

Oshki Ogimaag Community School

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We are quickly approaching our Spring testing cycle. March 14th thru April 8th students in grades 3-5 will be taking the MCA- reading and math for all and for 5th graders they will also have a science test.

The MAP testing session begins on April 11th thru May 6th. All students will participate in this testing session, kindergarten through fifth grade. Each student takes a Reading test and a Math test that is appropriate for their grade level.

You can assist your child prepare for testing by doing the following: *
Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before a test, and make sure your child eats properly the day of a test.

*Maintain a pleasant home environment and avoid unnecessary conflicts. Try to make the morning of the test a pleasant one. Do not add to your child's stress.

***Ensure that your child is present during testing (children generally perform better when taking tests in their groups rather than at a make-up time).**

*Get your child to school on time the day of the test.

***Wish your child good luck each morning of the test. Tell your child that he/she is special and that you believe in him/her!**

*Remind your child the test is important. Encourage him/her to do his/her best.

***Remind your child to listen carefully to the instructions from the teacher and to read the directions and each question carefully.**

*Tell your child to attempt to answer all of the questions and not to leave any blank.

***Encourage your child to stay focused on the test, even if other students finish early.**

*If your child is disappointed after taking a test, reassure him or her that there will be plenty of opportunities to improve and succeed.

Taco Benefit for Allan Aubid, Anna Deschampe and family will be March 22 at Community Center starting at 3:00 with the drawings at 6:30.



Daylight savings Time begins. Set your clocks Forward one hour Saturday before going to bed.



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.

*****If you have not already sent back the Family Survey please fill it out and send back on Monday. Thank you*****

More Important News

K-1 NEWS- Mr. Keith- Kindergarten and first grade have had a busy few weeks with lots of different activities happening in class. We have been doing some planting to prepare for our science fair. We planted sunflower seeds and sprouts recently. We have been talking a lot about what our plants need to grow well, and what we need as humans to grow and do our best. We have been exploring vocabulary that has to do with positions and directions in math, what we are near, what is above us, looking left and right. We have been adding a lot to our café menu also, which helps us read with confidence. Recently we have been studying books that we find enjoyable, searching for the problem and resolution in each story.

2-3 NEWS- Ms. Nikki -The second and third graders worked with Margaret Watkins and April McCormick to write a class resolution. The students chose to make their resolution about including each other because many of them feel left out at times. Margaret and April helped with the legal wording but the kids added all the content ideas. Everyone's ideas were used and agreed on by the class. We used the process of consensus to make our decisions for this resolution. I have a feeling this is not the last resolution we write.

Resolution Number 0116

Whereas we are the 2nd and 3rd grade class of Oshki Ogimaag in Grand Portage

Whereas we believe including each other is kind and friendly and important to being a team

Whereas we need to practice including each other by doing it every day

Whereas practice makes perfect

Now therefore it be resolved that we think about including each other every day where ever we are

We do hereby certify this resolution was duly adopted at a regular classroom meeting of the 2nd and 3rd grade class at OPCS held on 3/9/16 at Grand Portage

We are working on getting ready for the science fair. The students will be doing some class projects at school but they can also do a project at home. Please see the science fair info in your child's backpack next week.

4-5 NEWS- Ms. Joyce-The 4th and 5th graders continue to work on Language Arts, Math, and Science. In Science the class have been working hard in building bridges, creating simple machines with gears and pulleys, using Legos.

We have a field trip to North House Folk School, to work on a project based on the story of Paddle to the Sea. In class we are using the story to work on Social Studies, on culture and geography as well as Science on habitat, engineering, environmental and the industry of the sawmill. Each student is making a diorama to create a scene from each category and will write a short research on their topic.

As spring is fast approaching the students will be planting seeds in the green house. Our class will be planting broccoli, squash, zucchini and peas.

We are working on aquaponics which is growing food in a fish tank. The class is observing and recording the growth of a watercress plant.

MCA TESTINGS ARE NEXT WEEK!

The students will be bringing home test preparation packets on language arts, reading and math.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

School Lunch

March 14-18

Monday Chili, grilled cheese, carrots, mandarin oranges, crackers

Tuesday Hamburger on bun, fries, peas & carrots, peaches

Wednesday Chicken strips, potatoes & gravy, corn, mixed fruit

Thursday Lasagna, salad, garlic toast, peaches

Friday Salmon bites, tater tots, carrots, mixed fruit

All lunches include MILK and a Bread Product

Upcoming Events

March 15-17 Paddle to Sea Fieldtrip grades 3-5

March 21 Staff In Service- NO SCHOOL

March 25 Theatre Fieldtrip grades K-1

March 25 End of Quarter 3

March 28-April 1 Spring Break- NO SCHOOL

April 21 **SCIENCE FAIR**

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