

December 2018

teaching
OES
to have
kind hearts
brave spirits
& fierce minds

GASCONADE COUNTY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

OES NEWS

Parents Did You Know?

Hopefully by now you have been receiving text messages either from OES or by the district at GCR2.

Our new website now gives us the ability to send out mass emails and texts to keep everyone up to date regarding events, reminders, or just any important school information.

This is just another way we are trying to make sure that our parents stay informed on things happening at OES.

We try to post as much as possible here in our monthly newsletters, on our Facebook page and on teacher's newsletters or class Dojo, but we also know that everyone is extremely busy these days and it's easy to miss a note or message.

To make sure you receive this information, please be sure we have a current phone number (which we need anyway in case of an emer-

gency) and a current email address. Please be sure to contact the main office of your child's school to update any of this information, as well as, if you have a new physical address.

If you have an Iphone or Android phone make sure you also download the new GCR2 app. If you search in your app store, search GCR2 Schools Missouri. This is the perfect way to have access at any time if you need to look up an event date, check your child's grades, check their lunch balance, check news and events for all schools, check attendance and so much more. It is basically all of the information you are able to access via the parent portal in SIS AND info that you can find on our GCR2 websites all together at one location. Info at any time, right at your fingertips — and it's free and super user friendly!

If you ever have any issues with your parent portal log in please give us a call at 437-2171 for OES students or you can email Nicole Grannemann at: ngrannemann@dutchmen.us

It seems that the days get busier and busier and more hectic than ever before, but we try to have as many outlets as possible for parents to be able to get information regarding events and happenings in the GCR2 district. We all know how things can easily get missed, but please know there are also many places where you can go to find the information that you are needing.



Seek
and
You will
Find

Oh the Weather Outside has been Frightful

Wow! The weather has been crazy already this year — three snow days before Thanksgiving break is just absurd!! The schedule for make-up days is (in this order): 1/21, 2/18, 5/16, 5/17, 5/20 through 5/24, then 3/14.

Weather related cancellations will be made on the following TV channels; 2, 4, 5, and 30 in StL and 13 in Jeff. City and on the following radio stations: 101.7fm and 102.1fm. Postings will also be made on our school Facebook page and automated phone calls and text messages will go out by the District.

The school offices are made aware of an

early dismissal at the same time the automated calls go out to parents. PLEASE wait to find out if we are releasing early via the call by the district, or by tv, social media or radio before calling the school offices to ask. This will allow phone lines to be left open and available for those who have to call to update transportation for the day.

As you can imagine, it gets a bit crazy at that time and we want to make sure we are able to answer all calls and get all students their messages before dismissal time.

Thank you in advance for your help and

cooperation and patience.

Also, please remember to label ALL cold weather items, such as, coats, gloves, hats, etc... Any lost and found items that go unclaimed at the end of the school year are all donated. Please be sure to label or if your student is missing an item, lost and found is located just inside the front doors, the coat rack to the left.

We do go outside on cold days, so please be sure your student brings the proper attire for outside play.



This is an extremely busy time for our OES Choir. They have been putting in a lot of hard work gearing up for the holiday season and they sound amazing. Be sure to catch one or many of their performances listed below:

Friday, November 30th — Night Out with Santa/Downtown Owensville 7pm

Saturday, Dec. 1st — Rosebud Christmas Tree Lighting 5pm

Wednesday, Dec. 5th — Victorian Manor at 3:45pm

Sunday, Dec. 9th — High School Choir Concert 2pm at OHS (we've heard this rehearsal and WOW!!! Amazing!!)

Saturday, Dec. 15th — Owensville Theater Christmas Show 7pm

Holiday Traditions Spirit Week

Mon. 12/17 -- "Visit with Santa" — dress like jolly ol' Santa himself or as one of his elf helpers

Tues. 12/18 -- "Watching Christmas movies" — wear your favorite cuddly pajamas (school appropriate of course) or dress up like your favorite holiday movie character

Wed. 12/19 -- "Battle of the Christmas Lights" —
K wear white 1st wear pink 2nd wear green
3rd wear gold/yellow 4th wear blue 5th wear red

Thurs. 12/20 -- "Spreading Holiday Cheer" — go all out holiday — dress in anything and everything holiday related, from antlers, and bows, red, green, plaid, ugly sweaters, etc...

Monthly Schedule of Events

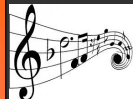
- 12/1 -- OES choir singing at Rosebud Tree lighting at 4:30pm
- 12/5 -- OES choir singing at Victorian Manor at 3:45pm
- 12/9 -- OES choir singing at the OHS choir winter concert @ 2pm
- 12/11 -- 4th grade concert @ 7pm
- 12/15 -- OES Choir singing at the Owensville Theater Christmas program @ 7pm
- 12/17--12/20 -- Holiday Spirit Week
- 12/18 -- Kindergarten Caroling
- 12/19 -- Last day for fall choir
- 12/19 -- PBS celebration
- 12/20 -- Class parties @ 2pm
- 12/21 through 1/6 -- Christmas Break

Future Dates to Remember:

- 1/7 -- First day back for students
- 1/9 -- Spring choir begins
- 1/21 -- Snow day make-up day/MLK day school WILL be in session normal hours

OES Concert Dates:

4th grade: Dec. 11 2nd grade: Feb. 21
1st grade: Mar. 28 Kinder: May 2
(all concerts start at 7pm)



Operation Christmas

WOW! We can't say THANK YOU enough to everyone who helped us with the Operation Christmas food fight vs. OMS. OES won the food fight this year, but the real winner is Helping Hands Outreach and the families they will be able to help this holiday season thanks to all of you! Together both schools collected over 11,000 items! That is simply amazing!

If you would still like to help, you can volunteer with Helping Hands on the following days:

Mon. 12/3 @ 4pm — Main sort of goods

Sat. 12/8 @ 9am—Final sort of goods


Wed. 12/12 @ 9am—Pack boxes & wrap presents

*Dutchmen Pride. Dutchmen Strong.
Orange and Black Together.*

"The manner of giving is worth more than the gift."



DECEMBER 2018

3Su n	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			 Ice cream on Wednesdays \$.75 (cash only) Rice Krispy bites daily for \$.25			1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 P.A.T.T MEETING @ 5:30p	11 4th grade concert 7pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
~~~~~ Holiday Spirit Week ~~~~~						
23/ 30	24/ 31	25	26	27	28	29
No School Christmas Break through Jan. 6th 2019						

Lunch menu change 12/19  
Choice #1 will be sack lunch due to the PBS celebration

Class Parties 2pm

NO School

Merry Christmas

## Artists of the Month

Kindergarten -- Liam Kramme  
1st grade -- Carter Lay  
2nd grade -- Kinley Troncin  
3rd grade -- Piper Koelling  
4th grade -- Miguel Marquez  
5th grade -- Adelyn Walters



## Be My Valentine

OES choir will be selling flowers, candy, and balloons for a fundraiser for Valentine's day again.

Order forms will be sent home for families to place their order and our Choir will deliver whatever you choose on Valentine's day right here at OES.

More information and order forms will be sent home in January.



## Six Flags for Freeeee

Information and reading logs for the Six Flags Read to Succeed program will be arriving home soon. Students need to log a total of 6 hours of reading to be eligible for a ticket for free admission to any participating Six Flags theme park. Reading of any type counts: books, magazines, or online, as well as, reading with a parent or being read to by a parent. Reading logs have a STRICT DEADLINE of February 18th and any logs turned in after the date cannot be entered into Six Flags' system.

## STAY CONNECTED TO OES

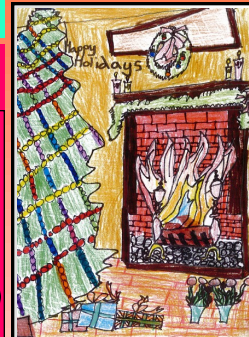
Facebook.com/owensvilleelementary

Tyler SIS Student 360 app

GCR2 Schools Missouri app

Webpage for OES: <http://oes.dutchmen.us>

Webpage for the District: [www.dutchmen.us](http://www.dutchmen.us)



Congratulations to 3rd grader Jonah McClurg on having his Christmas card design chosen as one of the GCR2 district's holiday cards this year!

From all of us at Owensville Elementary we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

## ***** SAVE THE DATE *****

If you will have an incoming Preschool student (who will turn 4 before Aug. 1st, 2019), we will have screening on Thursday, February 28th.

If you will have an incoming Kindergarten student (who will turn 5 before Aug. 1st, 2019), we will have screening on Friday, March 1st.