

Oshki Ogimaag Community School

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Boozhoo families and welcome to the 2015-16 school year. This newsletter will be sent home each week that we have 5 full days of school and provide weekly updates about special activities, upcoming events, and important information for families. If you miss a copy of our newsletter you can view it online at www.oshkiogimaag.org. In addition to our newsletter, your child has a daily take home folder that will include important information and homework. It is important that you check your child's folder nightly. Please remember that we encourage parents to volunteer or participate in your child's class. If you are interested in volunteering or participating in school events please let your child's teacher know. Upon entrance at the school, you will be asked to sign in. We are excited for a new school year at Oshki Ogimaag! As always, never hesitate to call with questions or concerns. –Anna Deschampe

Gardening with Ms.Bonita

This summer, the Gitagaan club got a very informative lesson on a traditional Three Sisters garden. Tess, Bonita, Bridget, Raina, Ariana and Angel went down to the Grand Portage Monument and met with Margaret Plummerstein. She talked to us while we helped her plant. Margaret told us that in a traditional Three Sister's garden, corn, squash and green beans are grown in mounds and are grown together to help each of the other plants. She also stated that there is actually a "fourth sister"- sunflowers, which are grown around the outside of the garden, providing shade and protection. The corn provides shade for the squash and a place to climb for the green beans. The most amazing thing that we learned was that Margaret grows her garden with Heritage seeds, seeds that have been "saved" year after year. The corn seeds were corn seeds from 1000 years ago, and the squash seeds were at least 500 years old! The bean seeds were actually carried on the Trail of Tears. I can't tell you how awe inspiring this was, but what was even more wonderful was that she gave our Gitagaan club Heritage seeds for our own Three Sisters garden! The idea is to be able to grow with Heritage seeds, and save the seeds from your garden to use the next year. We were able to plant a Three Sisters Garden this year at the school garden, but did not use Heritage seeds because of the late start this year, and because we didn't want to plant these Heritage seeds and not have enough time for our garden grow and be able to keep saving these very valuable "History Seeds". I look forward to being able to share these stories with the rest of the school. Chi Miigwech to Margaret and happy gardening! Bonita



Student Attendance

Parents and Guardians: Your participation makes a huge difference in your child's education! One way that you can support your child's learning is to make sure she/he is in school every day and on time. There is a relationship between school attendance and success, the more your child attends school the more successful she/he will be in school! We understand that sometimes children need to be absent. When this happens it is very important that you notify the school that your child will be absent. This helps us plan for your child's absence, collect homework, and make sure that your child can be caught up on what was missed. OCS will excuse an absence for the following reasons: illness, medical/dental/counseling appointments, serious illness in the student's immediate family, death in the family, physical emergency conditions (fire/flood, etc.) family emergencies and ceremony or religious observances. In order for the absences to be excused, the school office must be contacted by a parent either by telephone, email, or sending a note with your child the next day. If the school is not contacted the absence will automatically be unexcused. Call 475-2112 or email businessmanager@oshkiogimaag.org. We appreciate your support for education!

More Important News

K-1 NEWS- Mr.Keith- The start of a new school year has been busy in Kindergarten and First grade. We have been learning our routines in the classroom, where everything goes and how to get what we need in class. We have been learning about patterns in math and looking for patterns around the classroom. We have been revisiting our letters and numbers while playing some fun matching games using dice, pictures and other classroom tools. We have been working hard on writing every day, with lots of students being interested in how to spell words that we want to use. Our class is starting a unit this fall that focuses on family. We are learning about our own families, what we like to do together and how we take care of one another. In celebration of our family unit we are having a field trip to our Grand Portage Museum on Thursday the 24th. We are having a scavenger hunt for relatives in the museum and would love for anybody who can make it to come along, point out relatives in the museum and to share stories about their family members. This should be a fun trip, but a really great one if a family member is able to come along. More information will be sent home next week, look for it in your child's daily folder.

2-3 NEWS- Ms. Nikki Wow! What an amazing first few weeks of school. I am truly loving the energy and kindness that the students bring to the class. Our focus has been working on the procedures and routines for academic work. We have drawn self- portraits and done a lot of team work activities.

Our learning targets for this week.

Reading: I can check for understanding when I read and include who is in the story and what they are doing.

I can use the pictures clues to help me figure out words.

Writing: I can think of great ideas for writing.

I can use my word collector and the class word wall to help me spell words.

Spelling: One group is working on short vowels sounds the other on silent e long vowel words.

Project work this week: I can work together as a team. I can draw a portrait of myself.

Next week we be taking several walks and other outdoor activities. Please be make sure your child has good outdoor shoes and a light jacket in case it is cold.

Sincerely, Ms. Nikki

4-5 NEWS- The fourth and fifth grade have been working with Miss Rachel and Miss Belle while they wait for the arrival of their new teacher Miss Joyce Waswa.

To prepare for her arrival, the students have designed a new bulletin board of a fall birch tree. The class has enjoyed time in their science lessons to learning about the fall trees and how the environment can actually change the characteristics of living things.

In Math, the class has been completing assessments and reviewing skills from last year. And in reading, they are doing daily literature lessons, questions and spending time reading aloud the story Frindle.

Each afternoon, the class has been working on Mind Maps to learn about study skills and create an illustration that presents facts about themselves. The class is hoping they will be able to show their illustration to their new teacher on Monday.

School Lunch

Sept 21-25

Monday No School

Tuesday Hot dog/Bun, Tater Tots, Beans, Fruit

Wednesday Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruited jell-o

Thursday Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Toast, Pears,

Friday INDIAN TACO'S, Corn, Fruit Salad

All lunches include MILK and a Bread Product

Upcoming Events

September 21-No School -

Teacher In Service

October 6 Vision/Hearing Screening

October 7 Dental bus

(Info attached-Please return ASAP)

