

# OSCAR Newsletter

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## Fee Change:



**Effective November 1, 2020 OSCAR has to implement a holding fee or a minimum monthly fee of \$50 per child per month.** On September 23, 2020 a letter was sent to all families explaining why it had to be implemented. This letter is also on our website under newsletters. This Fee is NOT in addition to your hourly or daily fee, but per invoice.

- If a child has less than a \$50 invoice, then there will be a \$50 charge replacing the hourly fee.
- You will also be informed of your cost before the \$50 charge. Most children attending regularly should be above the \$50 minimum monthly fee.
- Any child NOT attending will have the \$50 fee for holding their child care spot/space.

OSCAR is an essential service to our community, but the number of children registered is high compared to the number of children attending. We won't survive if we have low number of children attending daily. We appreciate all our families and we know times are difficult, but without regular income for our service, we won't make it.

## Looking Ahead...



October 1  
October 12  
**Before Oct 20**  
**October 20**  
October 30

Early Dismissal – OSCAR starts 1 hour early  
Closed NO School & NO OSCAR  
**November Calendar Due @ CDSS**  
**September Fees Due**  
Closed NO School & NO OSCAR

November 5  
November 11-17  
**Before Nov. 20**  
**November 20**

Early Dismissal – OSCAR starts 1 hour early  
Closed NO School & NO OSCAR  
**December Calendar Due @ CDSS**  
**October Fees Due**

## Invoice / Account Information

**Monthly Invoice** - Your monthly invoice will be emailed 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, Pre Authorized Debit (PAD), by subsidy, cash or cheque or Debit at CDSS. If this date is problematic for you, please let the director know.

**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 of the account amount as soon as possible.

**Pre Authorized payments (PAD)** - The first Pre- Authorized Debt (PAD) payment for monthly fees 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 September invoice that will arrive by email the first week of October. If you would like to sign up for PAD please submit the form (available at CDSS and on-line) with a void cheque. Don't forget to sign the form.

### Subsidy

- For more information, please visit the Government of Alberta, Child Care Subsidy website: [www.alberta.ca/child-care-subsidy.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/child-care-subsidy.aspx)
- Subsidy qualifying income levels have increased to \$75000, Check out the estimator to see if your family can receive this wonderful support to cover all or part of your child care fees
- 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!

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## Schedule Changes for Your Calendar:

All Schedule changes are made by contacting the OSCAR Director by email with advance notice at [cdsss10@telus.net](mailto:cdsss10@telus.net) or calling the OSCAR Office at CDSS 780-672-0141. You will know the Director received the email when you get a reply back.

If the OSCAR staff need to search for your child, there will be a \$25 charge for No Show -Failure to Notify, as per policy. Please email or call in the changes to your child's calendar.

The school and the OSCAR staff are not responsible for any changes to your child's schedule. It is important to follow policy to avoid extra costs.

If your child is schedule to attend OSCAR and has joined an after school activity, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you notify the OSCAR Office of the late arrival to the program after the sport activity. Scheduled children need to check in with the OSCAR staff before going to the activity. Once they check in, they go directly to the activity so they are not late. This will be very important once after school activities at the school begin to happen.

OSCAR Child Care Society has a Facebook page that provides monthly updates and reminder of things you need to know and along with some family community events. Search for: [OSCAR Child Care Society](#)



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**Chester Ronning** – Great start to the new year here at Chester Ronning OSCAR is in full fun mode. We are all getting to know the new "clean rules" and adjusting our fun and play to keep us all safe. Since the weather is so nice outside we are spending lots of time outside. You may have seen some of our artwork on the sidewalks. This month we will continue to spend as much time outside as the weather allows doing all kinds of fun filled activities in the field and playground. When we have more inside time, we have a ton of crafts, activities and gym time games planned to keep us all involved in all the activities. We look forward to a fun filled Oct.



**Jack Stuart** – October is here and we have many fun activities planned at Jack Stuart OSCAR! We are planning on creating several different art projects focusing on fall and Halloween themes. We will continue trying new outdoor games and different activities outside. OSCAR will continue with Operation Respect which includes fun and educational activities for a bully free program. Fire Prevention Week is coming up this month and during our monthly fire drill, we will remind everyone about the importance of fire prevention, and being safe. Looking forward to an exciting fun filled month with all our OSCAR participants.

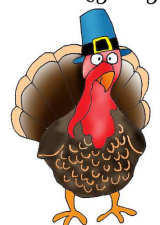


**Sparling** – Welcome back from an extra long Sumer break. We at Sparling OSCAR have an exciting year in store, for all of our friends. We started off this year, with talking about our making friends and to be kind and respectful to one another. As we move into October will learn about some of our favorite Things to do in the fall 🍂, Farmers that Harvest, Thanksgiving, Fire and Safety, and what to do in these emergencies. The last week in October we hope to have a spooktakular 🎃 time chasing goblins and watching witches worm their way around a winding down Halloween 🎃 party with covid safety guidelines in place.



**Sifton** - September has gone, hello October. We've seen many new faces this year at OSCAR and making new friends has been so much fun. This month Sifton OSCAR will be using the themes of Fall, Thanksgiving, and of course, Halloween. We will also dedicate a day during Fire Prevention Week to remind ourselves the importance of keeping safe during an emergency and what to do in case of a fire. We have planned to have a Halloween party on October 29th. There will be music, games, and the fun of seeing everyone's fantastic costumes as we follow the Covid guidelines. Sifton OSCAR will continue to practice staying safe, and having fun in this fun filled October.

*Happy  
 Thanksgiving*



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## Health Tip

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



## City of Camrose Recreation Access Subsidy Program

Subsidized rates are available for City Recreation programs to City and County of Camrose residents facing financial barriers to participate. Proof of most recent income tax is required. Visit CDSS at 4821 - 51 St. to complete your application. CDSS office hours are 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Newsletters

**Newsletters** will be posted as a link on Facebook to our Webpage at [www.camrosefcss.ca](http://www.camrosefcss.ca). A paper copy will be in the parent information binder for reference. Please make sure you read all 4 pages as there is a lot of important information in the monthly newsletters.

## Heart-in-the Hole Eggs and Toast

kaboose.com

Simply cutting out a shape from a piece of bread turns a breakfast standard into a special treat.

### Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1 slice bread
- 1 large egg



### Cooking Instructions

1. Using a 3-inch heart-shaped cutter, or sharp knife, cut heart out of the center of the bread.
2. In a medium non-stick skillet over medium low heat melt butter. Place the bread, heart stencil and cut-out heart, in the skillet. Cook about 2 minutes, or until bread is toasted on one side.
3. Flip bread over and add egg to the center of the cut-out heart. Cover skillet. Cook 2-3 minutes, or until white of egg is cooked. Salt and pepper to taste. Spread heart cut-out with jam, if desired.

### Tips & Tricks

If sunny-side up eggs are not to your liking, then once the egg is set turn over the filled stencil and cook about 1 minute more, or until the yolk is set.

Scramble the egg and try it like an omelet.

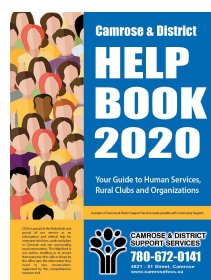


Supportive Information and Referral is available at no cost. **Our SIRC Consultant can meet people one-on-one for 3 (free) one-hour consultation sessions.**

CDSS is known for excellent debriefing, information and referral support to anyone who might call our office for any reason. Along with running their own programs, CDSS staff are thoroughly familiar with other services available to the residents of Camrose and District.

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## Camrose & District Help Book



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 also available at CDSS.**



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## 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. 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.



## Program News

### 2019 - 2021 OSCAR Parent Advisory Board Members

Calla Peacey  
 Courtney Dzus  
 Daneca Tobin

Jane Beck  
 Karen Rae  
 Sam Scott

Sheri Noel  
 Stacey Lecomte  
 Susan Zopf

**An extra thank you to these wonderful board members for stepping up and continuing to have a voice in how OSCAR operates. Many of these members have been on the board for several years. If you would like to have a voice on the OSCAR parent board, please contact the OSCAR Director.**

## Staff News

### 2020/21 OSCAR Staff

Mr. Adam  
 Miss Christina  
 Miss Deb  
 Miss Gail  
 Miss Jane

Miss Katrina  
 Mr. Martin  
 Miss Megan  
 Miss Pam  
 Miss Ronene

Miss Sabina  
 Miss Sam  
 Miss Sandra

**Director - Kandace Bonney**  
**Assistant - Miss Roxanna**

It may look like we have a lot of staff; however, we are still searching for a few more wonderful additions to join our teams at our four programs.

## 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



## Staff Birthday

Miss Sabina – Oct 18



## Craft of the Month

### Play-dough

- 1 cup flour
- ¼ cup salt
- 1 tbsp cooking oil
- a few drops of food colour
- ½ cup water
- Mix dry ingredients, mix wet in separate bowl and combine both.
- Knead until smooth, adding more water if too dry, and flour if too sticky.
- Keep play-dough from drying out by storing in a sealable container or zip-lock bag

