

November 2019

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Fearless  
I AM  
DUTCHMEN PROUD  
DUTCHMEN STRONG



GASCONADE COUNTY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

# OES NEWS

## A Veteran's Thank You

All are invited to attend our annual Veteran's Day Celebration to say thank you for your service to our past and present military members in our community. This year the GCR2 Owensville campus will all hold their Veteran's assemblies on Monday, November 11th.

Owensville Middle school will start things off at 8:45am, followed by Owensville High school at 10am. OHS will also be serving lunch to our visiting Veterans. Owensville Elementary will wrap things up at 1:30pm. Our Veterans and their students are invited to stay after the OES assembly for cookies and refreshments.

We invite everyone in the community to attend any or all of our GCR2 celebrations. Our school district takes great pride in hosting these assemblies for our active and retired military women and their families. It is absolutely our favorite assembly

and the most special to us all.

Our students and staff work hard the weeks leading up to Veteran's day to make our assembly extra special. Students listen and read stories, do writing prompts, draw pictures, do research and write essays all to make our day extra special.

One of our most favorite creations for our Veteran's celebration is the Wall of Honor. Students are asked to decorate paper "bricks" to honor a family member, friend or relative who has or who is serving in our military. We have been building on this wall for more than 5 years now and it's truly awe-inspiring. Be sure to stop by and check it out after the assembly is over.

Our Veteran's day committee works with all of our classes preparing artwork that will be on display all throughout the building and our music teacher works on special ar-

rangements with all grade level classes, as well as, the OES choir, all of which will perform.

There are many ways to volunteer to help our Veterans. There are hundreds of local and national organizations that you can contact who give back to our Veterans, just be sure it's a reputable one.

If you are unable to attend one of our school's assemblies, please be sure to check the local news and/or social media for events in and around the Owensville area for special ceremonies that you and your family can attend to honor our Veterans.



## FILL THE BUS

We're going to try something different this year with our Operation Christmas Food Drive.

Our main goal this year is to "Fill the Bus." We will have a school bus parked out front the entire month of November where we will try our best to fill the entire bus with canned goods, non-perishable food items, personal care items, and household products.

We will also compete between classes and have a little fun while doing it. The class that brings in the most items will win the newly coveted "Dutchmen Way" trophy, as well as, each student in the winning class will get to take their turn to throw a pie in the face of Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Ridder, Ms. Jennings, and Officer Finley who all love doing fun events with our students and our students love getting chances to let loose and have some fun with our staff. Let's Do This OES!!! Fill the Bus!!



## Operation Christmas

We always try to have some fun with trying to rally up support for giving back to helping hands but we also want our kiddos to know the importance of community service and what it means to give back to others. If you would like to get involved more with Helping Hands and Operation Christmas during some of their peak times when they need help. Those days are:

Dec. 7th: final sort and inventory of food items  
Dec. 11th: pack boxes and wrap gifts  
Dec. 13th: distribution

You can also contact Helping Hands, our OES counselor or GCR2 family school liaisons if you are interested in "adopting" a student or family for the holidays.

## Student Safety Always a Priority



**Drive like your  
children live here**

We are still having an issue at parent pick-up in the morning and after school regarding cars driving around cars in front of them instead of patiently waiting to proceed behind them. This can be EXTREMELY dangerous for our students who have to exit their cars on the driver's side! We know everyone is busy and in a hurry but cars need to proceed in a line order going through parent drop-off and pick-up for the safety of our OES kids. Thank you in advance. Safety First.

## POPCORN FUNDRAISER

We started a Popcornopolis fundraiser on Oct. 21st. Orders and money are due no later than Nov. 8th. Orders will deliver by Dec. 2nd. We have set a goal for each student to sell at least 3 bags each. Every student that sells at least 3 or more bags will be invited to attend a Glow Party celebration during school. The 1st place seller will receive a summer pool pass to Owensville Water park. 2nd place seller will receive a 2020 Gasconade County Fair pass and 3rd through 5th place sellers will receive \$25 gift certificates to the Dutchmen Spirit Store. We got to sample the popcorn before we decided to sell and it was unanimous that we ALL LOVED it! It makes the perfect holiday gift for family stockings, work gatherings, neighbors and more!! All proceeds go for OES activities.



## Monthly Schedule of Events

- 11/1 -- No School/Flex Day
- 11/1 -- Begin Operation Christmas drive
- 11/7 -- 5th grade field trip/Runge Nature Center
- 11/8 -- Popcorn fundraiser due
- 11/11 -- Veteran's Day Assembly 1:30p
- 11/14 -- Picture Re-takes 8:30-12:45
- 11/20 -- Progress 2 reports emailed home
- 11/21 -- 5th grade concert @ 7pm
- 11/26 -- Missouri Day at OES
- 11/27 through 11/29 -- No School/Thanksgiving Break



## Future Dates to Remember

- 12/16 —12/19 -- Holiday Spirit week
- 12/17 -- 4th grade concert
- 12/19 -- Holiday Class parties
- 12/20 through 1/6 -- Christmas Break
- 1/7 -- Students first day back

## OES CLASS CONCERT DATES

5th grade: Nov. 21      4th grade: Dec. 17  
 2nd grade: Feb. 27      1st grade: Mar. 26  
 Kinder: May 5      Preschool: May 5






## Dreaming of an Orange & Black Christmas

Just a few more weeks left until Christmas... get a start on your holiday shopping by visiting our webstore at:  
[www.spiritshop.com/school/missouri/owensville/owensville-elementary-school](http://www.spiritshop.com/school/missouri/owensville/owensville-elementary-school)

OES will receive 12% of the proceeds to help better our school. You are able to customize all items for OES, OMS, OHS and GES, as well as, if you want it to say Dutchmen or Dutch-girls, Otown, etc... There are items for men, women, kids and infants, from clothing to all kinds of accessories. Perfect for all occasions!

# November 2019

| Sun | Mon                                 | Tue                                       | Wed  | Thu   | Fri                   | Sat |
|-----|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------|-----|
|     |                                     |   |  Every Wednesday, students may purchase ice cream for \$.75 and Rice Krispy bites for \$.25. Cash only & cannot be charged to lunch accounts. |   | 1<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b> | 2   |
| 3   | 4                                   | 5   | 6  | 7<br>5th grade field trip   | 8                     | 9   |
| 10  | 11<br>Veteran's Day Assembly 1:30pm | 12  | 13   | 14<br> PICTURE RETAKE Day!                     | 15                    | 16  |
| 17  | 18                                  | 19  | 20   | 21<br>5th grade concert @ 7pm   | 22                    | 23  |
| 24  | 25                                  | 26<br>Missouri Day-- Dress to be outside. | 27   |  Thanksgiving Break <sup>29</sup><br>No School | 28                    | 30  |

Nov. 14th  
 8:30-12:45pm  
 Bring packages back in to return if you are getting retakes. Students who were absent will have their photos taken also.



## Date Changes

Some events that have always been held in November in the past have been/will be re-scheduled this year: The Daddy/Daughter dance will most likely be held in February -- we will announce as soon as a date is set. And the Smile Mobile will be here in February as well.

## Art to Remember

Art to Remember forms have been sent home with students. There are tons of great items to choose from that will include your child's very own artwork.

Forms are due on November 8th and items will arrive in December -- just in time for the holidays. These items make great sentimental gifts for family members and all proceeds go directly to the OES Art department.



## OES CHOIR EVENTS

Mark your calendars for the following dates for chances to hear our talented OES Choir perform:

Nov. 23rd - East Central College Treble Festival. This is a new event. The choir will sing 2 songs in front of a choir clinician. This is a great learning experience for the kids and a chance to sing in a large auditorium.

Nov. 24th - Community Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist church in Owensville at 6pm. All are welcome.

December Save the Dates:

Night Out with Santa Christmas Parade: Dec. 6th  
 Rosebud Christmas Tree Lighting: Dec. 7th  
 Owensville Theater Christmas Program: Dec. 14th

## THE FAMILY FRATERNITY MOOSE Good Student Award

Each quarter our local Loyal Order of Moose organization graciously makes a donation to students in each building in our district. Each teacher nominates a student to receive this award. The awards for first quarter go to:

|                  |                |                    |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Hanah Limberg    | Logan Meyer    | Ella Myers         |
| Adalee Heidbrink | Frank Clancy   | Avalon Breese      |
| Kinley Shoemaker | Garrett Baxter | Tynzlee Thomas     |
| Kara Downing     | Hudsen Loeb    | Sophia Terrill     |
| Trace Lange      | Nora Clancy    | Nathaniel Humphrey |
| Lilly Limberg    | Paisley Wilson | Leah Hays          |
| Everly Stockton  | Sam Bridgeman  | Tucker Sassmann    |
| Taylor Sargent   | Michael Marler | Kimber Mayberry    |
| Gracie Brown     | Ella Davidson  | Miya Hamm          |



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