



## ☞ SUMMER NEWS ☜

# OMS Connections

While you've been away, OMS has been working diligently in preparation for the upcoming school year.

We have made improvements to the exterior of the school including the new steel siding on the Lindsay building, paving and fencing on the Drake side, as well as a new roof on the Drake building. In the office, we are implementing a new data base system which will eventually improve our service and allow us to keep much better statistics for future planning. Although administration staff have received training on the new system, we anticipate it may require a bit of patience on everyone's part until we become proficient.

In a restructuring move, we have reduced the office staff and re-aligned positions. Patricia I. will be returning from maternity leave and resuming her role as Registrar. Please join us in welcoming her back! Kim K. and Carolyn H. are no longer employed at OMS, however, we are very happy that they and their children are continuing as families of OMS. We thank Kim and Carolyn for all their contributions to OMS and wish them well in their new endeavors. Julie P., who was filling in for Patricia while she was away is now the Communications and Marketing Coordinator, and Laurie W. has accepted a permanent position as our Receptionist.

There has also been a change to the English Lower Elementary classes. We are in the process of consolidating our Lower Elementary enrolment into three classes – Macaw, Penguin and Puffin. Jackie A. will be continuing with OMS working with some of the third year Swan students, providing individual assistance for identified students in Math and French as a Second Language, and managing some novel study groups at the Lower Elementary level. Jackie will also be using her many years of OMS experience to assist in the Board's strategic goal of fundraising.

## H1N1 Flu and OMS

*OMS* has developed a contingency plan under the advice of *Ottawa Public Health* should the H1N1 flu resurface this fall, as predicted. Look for details in the next *OMS Connections*.

In order to keep everyone at *OMS* as healthy as possible it is imperative that students who have any fever or flu like symptoms are kept at home. We would also request that you advise the school of the reason for any of your child's absences as we must report flu-like absences to *Ottawa Public Health* daily if they comprise a certain percentage of any class.

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## UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS

<b>Junior High—Students &amp; Parents</b>	<b>Monday, September 7th, 7 p.m.</b> <i>Odyssey Trip—Equipment check and final meeting</i>
<b>Upper Elementary—All parents</b>	<b>Thursday, September 10th, 7 p.m.</b> <i>How we plan, cover the curriculum, know a student's progress, and communicate</i>
<b>Lower Elementary—All parents</b>	<b>Thursday, September 17th, 7 p.m.</b> <i>How we plan, cover the curriculum, know a student's progress, and communicate</i>
<b>Junior High—Students &amp; Parents</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 22nd, 7 p.m.</b> <i>Odyssey Trip Presentation; the curriculum and class routines</i>
<b>Toddler and Casa—New parents</b>	<b>Thursday, September 24th, 7 p.m.</b> <i>Your child's first experiences</i>