

In the Middle

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

After the February “fake out” of near 70 degree weather we finished with some snow and freezing temperatures. Heading into March we could still see some of those cold mornings and encourage everyone to be connected with our notification system of possible delays or closures. In order for people to plan, we want to inform everyone that in the event of a two hour delay we do not serve breakfast. The delay schedule does have our lunch rotation taking place after one period of students starting their day.

We have some dates to mark on your calendar. March 3rd Oaklea will be hosting the OBOB (Oregon Battle Of the Books) Middle School Regional Tournament. Track is just around the corner and we are still taking sign-ups for those interested in participating. There is a parent meeting for track athletes scheduled for 6:00pm on March 6th in the Oaklea Cafeteria. We will be having a number of substitute teachers in our building this spring. In anticipation of this we have had discussions and announcements regarding behavior and respect towards these guests in our building. Please take a moment and have a conversation about expectations with your student. It is imperative to learning for all students that we not miss a beat even when substitute teachers are here. We have great students at Oaklea and we want to showcase their abilities, but we also must hold students accountable for their actions if not making quality choices. Thank you in advance for your support of this important piece of our learning environments.

Again, our statewide testing begins this month. All students fifth through eighth will take the Smarter Balanced assessments in both Reading and Math. Like last year, students will only take the computer based assessments one time in the spring. If you would like to apply to opt your student out of testing, take a look at the district website under “Parent-Student Resources”, and click on “Smarter Balance Information.” Feel free to call me if you have any questions about testing or any other questions or concerns. Again, thank you for all your continued support of our students and staff.

It has come to my attention that parents are parking in locations that block access to homes when pick-ing up children after school along Rose St. Please be mindful of this when parking and avoid blocking driveways and mailboxes.

Sincerely,

Justin Corey (jcorey@junctioncity.k12.or.us)

Principal

Calendar of Events

| <u>March</u> | | <u>March continued:</u> | |
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| Sat 3/3 | OBOB Regional Tournament @ Oaklea | 3/15-16 | Record Keeping and PA Day-No School |
| Thu 3/8 | Band /Choir Winter Concert, 7:00 Lg. Gym | 3/26-30 | Spring Break |
| Fri 3/9 | No School –Non contract day | <u>April</u> | |
| Sat 3/10 | 5th grade OBOB Team @ Thurston | Wed 4/4 | Spring Photos/8th Grade Panoramic |
| Wed 3/14 | End of 2nd Trimester and <u>Career Day</u> 6:30 pm 8th Gr. Rec. Planning Meeting | Fri 4/6 | 8:15 Parent Group Meeting |



Introducing Jennifer Wolf, 8th grade Science teacher! I grew up in Medford Oregon and graduated from South Medford High School. I earned an Associates Degree at Rogue Community College and went on to Oregon State University (GO BEAVS) to get my BS in BioResource Research. I originally wanted to work in an agricultural research lab since my childhood was steeped in Ag Science, but realized research was too dry for me and I needed more interactions with people in my life. So, I went on to get my MS in Education, focusing on Middle School Science. I love teaching middle school, I love being a part of the awkward years, helping kids figure out who they are in the big picture of things. Their high energy channeled in the right direction is a powerful force that is amazing to watch. In my free time I enjoy raft guiding on the Rogue, McKenzie, South Umpqua or Klamath rivers, hiking, or being lazy in my hammock with a book. I really love this school.

Students of the month for March

The following students were nominated by their teachers for outstanding citizenship and dedication to school work. Congratulations!



Kellen B. is a 5th grader who “is thoughtful and helpful. He advocates for himself and others and creates a welcome environment for peers with a smile on his face.”

Liz B. is a 6th grader who “is considerate and thoughtful. She is always willing to help others, especially students who are struggling. Liz works hard and has a “CAN-DO” attitude.”

Hannah H. is a 7th grader who “is friendly to peers and adults. She displays her creativity through writing and art. She is responsible, caring and devoted to school, family and friends.”

Alex Givens is an 8th grader who “is always full of joy. He helps his classmates get work done, asks questions and makes every class enjoyable.” “He has a positive attitude and is flexible and adaptable when approached with change.”

BABY PICTURES NEEDED! 8th grade students baby pictures are needed for the yearbook as well as for the slide show at 8th Grade Recognition. You can email them to: JCclassof2022@gmail.com or bring in a hard copy to the Front Office for us to scan.

8th grade Recognition planning meeting is Wednesday, March 14th @ 6:30 in OMS Media Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

“Pennies for Patients” Oaklea is participating in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s “Pennies for Patients”. This is a service-learning program that gives students the unique experience of working together to help raise awareness and funds for adults and children fighting against blood cancers. All types of change, bills, and personal checks are accepted through March 22.

To get students more involved in a fun way we have a few different fundraisers organized. “Music on a Mission” is where students pay a dollar for a song to be played during lunch. Or students can pay a dollar to wear a hat for a day. “Chuck your Change” is fun for parents who drop off their kids in the morning as well as their change in their car on a specified day. And finally, “Stuck for a Buck” is where students pay a buck to help duct tape two teachers to a wall at lunchtime!

Oaklea’s Fabulous 2017-18 Yearbook!

Don’t miss out on owning the 2017-18 yearbook with fantastic memories! The hardcover book of 64 pages is all in color and costs \$27. It can be ordered through the front office with cash or check made out to Oaklea Middle School. For online ordering using your credit or debit card, go to ybpay.lifetouch.com using code #10189618.

Absolute deadline for ordering is April 23rd.

Make Change-Beat Cancer!

CAREER DAY is Wednesday, March 14th around 1:30. Our theme this year is “Into the Future”. Many of our students are unaware of career opportunities that would lead them to great success so this is a great way to provide them knowledge of potential careers. This is also a wonderful way for you to get involved in OMS and make an impact on our student’s future. If you, as a parent, would like to participate in this by sharing about your career, see contact info below. Do you know others (friends, colleagues, neighbors) who would be willing to share about their career? Please have them give us the necessary contact information—name, occupation, phone number by hard copy, email or call OMS office@ 541-998-3381. Thank you on behalf of Angie Elstone, Counselor, Rebecca Smith TAG coordinator and TAG students.