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**OES**  
to have  
kind hearts  
brave spirits  
& fierce minds

GASCONADE COUNTY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

## OES NEWS

# Attendance MA+ters

Regular and punctual attendance is expected of each student enrolled in the district. This is necessary in order to get maximum benefit from the instructional program and to develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline, and responsibility. There is a direct relationship between poor attendance, class failure, and high school drop-outs. Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades, enjoy school more, and are much more employable after high school graduation.

An absence will be recorded as unexcused if the parent has not contacted the school on the day of the absence. You can call before 7:30am and leave a message on the attendance line or call the office before 10am. If we have not received a call by 10am, the office will make calls to verify the absence. If we are unable to reach anyone, the absence will stay marked as unexcused until we hear back from someone or until we receive a doctor/

dentist or similar type of excuse.

When we receive a call the absence is marked as verified. When we receive a doctors/dentist/therapy, etc... note, then the absence is marked as excused. Both (V) verified and (X) excused are considered excused absences, however, excessive absences whether unexcused or excused are subject to a school official reaching out to the parent to discuss the reason of the chronic absenteeism.

An attendance report is ran once a week and letters/emails are automatically generated after 3, 5, 8, and 12 absences regardless of excused or unexcused. These letters are just to keep parents up to date on the status of their child's attendance.

Attendance becomes a concern when a student has accumulated more than 12 unexcused absences in a semester. The district will then determine whether there is reason to suspect educational neglect or whether the parent is violat-

ing the compulsory attendance law. If so, the district may contact Children's division or the local prosecutor.

These attendance guidelines are the same across all GCR-II schools. Following these standards should become a habit throughout the child's academic years for both parents and students, so it's best to start early.

We understand there are instances and circumstances where a student cannot be in attendance at school and if they are running a fever or throwing up, they shouldn't be here anyway, but please just remember to call the school to record the absence and if you visit a doctor to be sure to get an excuse letter or have them fax it to us at 573.437.5405.

Every day counts — literally. Attendance matters, so please keep the school informed.



Every School Day Counts

Attend today, achieve for a lifetime!

## COME BLOW OFF SOME



Join OES on Friday, January 18th from 5pm to 8pm for S.T.E.A.M. night and our Dessert Auction.

4th and 5th grade students will present their science fair projects. They will receive 30 class Dojo points or classroom cash. Students must attend and present a project in order to receive the points.

Grades PreK through 3rd can also join in if they choose and make a kid created STEAM project which can earn them 15 Dojo points or classroom cash. Again students must attend and present their project in order to get points

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Prizes awarded to the class with the

most participation and dojo points to very student that participates and stays during judging.

Forms have been sent home and are due back by Jan. 11th in order to participate in the STEAM event.

The OHS Robotics team and their Bots of Steel will also be on hand to show off some of their awesome creations!

The STEAM event will take place from 5pm to 7pm. The concession stand will be open during the science fair only and will have hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chili, nachos, pretzels, popcorn, candy, ice cream, and drinks available for purchase.

At 7:15 we will ask everyone to make their way to the cafeteria for some "delicious" science, our annual Dessert Auction. Forms to sign up to bring in home made desserts have also been sent home and are due back no later than Jan. 10th.

There will be a limited number of participants so please be sure to get your forms up ASAP. There will be a special treat for the highest bidders!! Gross Auctioneers will be here again and if you've never been this event really is a blast!!

Save the date and bring the whole family out for a fun, educational, and tasty night out!!

## PK & K Sign Up Time

If you will have a preschool or kindergarten student for the fall 2019-20 school year, mark your calendars, screenings for both are coming up!

Enrollment for Preschool is Thursday, Feb. 28th, from 9:30am-2:30pm. Students MUST turn 4 before August 1.

Enrollment for Kindergarten is Friday, Mar. 1st, from 9am-4pm. Students MUST turn 5 before August 1.

Enrollment screening is done in early spring so we have time to plan for next school year — how many teachers will be needed, classrooms, etc.. If you have a child that will be attending, please make every effort to make an appointment to bring your student in to be screened so we can be sure to plan accordingly and separate classes appropriately.

Call 437-2171 after Jan. 14th to make your appointment.



THE FAMILY FRATERNITY  
**MOOSE**  
Loyal Order of Moose • Women of the Moose • Moose L Legion

## Good Student Award

Each quarter our local Loyal Order of Moose organization graciously donates money to be awarded to students in each building in our district. Each teacher nominates a student to receive this award. The awards for 2nd quarter go to:

|                             |                          |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Grayson Kelley              | Tate Dixon               | Giavonna Comparato |
| Garrett Baxter              | Leah Roberson            | Emmett Parmelee    |
| Will Brune                  | Cord Tucker              | Aydin Wyrick       |
| Matthew Cannon              | Leah Hays                | Dylan Dietrich     |
| Kensli Pfeiffer             | Barrett Claspill         | Macie Ruth         |
| Caleb Kramme                | Khai Krupp               | Karley Lampkin     |
| Lainey Moss                 | Kerrigan Griffin         | Nathon Wheeler     |
| Carson Eberlin              | Launa Clarkson           | Trinity Rossi      |
| Arianna Baguio              | Kossette Parada-Calderon |                    |
| Layleaonna Yowell-Middleton |                          |                    |

## Monthly Schedule of Events

- 1/7 -- First day back for students
- 1/9 -- Spring Choir begins
- 1/14 -- PATT meeting @ 5:30
- 1/18 -- S.T.E.A.M. night at OES
- 1/21 -- School WILL be in session/snow make-up day

## Future Dates to Remember:

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

Snow Make-Up Days (thus far):  
Jan. 21st, Feb. 18, May 16

(if needed 5/17, 5/20-5/24, then 3/14)



## OES Concert Dates:

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

## WEATHER CANCELLATION INFORMATION

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 office is made aware of early dismissals the same time the calls and tv/radio announcements are made, so please refrain from calling the office to ask if we know if it will dismiss early. Please help us keep the phone lines free for important transportation information. \*Be sure if your child will do something different than normal, to call us with the information or send a note with them in the morning if you suspect impending weather is on the way\*

## Volleyball Tryouts

Volleyball tryouts for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls will be at OES from 6pm to 8pm on Feb. 11th, 12th, and 14th for all grades and Feb. 13th for 6th grade only. All dates are mandatory. Forms will be available in the offices soon for anyone wanting to tryout.

# JANUARY 2019

| Sun | Mon                              | Tue | Wed   | Thu | Fri                           | Sat |
|-----|----------------------------------|-----|---|-----|-------------------------------|-----|
|     |                                  | 1   | 2 Ice cream on Wednesdays \$.75 (cash only) Rice Krispy bites daily for | 3   | 4                             | 5   |
| 6   | 7                                | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11                            | 12  |
|     | Students 1st day back from break |     | Spring Choir begins   |     |                               |     |
| 13  | 14                               | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18                            | 19  |
|     | P.A.T.T MEETING @ 5:30p          |     |   |     | STEAM Night & Dessert Auction |     |
| 20  | 21                               | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25                            | 26  |
| 27  | 28                               | 29  | 30  |     |                               |     |



Parent Reminder — when you drop students off in the morning, please be sure that anytime before 8:30, they are dropped off in the back of the building. Also, end of day pick up is in the back of the building. If you have to pick them up early, if it's 3pm or after, you must park in the parking lot and walk in. The road in front of the school must remain open during the times above for buses and emergency vehicles. Thank you.

## ArTisTs of the MoNtH

Kindergarten -- Addison Ryerson  
1st grade -- Bentley Knight  
2nd grade -- Lily Limberg  
3rd grade -- Weston Baumli  
4th grade -- Cody Lenauer  
5th grade -- Arianna Baguito



## Basketball Homecoming

Stay tuned for flyers to come home with our basketball homecoming spirit days! Homecoming spirit week will be February 4th through the 8th. The OHS theme this year is "Small Town Livin', Big City Dreamin'"



## Six Flags Read to Succeed

Don't Forget to keep logging all of your reading hours. Students need to log a total of 6 hours of reading to be eligible for a ticket to 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  
(app) — Tyler SIS Student 360  
(app) — GCR2 Schools Missouri

Webpage for OES: <http://oes.dutchmen.us>  
Webpage for the District: [www.dutchmen.us](http://www.dutchmen.us)



## Be My Valentine

The OES choir will be selling Valentine's flowers, candy, and balloons as a fundraiser again this year.

Order forms will be heading home soon. You can choose from one item, a combination of items or all three. The choir will get the orders ready and they will be delivered to students on Valentine's day right here at OES.

If any other family members want to place an order, they may stop by the OES office to pay and fill out an order form.

All proceeds will benefit the OES choir.

Look for order forms to be sent home soon!!

