropriate athletic wear will not be able to participate.

The live schedule can be [found here](#).

Practice times: Tuesday – 2:10-2:45, Wednesday – at lunch

### **Words of Encouragement**

If you have an encouraging word that you would like to share with one of our staff members, please take a moment to [fill in this form](#) and we will be sure to share it with the staff member.

### **Grade 6 Immunizations**

Grade 6 immunizations are coming up on October 12. Students should have received a permission form from Fraser Health with information regarding the immunization. If you do not have a copy, please stop by the office and pick up another form. If your child needs any special accommodations, please contact their homeroom teacher and we will do our best to meet whatever the need.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 19th from 2:00-7:00 and Thursday, October 20th from 2:00-4:00. Below are some instructions for School Appointments if you don't already have an account. Booking is open now until October 18th. Please make sure to book your appointment time.

All interviews will be held in person, in the teacher's classroom. With our custodial staff cleaning the building, we ask that you don't use the hallways unless you are visiting our Book Fair, and that you enter the classroom using the classroom exterior door.

### [PARENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS](#)

### **Costume Day (Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>)**

With Halloween on a Monday this year, we invite students to come in costume to school on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Although this has never been an issue in past years, please consider the following when choosing a costume for your child to wear to school.

- Regular school rules regarding the dress code must be followed.
- No canes, sticks, or weapon-like items of any kind are allowed. Masks should only cover the nose/mouth.
- No fake blood or other substances that will spill or cause a mess will be allowed.
- Nothing that promotes the use of illegal substances or activities, derogatory or disrespectful or portrays violence.

- Students must show respect to other students by not touching, defacing or insulting other students' costumes
- Students must show respect for others by not choosing costumes that are insensitive and/or offensive to the diverse backgrounds represented by others at our school or community.

### **Communicating with the school**

When a concern arises with your child, we ask that you reach out to connect with those who are closest to the problem and who know your child best. We discourage parents from attempting to resolve conflict with other students' parents unless you already have a positive relationship with the family. We also discourage parents from posting incidents on social media as it spreads misinformation and does not resolve the problem.

Often, addressing the problem means contacting staff in this order...

1. Start with the staff member who is closest to your child. In most cases, this is the classroom teacher. In the event your child works with a resource teacher, we ask that you include the resource teacher if the concern is related to their individualized education plan.
2. Contact the principal, counsellor, aboriginal support worker, or youth care worker if your concern involves any incidents that may be occurring outside of the classroom or with a student in another class.
3. Speak with a district principal or assistant superintendent if you feel your concern is not being addressed and/or you disagree with the approach the school has used.
4. When applicable, make an appeal to the Board of Education.

### **D&D Club Volunteers Needed**

Do you love playing Dungeons & Dragons (5<sup>th</sup> Edition)? Do you like helping young minds grow by going on epic adventures? Are you free Fridays 2:20-3:20? If you answered yes to all three of these questions, then North Otter D&D Club could use your help. If you have working knowledge of D&D 5E and would be interested in being a Dungeon Master for the club, then please email Mr. Garland as soon as possible ([dgarland@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:dgarland@sd35.bc.ca)). A working knowledge of the game is REQUIRED. Thank you for your support so that we can have more Otters going on adventures!

### **Breakfast Club Volunteers**

The Breakfast Club is looking for volunteers to help with serving meals during the morning. If you are able to help out, please reach out to Cheri ([cherimcbride@gmail.com](mailto:cherimcbride@gmail.com)) and let her know your availability. If you are interested in volunteering for other future events at North Otter, please complete a [volunteer form here](#)

### **Noon Hour Supervisor Wanted**

If you or someone you know loves working with kids and is interested in joining our supervision team during the lunch hour, we are looking for a noon hour supervisor. A successful candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Completion of Grade 10.
- First Aid Certificate (Level I)
- Ability to interact with students in an effective manner.
- Ability to communicate effectively using tact and discretion in the explanation and clarification of information.

- Ability to use judgement in applying established methods and procedures.
- Physical ability to perform the required duties.

Hours: Monday-Friday, 11:40am – 12:40pm.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact Mr. Woelders  
[dwoelders@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:dwoelders@sd35.bc.ca)

### **Staying Connected**

Much of the communication this year will come from school-wide emails and information posted on the school website. Please ensure that we have your most up-to-date email address on MyEd. The calendar on our [school website](#) shows all the events as they are added or amended by our school staff and front office.

### **FROM THE PAC**

#### **Upcoming Book Fair!**

North Otter PAC welcomes back the book fair, running October 17-20<sup>th</sup>. Students will have a chance to do a walk through during the school day and make purchases during lunch and after school. Parents are welcomed to make purchases after school or during parent-teacher conferences.

#### **Munchalunch Info**

Link for new families to register

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/NorthOtter>

Link for existing families to login

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

### **FROM THE COMMUNITY**

#### **Community Childcare\***

\*Note: North Otter does not vett childcare providers that are listed in the community section of the newsletter. Please take due diligence when looking into childcare providers.

#### **The Patch Kids Place**

# Daycare Before & After School



## THE PATCH KIDS PLACE

THE PATCH KIDS PLACE LOCATED IN NORTH OTTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAS DAYCARE DURING SCHOOL HOURS/ FULL TIME SPACE AVAILABLE MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY FROM 8:40AM-1:55PM. REGISTER YOUR 2.5-5 YEAR OLD FOR THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

CALL: 604-626-4547

EMAIL: LIZALDERSON@SHAW.CA

OTHER SPACE MAY BE AVAILABLE PLEASE CONTACT FOR DETAILS  
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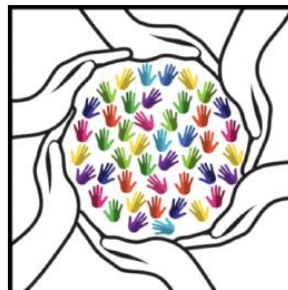
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### **Additional Childcare**

If there are any families in need of childcare before/after school or on Pro-D days please contact Holly Daignault, 778-899-3970

You are invited to join Early Childhood Educator, Sam Collie, for a **FREE**, Ready, Set, Learn Session

# Gifts and Gatherings



It is important to celebrate **every child** for their uniqueness and strengths. Gifts and Gatherings is a program that embraces this celebration!

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**North Otter Elementary School** offers four sessions:

Thursday, October 6th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, November 29th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, February 9th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, April 18th, 1:00-2:00pm

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in playful activities designed for all ages. During each session, participants will receive a gift that will allow families to continue to explore their learning at home.



Many people have an important role in raising a child. Adults will gain skills and knowledge to support children beyond the session. Any family member or caregiver is welcome to participate along with children ages 0-5 years.

For more information contact Sam Collie at [scollie@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:scollie@sd35.bc.ca)

