

# Oshki Ogimaag Community School

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## No School January 19

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education." – Martin Luther King, Jr.

As you know there is no school on January 19<sup>th</sup> in order to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This day celebrates the birth of the renowned civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. President Ronald Reagan signed this holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later. It wasn't until the year 2000 that this holiday was recognized in all fifty states. At Oshki Ogimaag, teachers in grades 2-6 have been teaching students about the leadership of Martin Luther King Jr. Throughout his work, King has often discussed the power of knowledge, and the impact this could have on society. This is a very important message to send to our children, who will be our up and coming leaders. Our hope is that families will use this time for reflection and appreciation of the values of equality, tolerance and humanity. These are values for which this holiday was declared.

## Reminder:

Today marks the end of quarter two. Report cards will be mailed on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and parent/teacher conferences will be held from 3:30-6 pm on February 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be games, coffee, cookies, and popcorn for all. If you are unable to attend parent/teacher conferences at this time please contact your child's teacher to schedule an alternative appointment.

On February 6<sup>th</sup> there will be NO SCHOOL, as this is a teacher in service day. Staff will work to evaluate and plan instructional strategies geared towards helping students succeed in the state testing which will be held in the spring. Parents of students in grades 3-6 will receive additional information about this testing in the coming months.



Listen in to **WTIP** for Oshki School News!

Monday at 5 pm and  
Tuesdays at 9:10 am.

Every week students will talk about upcoming dates and events.

## More Important News

**K-1 NEWS-** Mrs. Swanson: The class had a really wonderful time learning about germs with Ms. Tess. Tess brought in some really cool tools to show the class about germs and how quickly they spread. We got to "see" the germs under a black light after we "passed" them around using a toy chicken. The students learned about hand-washing and the importance.

This week we have been focusing on Nouns- and what words need to be capitalized. We are going over the months of the year, and the days of the week. The class is also working on the "ch" and "tch" sounds and listening for them at the beginning or ending of words. We are working on measuring in math using both feet and inches. The class seemed to enjoy cutting out their feet prints. We used those prints to measure things in our classroom. We all had different size feet and it was interesting to see the difference in the length of objects. We made a graph estimating the number of feet it would take from our desks to the meeting carpet, and then we counted the actual numbers. The students were all really close!!

**2-3 NEWS-** Ms. Nikki: What a great week it has been in second and third grade!

The students are learning the parts of nonfiction texts. Nonfiction is organized differently than fiction. It has chapters and sections each about a different area of the book's topic. Nonfiction texts often have pictures, maps, diagrams or charts and captions that explain what they mean. We have also been practicing using the glossary and index to learn about words or ideas in the text. We will soon be writing our own nonfiction texts about a topic.

We are still making inferences or guesses about what we think is happening in stories we read. We can guess information that the author does not write about directly like how a character is feeling or why an event happened in the story.

Second graders are focused on money in math and third grade is working on measurement. Ask your third grader what perimeter is!

With the warmer weather we are happy to be outside again. Please make sure your child has snow pants and boots each day.

Don't forget our game night and conferences February 5th from 3:30-6:00. I can't wait to share how your child is doing in school with you!

**4-6 NEWS-**Mr. Keith: In the upper grades we have been looking at states and capitals recently, learning about how natural boundaries are different than man made ones. We have been learning about the differences between biomes and how animals and plants interact within a biome.

We start our new reading groups this next week, students had a chance to pick the books they prefer off our list with lots of books being favorites of many students. We have been working on outlines in our writing, learning about how they can be used to make ideas more clear. We are using outlines to complete one to three paragraph essays. Organizing our writing has been difficult for some but most students have enjoyed writing about some of their favorite things.

## School Lunch

Jan 19-25

**Monday** NO School

**Tuesday** Hamburger on Bun, Fries, Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

**Wednesday** Buffet Day, Veg, Bread, Fruit, Milk

**Thursday** Tater tot Hot Dish, Salad, Fruit, Bread, Milk

**Friday** Fish Sticks, Mac & Cheese, Gr Beans, Peaches, Bread, Milk

## Upcoming Events

January 16 end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

January 19-**No School** in honor of Martin Luther King Day

February 5 Conferences and Game Night 3:30-6 come when you can.

February 6 **NO School-**Teacher In service

February 16 **NO School-**President's Day