

# Oshki Ogimaag Community School

475-2112

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It is extremely important that students and parents/guardians understand the importance of notifying the school of any student absence. It is the intent of the school staff to work in partnership with parents to assure school attendance. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to minimize the number of absences. Any concerns or questions about this should be discussed with OOCs staff.

**Please call the school office no later than 9:00 am** on the morning of the absence. OOCs has a 24-hour voice mail system and a message can be left at any time: **475-2112**.

If the teacher or office has not been notified regarding an absence a note signed by a parent / guardian, stating the reason for the absence must be presented to the school office upon the student's return. In accordance with State law, students with 7 unexcused absences will be referred to Grand Portage Human Services.

The weather is allowing us to go outside for recess and sometimes phy-ed and also other occasional Spring walks or outings. Please make sure your student comes to school with appropriate gear to go outside every day. The fresh air and sunshine is an important part of our health and wellbeing.

Do you have a change in phone number or address or maybe you need to change the emergency numbers on your child's Emergency Form? Please use the attached form to do so. Thank you!

\*\*\*We are collecting clean and dry gallon size milk jugs. We do not need the lids. \*\*\*\*\*Think SPRING-think GARDENING!



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. *Check it out, the students are doing a great job!*



If you have a library book checked out and you are done with it-PLEASE bring it back to school. Thank you!

## More Important News

**K-1 NEWS-** Mrs. Swanson: -Our class has been very busy this week. We have been working on our science fair project ideas. We started by discussing arctic animals. We used a KWL chart to figure out what we know about these animals, what we want to know, and then after we research them, what we have learned. There were some amazing facts that got us talking! Did you know polar bears weigh 1 ton and underneath all that white fur is black skin? (Nicholas taught us that!) Emperor penguins can be 4 ft. tall! That is about as tall as our class.

Trust lands came in with a guest and taught us about invasive species. The sea lamprey was a big hit to learn about.

Our class started learning about fact families, and how to turn them into math sentences. Students are working hard on their writing. Creating sentences with sentence starters and building in our learning. We encourage free thinking in writing and writing sentences that have meaning to each student.

**2-3 NEWS-** Ms. Nikki: This week we started our science projects in class. The room has been busy with slime, expanding balloons, colorful liquids, boats and more. Please ask your child what they are working on at school.

In reading and writing we have been learning about figurative language. We are using similes and metaphors to describe things as we write. When we read we are visualizing what we read. Visualizing is when we make a picture of what we are reading in our heads as we read. We have read books with lots of figurative language and it makes for great visualizing.

The third grade math students are working hard on writing, reading and adding numbers into the millions. Second grade math kids are working on geometry starting with points and lines.

**4-6 NEWS-**Mr. Keith The past couple weeks have been very busy in the upper grades. The fourth graders have been learning about three-dimensional objects and how they work. The fifth graders have been working with graphs and learning how to plot points on a graph, while the sixth graders continue their study of ratios and how much fun they can be. The students got to learn about different invasive species this week with help from trust lands, which tied in nicely to our ongoing conversation about biomes and what animals live where. The students have been excited to get outside with our gorgeous weather and we hope it lasts. With only one week left in the third quarter the year sure is flying by. Remember in just a few short weeks we will have the science fair, are projects coming together at home?

## School Lunch

### March 16-20

**Monday** Chicken Nuggets, Rice, Peas & Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Bread, Milk

**Tuesday** Hamburger, Fries, Carrots, Peaches, Milk

**Wednesday** Turkey, M potatoes, Gravy, Fruited Jell o Bread, Milk

**Thursday** Pizza, Salad, fruit, milk

**Friday** Soup, Sandwich, Carrots, Oranges, Crackers, Milk

## Upcoming Events

March 18-School board meeting 4:30 pm

March 27 Winter Survival for 4-6 graders

March 30-April 3 **No School** SPRING BREAK

April 9-**SCIENCE FAIR** and **BOOK FAIR**