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GASCONADE COUNTY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

# OES NEWS

## Enrollment is O P E N

It's already time to sign up our new little Dutchmen and Dutchgirls that will be starting Preschool and Kindergarten for the fall 2019-2020 school year.

Enrollment and screening take place in the late winter/early spring so we can get an idea of how many students will be starting school to plan for teachers and class sizes over summer.

**Preschool screening will be on Thursday, Feb. 28th.**

Preschoolers MUST be 4 BEFORE August 1, 2019 to be eligible.

This does not guarantee placement. *For preschool, placement is based on test scores with preference given to those who do not score as high, but is open to all if there is availability.*

There are 15 openings for preschool students in the morning and 15 in the afternoon. Morning session is from 8:30 am-11:00 am and afternoon is from 12:45 pm-3:15 pm. Preschool is five days a week and free of charge.

Transportation is only provided in the morning for morning PreK students who can ride the bus to school, if they have a sibling who rides or if it is an established bus stop, but must be picked up after class at 11am.

Afternoon students must be brought to school at 12:45pm and can ride the bus home at the end of the day, again, if with a sibling or to an established bus stop.

**Kindergarten screening will be Friday, March 1st.**

Kindergarteners MUST be 5 BEFORE August 1, 2019.

Kindergarten is a full day of school.

The screening is free and consists of vision and hearing screenings along with a test of readiness skills, therefore, it is necessary for your child to accompany you for enrollment.

Please allow at least 90 minutes for this appointment. At both PreK and Kindergarten appointments you must

bring in the following information, as well as, fill out an enrollment form:

—state issued birth certificate

—social security number

—immunization record

—proof of residency (utility bill, such as electric or water, with your name and address on it or a rental or lease agreement)

(If you are missing any of this information at the appointment time, you still must bring your child in for the actual screening test and can bring in the paperwork later)

Enrollment is open and we are taking **APPOINTMENTS NOW!!** Please call the OES office to schedule an appointment at 437-2171. Please be sure to spread the word!



## Cyber Safety. Did You Know?

Info from the Pulaski County Sheriff's office: Kids get a new phone for Christmas? Do you know about the apps they can use to message and send pictures to other people? Do you know about the app they can use to hide pictures from you? Have you told them how predators may pose as other kids?

With the world revolving around social media, please educate yourself, and watch for signs from your children. Some of the apps featured are:

Calculator% — this app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault

Snapchat — this is the way most teens/teens chat with each other. Messages and

Snaps disappear within seconds and stories go away in 24 hours. Kids live for "streaks" of communication

Instagram — many kids are creating fake accounts to hide content from parents. Kids also prefer to text using this app because most parents don't know to check the messages

Whisper — anonymous app that promotes sharing secrets and meeting new people

Wishbone—app allows users to compare anything, such as comparing kids against each other and rating them on a scale

Ask.fm—ask an anonymous question and

get an answer. This app has been linked to the most severe forms of cyberbullying.

Kik—messaging app with built in apps and web content that would normally be filtered on a home computer

The Game by Hot or Not— strangers rate your picture

Omegle—chat website that promotes chatting with anonymous strangers

Below are a few of the app icons so you know what to look for, but as a parent, please do your homework before letting your child on any type of electronic device or social media outlet. Not all are for fun.

## Basketball Homecoming

Theme: "Small Town Livin', Big City Dreamin'"

Mon. 2/4 -- "Flight 2019, Gate O" — wear your comfiest, airport travel clothes— sweatpants, sweatshirts, etc.

Tue. 2/5 -- "Bright Lights, Big City"— wear gold, shiny, glitter, bright colors, neon, etc...

Wed. 2/6 -- "Growin' Up In a Small Town" — camo day

Thur. 2/7 -- "Big City Blackout" - 'Hex Day' — wear all black or red & black to hex St. James

Fri. 2/8 -- "Small Town Livin' — show your Dutchmen Pride and wear your orange & black



### 10 APPS TEENS ARE USING THAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

	Calculator% This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault.		Hot or Not Strangers rate your profile. Goal is to lead to a hook up.
	Omegle A free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously to strangers.		Burn Book Post anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, texts, and photos.
	Snapchat This is the way most teens communicate with each other. Sending messages and snaps that disappear within seconds and stories go away after 24 hours. Teens live for a "streak" of communication.		Wishbone An app that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.
	Whisper An anonymous app where the creators promote sharing secrets and meeting new people.		Kik Messaging app. Kik has built in apps and web content that would be filtered on a home computer.
	Ask.fm Ask an anonymous question and get an answer. This app has been linked to the most severe forms of cyberbullying.		Instagram Many kids are now creating fake accounts "finsta" to hide content from parents. Kids also like to text using Instagram because most kids know parents won't check messages.

FOR MORE INFO: APPSOLUTELYAPRIL.COM  
Please note: Due to the nature of the Internet and App Store, with each app resources change often. Any additional content will be corrected and updated. This graphic was created by April Reasor.

## Monthly Schedule of Events

- 2/11 -- PATT meeting @ 5:30
- 2/14 -- Class Valentine's parties @ 2pm
- 2/15 -- No School/Teacher P.D. day
- 2/18 -- School WILL be in session/snow make-up day
- 2/21 -- 2nd grade concert @ 7pm


## Future Dates to Remember:

- 3/14 through 3/18 — Spring Break
- 3/20 -- Spring Pictures  
\*Wagner Portraits donates a portion of the profits for spring pictures directly to OES\*
- 3/28 -- 1st grade concert @ 7pm
- 4/1 through 4/5 -- Spring Book Fair

### Snow Make-Up Days (*thus far*):

Jan. 21st, Feb. 18, May 16, May 17, May 20, May 21 & May 22 w/ a 1pm dismissal (if needed: 5/23-5/24, then 3/14)

# FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>*** HEADS UP — IMPORTANT DATES ***</b> The dates for MAP testing for grades 3-5 are currently May 2nd through May 14th with make-up dates being May 15th –17th. This is going to take us right up to the last day of school and picnic days, so please keep this in mind. Dates are subject to change slightly pending any extra snow days, etc... but we will keep you posted so you can plan accordingly.			Ice cream on Wednesdays \$.75 (cash only) Rice Krispy bites daily for \$.25 		1	2
			6	7	8	9
10	11 P.A.T.T. MEETING @ 5:30p	12	13	14 Class Valentine's parties @ 2pm & Valentine Order deliveries!!	15 NO SCHOOL Teacher PD day	16
17	18 Yes, school in session for a make-up day	19	20	21 2nd grade concert @ 7pm	22	23
24	25	26 **STAY TUNED** — P.A.T.T. is planning some fun, family events for March. More info will be sent home or posted on our webpage and Facebook.	27	28 Preschool Screening	March 1 Kindergarten screening	

### OES Concert Dates:

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

## Artists of the Month

Kindergarten -- Cooper Southerland  
1st grade -- Lane Meyer  
2nd grade -- Kinley Harness  
3rd grade -- Ethan Bruce  
4th grade -- Ty Keeney  
5th grade -- Garrett Schlottach



OES participated in *Picture the Music*, a contest sponsored by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. Kindergarten through 5th grade listened to a musical selection, learned about the composer and created a work of art inspired by the musical piece. The following student's masterpieces were sent to the contest: Sophia Beard (K), Allison Evans (1), Ellie Mae Koebel (2), Dane Myers (3), Dylan Emke (4), Julia Lakebrink (5), and Nellina Zapryanov (5). You can view these wonderful creations on Mrs. Lakebrink's Art Class Facebook page. Congratulations to all of our talented artists!

## 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)



Let's Celebrate

March 2 is NEA's Read Across America Day



March 2nd is National Read Across America Day, as well as, Dr. Seuss's birthday! OES will celebrate and promote reading all week long February 25th through March 1st with LOTS of fun activities!

We will also continue our Book Swap this week! Students can bring in a book they have already read from home and swap it for another one in the RTI room.

And of course, we will have a "Seuss-tastic" spirit week to kick things off:

Mon. 2/25—"Daisy-Head Mayzie" -- wear a hat or flowers in your hair

Tue. 2/26—"Green Eggs & Ham"-- wear green

Wed. 2/27—"The Butter Battle Book" — 'Yooks' (PreK—2nd) wear blue, 'Zooks' (3rd-5th) wear orange

Thu. 2/28—"The Cat in the Hat"-- wear red, white, and/or black

Fri. 3/01—"Oh, the Places You'll Go"-- wear a shirt from your favorite college or a place you have visited

## Summer Ball Sign-Ups

Sign up and information for summer t-ball, softball, and baseball will be out sometime in February for the Owensville Athletic Association league. Sign ups begin in February and MUST be turned in mid-March so that teams, coaches, and scheduling for practices and games can begin. Forms will be available in the office or at local businesses. You can also find more information on their Facebook page, Owensville Athletic Association.



## Volleyball Tryouts

Tryouts for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls volleyball will be: Feb. 11th, 12th, and 14th at OES from 6pm to 8pm.

(Feb. 13th will be for 6th grade only)

Tryout nights are mandatory.

Sign-up forms will be available in the office.

## Last Call for Six Flags

Reading logs have a STRICT DEADLINE of February 18th and any logs turned in after the date cannot be entered into Six Flags' system. Students need to have logged only 6 hours of reading to be eligible for a free ticket to Six Flags for this summer.

It's SO easy!! And it's FREE!