

In the Middle

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

As we approach the end of the school year we'd like to take a moment to thank all the parents and guardians who have volunteered their time and or resources to our students, staff, and building. It is your help and involvement that makes this community special and Oaklea a great middle school! There have been so many different areas that your help has had a positive influence in our building. Thank you again and we hope you feel that your endeavors were well received and appreciated.

We started the year off with some adjustments to our master schedule. Some changes that stood out were the addition of "selectives" to 7th and 8th grade and adding a third lunch. We anticipate that next year our schedule will be fairly similar to its current form, but we may make some minor adjustments if necessary. We always appreciate feedback so if you are interested, feel free to email me.

We still have track finishing up their season with the Regional Track Meet on the 9th of May. May 14th is a non-student day as we work on transitions from Elementary to Middle and Middle to High School for students. 6th graders will be making their trips to Newport in May. There will be no school May 28th in observance of Memorial Day. Get ready for the OMS Talent Show on Thursday, May 31st at 6:30. Our students are gearing up for the event which is always amazing so you don't want to miss it! 5th graders are putting the final touches on their Carnival, which is Saturday, June 2nd. 7th graders head South to the Rogue River for Jet Boating in June, and 8th graders hit the beach in June. If you would like to volunteer to be involved in one of our end-of-year field trips, please fill out a volunteer background form located on the district's website, and return to our front office. As you can see, there is still many exciting events ahead!

Please note, June 15th is the 8th graders last day with the Recognition ceremony being at 6:00 p.m. in the large gym. The last day for 5th-7th graders is Monday, June 19th, ending at 12:52 that day. On behalf of the staff, we'd like to wish all Oaklea families an enjoyable spring and summer. This has been a fantastic first year as Principal and I have so appreciated the opportunity to work with this great staff and fantastic students. For my 20th year at Oaklea Middle School, I can honestly say it has been a great one!

Sincerely,

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

Principal

Calendar of Events

<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>	
Fri 5/4	8:15 Parent Group Meeting	Sat 6/2	11-5:00 5th Grade Carnival
Mon 5/7	Brain Bowl Competition @ Lane	We 6/6	Track Banquet 6:00 pm. in Cafeteria
Fri 5/11	7th grade Band Clinic @ U of O	Fri 6/8	All Day -8th grade Beach Outing
Mon 5/14	NO SCHOOL—PA Day	Thu 6/14	7:00 p.m. Choir Concert
May 15,24	6th grade Coast Field Trips	Fri 6/15	6:00 p.m., 8th Grade Recognition
Wed 5/23	1:20 Early Release	Wed 6/19	12:52 Early Release— Last Day of School
Mon 5/28	NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day		
Thu 5/31	7:00 OMS Talent Show, Large Gym		

Hi, my name is Mara Liechty, and I teach music at Oaklea! This is my first year at Oaklea, but my fourth year in the JC School District. I love teaching band and choir especially because kids get to encounter beauty and culture, build confidence in their skills, and learn how to work together as a team toward a common goal. Music ensembles are also a place where students find a second home and family. When I was in school, band was where I felt the most myself and among friends, and I want to give that sense of belonging to students. Middle school is such a fun age to teach because they are so uninhibited in their creativity but are also learning self-discipline and how hard work helps achieve goals. As any of my students will tell you, I am a giant nerd. In my spare time, I like to read, visit museums, embroider, crochet, play tabletop games, and go on hikes.

Students of the Month for April

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



Karen C. is a 5th grader who is “always ready to give her all with a smile on her face...and she is awesome at helping peers.”

Ellie J. is a 6th grader who is “respectful and dedicated to her work and always gives 110% effort.”

Mackenzie C. is a 7th grader who is “respectful and kind to others and is always on task and completes all work.”

Kaitlyn W. is an 8th grader who is “an exceptional student who is kind and helpful to classmates. She is always prepared and willing to try anything.”

OVERDUE BOOKS are due in the Media Center by Friday, June 1. Books will not be checked out after that date.

ATTENTION 8th Graders/Parents: If you have overdue library books, please return them and if you have any fines, please pay them in the Front Office. Parents, if you have an 8th grader with books overdue or unpaid fines, they may not be able to attend 8th Grade Recognition. All fines must be paid by cash or check by Friday, June 8, 2018.



Oaklea's Track Champions are having a very successful season and are looking forward to competing at higher levels. Go Tigers!

Regionals: Wednesday, May 9th at P.Hill

After that, those who qualify go to:

Districts: Wednesday, May 16 at Cottage Grove

State: Thursday, May 24 at Corvallis

The “Pennies for Patients” fundraiser was a great success, raising \$960.42! First place was Ms. Burns’ Team and they will have a pizza party. Second place was Mr. Meskil’s Team and they will have a root beer float party. Third place was Mr. Tedrick’s Team who will have a donut party. Thanks for all donations!

Tiger Stripe winners for March and April! : Aliyah K, Gage V., Karen C., Hunter C., Adam L., Ray B., Aiden H., Elaina D., Serenity J., Simon T., Destiny J. and Noah P.for being safe respectful and responsible!

A Carnival Extravaganza ! — A Benefit for Food For Lane County

Saturday, June 2, 2018, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. behind Oaklea Middle School

This is sponsored by our 5th grade Oaklea students ! They have spent the first half of the year studying food insecurity and the rippling effects throughout our community. They decided that just learning about it wasn't enough; they want to do something to help. To raise money for Food for Lane County, the 5th grade has organized a “Carnival Extravaganza” —this will be no ordinary carnival! There will be a parade and main events (dancers and music), food for sale, informational booths, an art contest, student art and talent show, silent auction, traditional carnival booths and not so traditional booths. Come check it out!

Middle School Bullying Prevention

Our staff here at Oaklea work hard every day to make sure your student has the best possible learning environment. Know that we take any allegations of bullying very seriously and follow the letter of the law. We have completed student and staff trainings on bullying prevention and have a full program of services in place that help address this issue. How can you help? Parents play an important role in helping their children deal with this issue. Here's what "stopbullying.gov" recommends for parents to help their children prevent bullying.

- **Talk to children about what bullying is, be sure they understand it's unacceptable, and encourage them to:**
 - **Report the bullying to a teacher, parent, or trusted adult.**
 - **Use safety strategies, such as staying near adults or with groups of students.**
 - **Help others who are being bullied.**

- **Encourage your children to talk with you about their day at school. Some children may be embarrassed to admit that they are being bullied.**

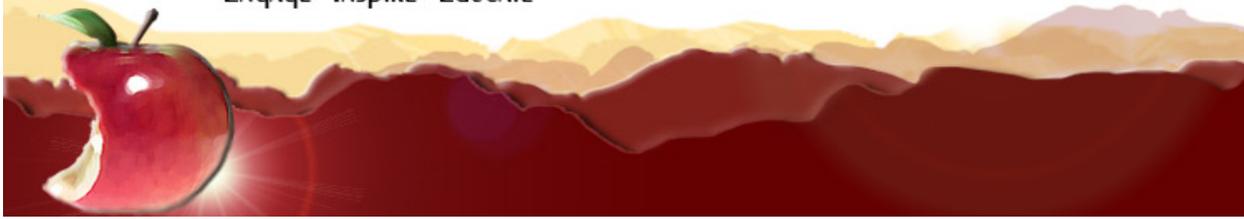
- **Following, are some questions that you can ask your children to get the conversation going and uncover a potential bullying issue:**
 - **What was one good thing that happened today? Any bad things?**
 - **Who do you sit with at lunch? What do you talk about?**
 - **What is it like to ride the school bus? Anything out of the ordinary happen on today's bus ride?**
 - **What are you good at? What do you like best about yourself?**

- **Encourage your children to do what they love. Being involved in activities they enjoy helps children make friends and become part of groups that protect them from bullying.**

- **Set the example by treating others with kindness and respect, so children learn appropriate, non-bullying behavior.**

We hope this is helpful. By working together we can ensure that all of our kids feel safe at school.

**Justin Corey, Principal,
Joy O'Renck, Assistant Principal
Angie Elstone, School Counselor**



May 1, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You may have heard of the recent outbreak of pertussis also known as “whooping cough” at Sheldon High School in Eugene. Pertussis is a bacterial illness that may begin with symptoms like the common cold: runny nose, scratchy throat, or cough. After about 1 to 2 weeks, the dry, irritating cough evolves into coughing spells. Fever is usually mild or absent. Most children and adults don’t get seriously ill, but for infants and those with compromised immune systems, pertussis can be life threatening.

At this time, we have not had any diagnosed cases of pertussis in Junction City School District. Here are some things you can do to protect your family and limit any possible spread if it does end up in our community:

- Make sure that everyone in your family, including teens, parents and grandparents, are up-to-date on all of their shots including the pertussis booster shot (Tdap)
- Contact a health care provider for symptoms of pertussis (even if the person with symptoms is fully immunized) These include:
 - Coughing a week or more with any of the following: uncontrollable fits of coughing, vomiting after coughing or coughing until out of breath (skin or lips turn blue or purple)
 - Coughing for two weeks or more
 - A “whooping” sound after the cough
 - Trouble breathing or brief periods of not breathing (apnea) – this is seen more in infants
 - See a doctor sooner for your cough if someone close to you has recently had pertussis.
- **People with pertussis symptoms should not attend child care, school, camp, team sports, or other group activities until five days of antibiotic medicine for pertussis have been finished.**
- Cover coughs and sneezes, wash hands frequently with soap and water, and stay home when sick.

If you are concerned that you or your child might have pertussis, please contact your health care provider.

Sincerely,

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1 de mayo de 2018

Estimados Padres/Tutores:

Es posible que hayan oído hablar del reciente comienzo de tos ferina también conocido como "whooping cough" en la Escuela Preparatoria de Sheldon en Eugene. La tos ferina es una enfermedad bacteriana que comienza con síntomas como el resfriado común: goteo nasal, la garganta irritada o tos. Después de aproximadamente 1 a 2 semanas, la tos seca e irritante se convierte en ataques de tos. La fiebre es generalmente leve o ausente. La mayoría de los niños y adultos no se enferman gravemente, pero para los bebés y aquellos con un sistema inmunológico comprometido, la tos ferina puede ser potencialmente mortal.

En este momento, no hemos tenido ningún caso diagnosticado de tos ferina en el Distrito Escolar de Junction City. Aquí hay algunas cosas que puede hacer para proteger a su familia y limitar cualquier transmisión posible si llega a nuestra comunidad:

- Asegúrese de que todos los miembros de su familia, incluyendo los adolescentes, padres y abuelos, estén al día con todas sus vacunas, incluyendo la vacuna de refuerzo contra la tos ferina (Tdap).
- Comuníquese con un proveedor de atención médica para detectar síntomas de la tos ferina (incluso si la persona con síntomas está completamente inmunizada). Estos incluyen:
 - Tos durante una semana o más con cualquiera de los siguientes: ataques de tos incontrolables, vómitos después de toser o toser hasta quedar sin aliento (la piel o los labios se ponen azules o morados)
 - Tos durante dos semanas o más
 - Un sonido de "grito" después de toser
 - Problemas para respirar o períodos breves de falta de respiración (apnea): esto se ve más en bebés
 - Consulte con un médico lo más pronto sobre su tos si alguien cercano recientemente ha tenido tos ferina.
- **Las personas con síntomas de tos ferina no deben asistir a guarderías, escuelas, campamentos, deportes de equipo u otras actividades de grupo hasta que se hayan terminado cinco días de antibióticos para la tos ferina.**
- Cubra la tos y los estornudos, lávese las manos con frecuencia con agua y jabón, y quédese en casa cuando esté enfermo.

Si esta preocupado/a que usted o su hijo/a puedan tener tos ferina, comuníquese con su proveedor de atención médica.

Atentamente,

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