

Oshki Ogimaag Community School

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Garden News

We have been busy planning, and starting seeds for our container garden. We wanted to try a variety of new planting mediums and growing a different variety of some vegetables. We have received a lot of help from Tess and Andy. We also received a pack of seeds from Nancy Hummingbird from Second Glance Farms in Bagley, MN. Nancy had heard that we wanted new varieties of seeds and she sent us Rainbow Corn, 3 varieties of beans, zucchini, mini pumpkins and Geta Okosomin- a winter squash variety that has a very interesting story!

Miigwech to Nancy! We will be sending a thank you card from our students.

Some of the ways we started seeds this year are: We are trying seed arrays; we used non-toxic school glue to attach seeds to a paper towel, we will then just set on top of the soil and then cover with dirt. This is a great way to start small seeds. We are also using sponges (no soil needed!), paper pots (repurposing newspaper), egg cartons, milk jug greenhouses and rain gutters (to grow plants that hate to be transplanted, we just dig a trench and slide the plants off). The upper grades are growing watercress on the surface of their fish tank (their first attempt at aquaponics!)

This year the 4th and 5th graders decided they would grow asema for our school. They understand that growing this sacred crop is a responsibility and a commitment. We talked about being in a "good" place even while planting is important. The commitment they agreed on is that they will take responsibility for caring for, harvesting, drying and saving seeds for the next years' growth. They will then pass this very important job to other students when they move to another school.

Miigwech to this group of New Leaders for their commitment to our schools future

TESTING/ASSESSMENTS

As all of you know, each spring all of the students in the state are required to take the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments. Ms. Jean Marie proctored our third through fifth grade students on these MCA tests. She also has been testing all of our students on the NWEA Map tests. These are reading and math tests that measure the children's progress in these areas. The second week of May Ms. Bridget will be testing all of the students in the last round of the Fountas and Pinnell reading assessments. The students really work hard on these tests, and many have shown great progress.



*Please remember to send appropriate outdoor clothing with your student **every day**.*

Our playground is wet but the fresh air is so important so we try to get outside as much as we can. We do not have extra clothes for kids that get wet.

Feeling Groovy Book Fair

The winners of the coloring contest that took place at the book fair was Alexis for grades K/1, Makenzie for grades 2/3, and Biidaash for grades 4/5. Thank you to all the families and community members that came out to the book fair. It was a great turn out. The next book fair will be next fall.

Thank you to our generous Book fair donors- Rob Hull and Mary Deschampe

More Important News

K-1 NEWS- Mr. Keith- Can you believe we have less than a month left in school? This year is going by so quickly! The K/1 class has been having a good time despite summer looming in the distance. We have been looking at different spelling words with short i, e and a sounds. We have been learning about why our vowels are important in words and how our words change with different vowels in them. We have making connections between our stories we are reading and what we have read in the past. We are finding a lot of similarities and differences while adding to our "Café menu." Our café menu helps us better understand what we are reading and gives us strategies to use while reading on our own or with others. We all were really happy with how the science fair went, everyone had a good time sharing projects and looking at others experiments. All of the students worked really hard on projects both at home and in school. We look forward to next year's science fair, it will be hard to top this year's great effort. Seeing students share their learning in front of their peers has been a positive experience for everyone involved.

2-3 NEWS- Ms. Nikki -Hello Families. The kids are anxiously counting down the days until the end of school but they are also working hard and having fun as we continue to learn together. I am impressed with the positive attitudes and perseverance I see in class each day. We have a lot of events in the last month of school. Next week is our spirit week starting with pajama day on Monday. I look forward to seeing all the school spirit all week long. Monday, May 9th we will start a bike safety course with the fourth and fifth grade. We are getting 13 bikes from the Grand Marais Moving Matters program. We will have three lessons off bikes May 9th, 10th and 12th and then on bike lessons May 17, 19 and 23. Our last bike lesson will be a class bike ride on Thursday May 26 from 10:00-11:30. I am seeking volunteers to help on or off bikes. Please let me know if you can come to any of the above lessons from 10:00-11:30.

The students have asked to do a hike up Mt. Josephine and I am thinking about doing this Friday, May 13th if weather permits. Stay tuned for more info about this next week. Also feel free to bring your hiking boots and come along with us.

Wednesday, May 18th is a whole school step up day. Our class will say goodbye to the soon to be fourth graders for the day, while we welcome the incoming 2nd graders. My current second graders will be role models as they practice being 3rd graders. We will have a normal daily schedule with some special activities in the afternoon.

We are holding a whole school track and field day Friday, May 20th starting at 1:00. Please come for some fun and challenging track and field activities.

Last but not least we will end the year with our Awards Ceremony and an afternoon of fishing on Friday, May 27th starting at 11:30. Please come to celebrate your student's achievements.

4-5 NEWS- Ms. Joyce – The class has been busy these last few weeks:

- creating diaramas based on Paddle to the Sea using Science curriculum on environmental, engineering, earth sciences. This project is still in the works
- fieldtrip to Grand Marais for the Paddle to the Sea in March
- Sugarbush in April with Eric and Emma. Miss Joyce and the younger children had fun sliding ☺
- The DARE program is completed and graduation will take place in Grand Marais on May 24.
- Science Fair was awesome, thank you for coming out and seeing what your children are doing
- EJ from Trustlands came to do a lesson on Fisheries Management
- The students are reading with and to the Elders on Tuesdays and Thursday in April
- We had a community clean up on Earth Day April 22nd, the children did an awesome job with Marcia from Trustlands.
- Miss Bonita helped the class in creating a terrarium plants
- Andy from Trustlands will be here today April 29th with a lesson on soil
- We continue to work on Math, Reading, Social Students and Science and we have a busy month ahead of us as we finish this school year.

School Lunch

May 2-6

Monday Sloppy joes, fries, corn, mixed fruit

Tuesday Wildrice hot dish, carrots, pineapple

Wednesday Hot ham & cheese, cheesy potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit

Thursday Hamburger gravy & mashed potatoes, corn, pears

Friday Salmon bites, tater tots, peas & carrots, mixed fruit

All lunches include MILK and a Bread Product

Upcoming Events

May 2-6 Spirit week-see calendar for dress up days!

May 12 Grades 4/5 Art exhibit 3-5 pm

May 17 Dental bus

May 18 STEP UP DAY
Education Awards Dinner 5 pm

May 20 Track & field Activities 1-3 pm

May 24 DARE graduation 2 pm in GM

May 27 Awards and lunch 11:30 in the gym, plan to stay for lunch! Fishing at marina (weather permitting) **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Ever wonder about what is going on at OOCs? Check out our website! Oshkiogimaag.org it has dates and activities listed and all of the old newsletters are here.