

Oshki Ogimaag Community School

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Welcome back to school! We hope you had an enjoyable winter break and we are excited to have the students back for 2015. The cold weather created an unexpected schedule this week and we appreciate your patience with the school delay and closing. It is important for parents to know that the children's safety is our number one concern. I would like to take this opportunity to inform parents of our cold weather policy as it relates to recess. Students have access to both the Community Center gymnasium and outdoor playground for recess and physical education. When the wind chill is below zero, students will have an indoor recess. During the winter months it is extremely important that children are sent to school with appropriate winter clothing including a warm jacket, snow pants, hat, and mittens or gloves. If the temperatures are very cold or there is a significant snowfall and you feel that it is unsafe for your child to attend school this is considered an excused absence. In these cases, please either call the school office or send a note with your child upon his/her return to school. If there is no communication from parents, the absence will be unexcused. All households should receive a call from our automated alert system when there is a weather or emergency related closing or delay. If you did not receive a phone call this week or need to add an additional number to our list please call Carmen and we will make sure that your contact information is up to date. Weather closings are also announced on television (WDIO), boreal.org, and WTIP radio.

On January 2 all school staff returned to prepare for the school year to resume. This professional development day focused on evaluating the year thus far, and provided an opportunity for staff to collaborate and plan for the remainder of the school year. The end of the second quarter is on January 16th and report cards will be mailed at the end of the day on January 23rd. A second quarter conference will be held on February 5th from 3:30-6pm. In conjunction with conferences we will be having a "family game night" in the cafeteria where families can learn how to play math and language arts games used in the classroom, and we will have a round (or two) of Ojibwemowin BINGO. You will find that these games are fun and very similar to household games that many of you already know how to play. Some of the games will be available for families to bring home. More details about this will be coming home soon. If you are unable to attend conferences at this time please contact your child's teacher to schedule an alternative time.



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

Every week students will talk about upcoming dates and events.

K-1 NEWS- Mrs. Swanson: Welcome back to a cold week! The K/1 class has been staying warm dancing to "Heidi Songs" this week. Heidi songs are a fun way to learn math and reading by dancing and singing! The class enjoys watching them and standing up to recite sight words, or counting skills. We are getting back into routine by reviewing rules and procedures. The class was so welcoming on Monday and they all seemed excited to be back! The gymnasium has been filled with laughter as it has been too cold to play outside at recess. We are working on finishing up timelines, and working hard on reading.

Please remember to bring warm clothes, and if your child wants to have a sweatshirt in class they are more than welcome to bring one to leave here at school.

2-3 NEWS- Ms. Nikki: Hello from second and third grade. We had a wonderful first week of the new year. Some highlights of the week are starting a new math unit in both grade levels. The second graders are working on place value right now. Third grade is working on measurement in inches and centimeters.

In reading we are practicing using our prior knowledge and information from a story to make **inferences** or educated guesses about what we read. Students will have reading homework in this area next week. We have chosen research topics for our research on inventions. Ask your child about his or her topic this weekend. We will research snow shoes as a class. Stay tuned for upcoming news about snow shoeing if we ever get weather that is warm enough.

The end of quarter 2 is approaching and report cards will be out at the end of the month. We will hold a game night and quarter 2 conferences on February 5th, from 3:30-6:00. Please mark your calendars. I am eager to share the great things your child is doing this year.

4-6 NEWS-Mr. Keith: This past week in the upper grades we have been exploring our new math journals in celebration of our new year. Working with negative numbers has been a fun time with our sixth graders. The fourth graders have been working with fractions that are "Way easy" according to one student. The fifth graders have been learning about exponents and how they relate to the number ten. We all have been using our student reference book to help with problems that we get stuck on; it has been a good resource for our homework.

In December we started looking at biomes, we are continuing this study with a focus on how each organism in the ecosystem interacts with one another. Our nature journals have been a big part of this learning process. It is a real treat when we can write and draw what we see when we are outside, not so much when we turn into icicles after a couple minutes. Until it warms up our nature observations will be made behind a warm window in the class.

School Lunch

Jan 12-16

Monday Hot ham & cheese, fries, corn, peaches, milk

Tuesday Chicken nuggets, rice, carrots, fruit, bread, Milk

Wednesday Mashed Potatoes and hamburger gravy, gr. Beans, fruit, bread, milk

Thursday Wild rice hot dish, salad, peaches, bread, milk

Friday Soup, sandwich, carrots, oranges, crackers, milk

Upcoming Events

January 16 end of 2nd Quarter

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

February 5 conferences and game night

February 6 **NO School-**Teacher inservice

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