

# OSCAR Newsletter



October, 2018

## Program News

**Chester Ronning** - We are having so much fun at Chester Ronning OSCAR. September was filled with tons of creativity expressed from the children, as program leaders we hope to continue to be an inspiring outlet for the children at OSCAR. Some of the favorite activities so far have been crafts, and building challenges. In the month of October we are having a firefighter come to OSCAR on October 10<sup>th</sup> during fire prevention week, we also have several theme days intended and are working on planning a Halloween party. October is going to be a busy month, please watch for announcements at the program for updates.



**Jack Stuart** - With October upon us, we are very much looking forward to many fun filled activities, building upon the topic of Fall, Thanksgiving, and Halloween. We will be exploring the many ways families celebrate Thanksgiving by making a bulletin board of Thanksgiving Celebrations. Please come and share with the staff and children what your household does to celebrate this holiday. Halloween is at the end of the month and we will also be building excitement for playing spooky games and doing some baking of cookies.



**Sparling** - Sparling OSCAR is off to a great start with many new and returning children eager to join in our fun. October is going to be a busy month as we celebrate Fall Harvest, Thanksgiving, Fire Prevention and Halloween. Fire Prevention week is October 7 to 14. We will have Captain Jeff Knopf, Camrose Fire Department visit our program on October 11<sup>th</sup> to share with us fire safety and prevention information. We will also plan for a Spooctacular Halloween party on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please remember we encourage fun costumes that are non-violent. We hope to see our OSCAR parents come and join in the fun with us on special event day and throughout the program year



**Sifton** - Is it fall already? The weather is getting chillier, so the staff at École Sifton OSCAR would like to remind families to equip the children with appropriate outerwear for outdoor play. At Sifton, we are working on getting our new Family Board up and would like any families interested in being involved, to provide us pictures, stories, or just about anything you'd like to share. We will feature different families throughout the school year. With the festivities of Halloween coming up, the staff and children are planning a variety of crafts, decorating, some baking, and also pumpkin carving. We also can't wait to see all the different costumes the children will be wearing. Let's have a fun fall and of course, Happy Halloween!



## OSCAR Child Care Society

### CDSS Office Hours

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Monday - Friday  
(Drop off mail box available outside CDSS Office )

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4516 - 54 St.  
Camrose AB T4V 4W7

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[www.camrosefcss.ca](http://www.camrosefcss.ca)

## Questions & Concerns

Please feel free to contact me, Kandace Bonney, OSCAR Director, at 780-672-0141 if you have any questions or concerns regarding OSCAR in anyway.

### OSCAR Site Cell #'s

- Chester Ronning OSCAR: 780-608-0990
- Jack Stuart OSCAR: 780-608-9068
- Sparling OSCAR: 780-679-4700
- Sifton OSCAR: 780-781-5159

## Health Tip

Head Lice – spread through direct contact with heads or indirect contact with hats, hair accessories, head-phones, combs, brushes, or soft materials in contact with the head. They are a nuisance but have not been linked to cleanliness. – cps.ca

## Find Us on Facebook



Find us on:  
**facebook**®

**OSCAR Child Care Society has a Facebook page that provides monthly updates and reminder of things you need to know and some family community events.**

Search for: **OSCAR Child Care Society**

# Monthly Newsletters

**Newsletters** will be posted as a link on Facebook to our webpage. A paper copy will be in the parent information binder. We are reducing our paper copy for the newsletter to help keep our costs down. If you wish to continue to receive a paper copy, please let Kandace, OSCAR Director know and she will continue to provide you with a copy, thank you for your understanding.

## Pre-Authorized Payments

Just a reminder the first Pre- Authorized Debt (PAD) payment will come out of your account on October 20<sup>th</sup> (if you signed up for it) the amount will be according to the invoice received after the first week of the following month. September Invoice will arrive at the program the first week of October. **If you would like to sign up for this service please submit the form (available at CDSS and on-line), attach a void cheque or slip from your bank with your banking information. Don't forget to sign the form.**



## Subsidy

- For more information please visit the Government of Alberta, Child Care Subsidy website:
- <http://humanservices.alberta.ca/financial-support/15104.html>
- Please inform the OSCAR Director if you will be receiving subsidy
- Subsidy Phone Number 1-877-644-9992
- More information is also available in your Parent Handbook!
- **Ensure** you have all your paperwork into subsidy, especially if you have conditional subsidy as you are responsible for all program fees until all your paperwork is handed in and approved.
- **Ensure** to submit the CRA acknowledgement form especially if you applied on line
- Know when your renewal date is as subsidy will not back date payments and you will be responsible for all fees.
- **Ensure** your Subsidy is at the correct OSCAR program location.

## Parent Information Binder

Check out the Parent Information Binder for the Snack Calendar, Health, Safety & Licensing Information, OSCAR Newsletters and Updates, Interagency Newsletters, Community Events and the Weekly Programming to learn what wonderful activities your child will be doing over the month. There is always something new and interesting happening.



## Monthly Invoice

Your monthly invoice will arrive at the program usually the first week following the month after care. The account is to be paid by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month or very shortly after, by subsidy, Pre Authorized Debit (PAD), cash or cheque at CDSS. If this date is problematic for you, please let the director know.



**We are looking to test emailing your monthly invoice. This would be a new concept for OSCAR and our hope would be to help reduce our costs even further. If you would like to have your invoice emailed to you, please let Kandace, OSCAR Director know.**

# Important Dates to Note



October 4	Early Dismissal – OSCAR starts 1 hour early
October 8	Closed NO School & NO OSCAR
October 12	Closed NO School & NO OSCAR
October 15	OSCAR Parent Board Meeting 5:15 at Chester Ronning
<b>October 20</b>	<b>September Fees Due</b>
<b>October 20</b>	<b>November Calendar Due @ CDSS</b>
October 26	Closed NO School & NO OSCAR
November 1	Early Dismissal – OSCAR starts 1 hour early
November 12-13	Closed NO School & NO OSCAR
<b>November 20</b>	<b>October Fees Due</b>
<b>November 20</b>	<b>December Calendar Due @ CDSS</b>
November 18	OSCAR Parent Board Meeting 5:15 at Chester Ronning
November 30	Closed NO School & NO OSCAR

## Shoes & Jackets for Children

All children MUST have appropriate indoor shoes for OSCAR every day. This is a fire, health and licensing regulation, along with a school rule. Children without shoes will not be able to participate in activities. If shoes are an issue, please contact Kandace, OSCAR Director. Please keep in mind the children CAN NOT go back to their classrooms or lockers after school dismissal, this is also a school rule.

The weather changes quickly, it is a good idea to be prepared for daily outside play. Please send a light jacket or sweater with your child every day, as it can be colder to play outside later in the day.



## CDSS Help Book

### Camrose & District Help Book 2018



Your guide to Human  
Services, Rural Clubs & Organizations

- Abuse • Addictions • Child & Youth Services
- Church Organizations • Counselling Services • Debt Counselling
- Disabilities • Education & Literacy • Emergency Services
- Employment Services & Financial Assistance
- Foundations • Health Services • Home Support Services
- Housing • Information & Referral • Legal Services
- Parenting • Police • Recreation • Senior Drop-in Centres
- Specialized Care • Suicide Prevention • Support Groups
- Transportation



CDSS is proud of the Help Book and proud of our service as an information and referral hub for everyone who lives, works and plays in Camrose and our surrounding rural communities. The Help Book is our service, enabling us to ensure that everyone who calls or drops by the office gets the information they need in one conversation, supported by the comprehensive resource tool.

A project of Camrose & District Support Services made possible with Community Support.

You will find the online version of the Help Book at [www.camrosefcss.ca](http://www.camrosefcss.ca). **A printed copy is available at OSCAR, in the Parent Information Binder, for you to have a look at.** The Help Book is updated annually, and is an excellent information source of essential information. **Copies of the Help Book are available at CDSS.**

## 2018 - 2019 OSCAR Staff

- Mr. Adam
- Miss. Chelsey
- Miss. Dana
- Miss. Darien
- Miss. Jessica
- Miss. Kayla
- Miss. Kennedy
- Mr. Landon
- Miss. Marie
- Miss. Megan
- Miss. Nany
- Miss. Raila
- Miss. Sandra
- Miss. Sandy
- Miss. Sarah
- Miss. Sheila

**Director – Kandace Bonney**

**Assistant – Miss Roxanna**

# #BESTSTAFF

# Board Members



## 2018-19 OSCAR Parent Board Members

- Calla Peacey
- Courtney Dzus
- Daneca Tobin
- Jane Beck
- Jennie Hailstone
- Jennifer Skinner
- Robyn Grice
- Sam Scott
- Sheri Noel
- Stacey Lecomte

**Thank you so very much to the five new board members for stepping up and joining our current wonderful board members. We look forward to a fun filled year.**

# Account Matters

**Accounts outstanding = your children will NOT be allowed to attend until all fees are paid in full.** Talk to Kandace before this becomes a problem. Unpaid accounts will be sent to collections with a 35% additional charge. NSF charges are \$45 per incident. Cash must be brought to CDSS for the NSF Charge and the account amount as soon as possible.

# Coats for Camrose

## Duggan Mall (in the old Bingo Hall)

October 18; 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

October 19; 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**There is a \$5.00/bag cost.**

**Bags are supplied by Centra Cam and are available at the door, the days of the event.**

**Open to all Camrose and area residents. No referral necessary. Hundreds of items available.**

Drop off location is Duggan Mall

For more information please call Emergency Clothing & Furniture Depot at 780-608-1681.

# Carrot Fries

Martha Stewart Kids, Volume 12, 2004

Kids will eat their veggies when you make delicious carrot fries.

- Cut 2 pounds of carrots into sticks; toss with 2 teaspoons olive oil.
- Spread on parchment-lined baking sheet; sprinkle with 1 teaspoon salt.
- Bake at 400 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes. Serve warm.

