

September 2019



GASCONADE COUNTY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

OES NEWS

DUTCHMEN PROUD ~ DUTCHMEN STRONG

The new school year is in full swing! It's so exciting to hear the voices and giggles of students filling the hallways!

We have lots of new, fun, and exciting things in store this year at OES!

As everyone found out at open house, we did some rearranging of grade levels in the building. We now have a Primary Hall with PreK, Kindergarten and 1st. A 2nd and 3rd grade hall, and 4th grade now has a hall by themselves in what used to be the Kindergarten hall, and 5th grade stayed the same.

We have several new staff joining us this year: Megan Shockley (K), Gwen LeRoy (3rd), Brooklyn Stoll (3rd), Cailley Bausch (Art), Molly Munsinger (Special Education), Tina Herndon (Special Education), and Lea Uthe (Para).

We are super excited this year to be starting a fourth and fifth grade robotics club through Lego League Jr.

OES students will get a chance to use their STEAM skills to design their own solution to a real-world problem then build and code autonomous Lego Mindstorms robots that perform a series of missions based on an annual theme.

OES Choir will also be starting back up this month. Notes have been sent home for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students to sign up. Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Sept. 30th from 3:30-4:30pm.

Each morning when students go to their classes, teachers have morning announcements up on their boards. This is where information will be posted regarding any type of extra-curricular activities, sports sign-ups, camps, etc...

We will also post this type of information on our OES Facebook page, the school webpage: www.oes.dutchmen.us, under News

and Events, and it can be found on the GCR2 Missouri Schools App, under News. The GCR2 app is available to download for free for any Apple or Android device and has info for all GCR2 district buildings right at your fingertips. We will also periodically send out reminders by text and/or email.

Teachers will also keep parents up-to-date on classroom information via Class Dojo.

As you can tell we are thrilled about our awesome new staff and all of the exciting opportunities we have in store for our kiddos this year! Stay tuned and stay up-to-date.... we are just getting started and it's going to be GREAT!

We Are
Dutchmen Proud-
Dutchmen Strong



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Paperwork

Please be sure you have returned all of the beginning of the year paperwork. We know how much you all love it, and may want to keep it, but we really need it back as soon as possible. Be sure you have fully filled out verification forms, transportation forms, and health forms with your most current info. Teachers also need technology forms returned before students are allowed to get on the chrome books to work on assignments and to take tests.

Parent Pick-Up/Drop-Off

Our first priority is to get buses on the road before we release parent pick up. The end of day in all buildings has been extended five minutes, so we now release our 1st round buses at 3:20pm

so the earliest parent pick-up will be released is approximately 3:30pm. Picking up student's in the office at the end of day is ONLY in the event of an emergency or if there is an appointment you have to make it to in time. Sorry, but this is not for daily pick-up just so you don't have to sit in the line. Please remember, everyone's time is valuable.

Drop-off in the morning is in the back until 8:30am. Any students arriving after 8:30 will need to be brought in to the front and signed in by the person dropping them off. Tardies begin at 8:31am. Also, all students who leave school before 3:20pm will have to be signed out in the office.

Absences

Attendance counts — literally. We are aware there are instances when kiddos are sick and should not be in school (*some things are not meant for sharing;-)* In the event that your child will be absent, whether sick, at an appointment, or out of town, please be sure you call the office before 10am. After 10am we have to call all absent students to verify the absence. If you call before 7:30am, you can select the attendance line option and leave us a message. You can find more detailed information regarding attendance in the white packet of papers that were handed out at open house.



SAY CHEESE!

Picture day is Wednesday, Sep. 25th.

All students are photographed whether purchasing a package or not so we have a photo for the yearbook. Pictures are from 8:30am -12:45pm. Any students who are absent will have their photo taken on retake day. Look for order forms to be heading home soon!

This. Is. Only. A. Test.

On Wednesday, Sep. 4th, our school district will do a test of the automated calling system. This call is designed only to test the system that will be used for weather related cancellations or emergencies only. Please advise if you do not receive a call and need to make sure your name is added to the list.

GOT SCHOOL SPIRIT?

We have a Dutchmen Spirit Store open for business this year! Check out the webstore at:

www.spiritshop.com/school/missouri/owensville/owensville-elementary-school

You can order anytime throughout the year and it will ship directly to your home. 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 Dutchgirls, Otown, etc... There are items for men, women, kids and infants, from clothing to all kinds of accessories. Perfect for all occasions! Christmas is only a few months away;

Monthly Schedule of Events

- 9/2 -- No School/Labor Day
- 9/9-10-11 -- Grandparent's Day Breakfast
- 9/9 through 9/13 -- Scholastic Book Fair
- 9/10 -- Family Night @ the Book Fair 3:30-7pm
- 9/9 -- P.A.T.T. meeting 5:15pm
- 9/18 -- Progress 1 reports go home
- 9/25 -- Picture Day (8:30a-12:45p)
- 9/25 -- **Free/Reduced forms due** If not turned in rolls over to full student price
- 9/27 -- No School/Teacher P.D. day
- 9/30 -- OES Choir starts 3:30-4:30pm

Future Dates to Remember

- 10/22 -- 3rd grade concert @ 7pm
- 10/25 -- P.A.T.T. Trunk or Treat
- 10/28 and 10/29 -- Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:15pm
- 10/30 -- Fall Festival class parties 2pm
- 10/31 -- No School/Teacher P.D. day

Join Us for a GRAND EVENT

Since Grandparent's Day is Sep. 8th, we are going to hold our 1st ever "Grand" event week. All grandparents will be invited to join us either on Sep. 9th, 10th, or 11th to come have donuts, juice, and coffee with your OES grandkids. Forms will be sent home so we can get an idea of how many people to plan for each day. Breakfast will be served from 7:45am to 8:25am.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 NO SCHOOL- Labor Day	3		Ice Cream Wednesdays are Back! Every Wednesday, students may purchase ice cream for \$.75 and Rice Krispy bites for \$.25. Cash only & cannot be charged to lunch accounts.	6	7
8	9 PATT meeting	10 Family shop night @the book fair	11	12	13	14
<<< Donuts w/ Grandparents 7:45-8:25am >>>						
~~~~~ <b>SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR</b> ~~~~~						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Progress 1 reports						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				<b>NO SCHOOL Teacher PD</b>		
			Picture Day!			



Be sure you label all items your child brings to school: backpacks, lunchboxes, jackets, etc.. Thank you.

## It's Time for the Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at OES Sep. 9th through the 13th. Each class gets two visits to the book fair. Students will receive more info, as well as, a sales tax chart if they decide to bring money in to make a purchase.

We also have "Family Shopping Night" which will be on Tues., Sep. 10th from 3:30pm until 7pm.

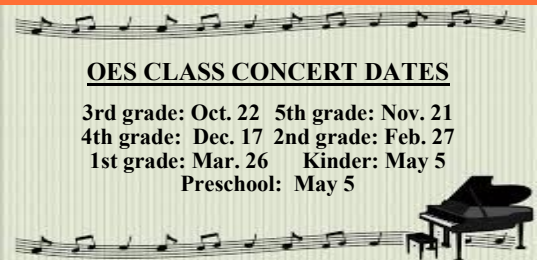
There are books for ALL ages, including adults. It's the perfect time to get started on your holiday shopping! A percentage of all sales goes to OES to help purchase new items for our library here at school!!

Teacher wish lists will be available if you want to purchase an item for your child's class. Download the Scholastic Book Fair App to view items that will be available.



## OES CLASS CONCERT DATES

3rd grade: Oct. 22 5th grade: Nov. 21  
4th grade: Dec. 17 2nd grade: Feb. 27  
1st grade: Mar. 26 Kinder: May 5  
Preschool: May 5



Join us for our 5th annual Trunk or Treat event sponsored by P.A.T.T. on October 25th at Memorial Park in Owensville.

Any individuals or businesses interested in having a "trunk" please contact Erin Sassmann at [esassmann@dutchmen.us](mailto:esassmann@dutchmen.us). It is no charge to sponsor a trunk but we do need to have a number for organizational purposes. Please plan to serve approximately 800+ kids.

We will have a best trunk competition for our groups and businesses, as well as, best costume contests for the kids.

There will be food, games, prizes, and more. More detailed information will be sent home and posted on all of our media outlets!

## LIGHTS, CAMERA.....HOMECOMING

Football Homecoming Spirit Week is Sep. 30th through Oct. 4th. Spirit dress up days will be:

Mon. 9/30 -- "The Breakfast Club" -- pajama/comfy clothes day (school appropriate)

Tue. 10/1 -- "Moana" -- tropical day: wear your shorts, Hawaiian wear, etc...

Wed. 10/2 -- "Dodgeball" -- sporty wear: wear your favorite athletic apparel

Thur. 10/3 -- "Disney's The Descendants/VK day" -- wear purple like the villainous Pacific Indians

Fri. 10/4 -- "Friday Night Lights" -- show your Dutchmen Pride & wear Orange & Black

Be sure to go cheer on our Dutchmen! Tail-greating starts at 5pm and Gametime is 7pm



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