

## Oshki Ogimaag Charter School

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Boozhoo Oshki Families,

As we approach March, we all start to get Spring fever. We are starting to think about Sugar bush time and planting seeds in anticipation of planting our school garden. We want to go on spring walks and look forward to warmer, sunny weather. We also have State testing to do in April and May.

Spring is a very busy time at Oshki Ogimaag school, we try to fit a lot of fun things in with the things we still want to teach and the things we are required to teach. It gets busy and crazy, but in a fun way. This makes it very important for your student to be here every day (unless they are ill or there is an emergency).

Some tips for helping your students for school; read with them daily, practice math with them daily, encourage them to practice creative writing, students learning to write should practice writing their letters and numbers and identifying them. It is important for students to practice a few minutes every evening. If you need suggestions on what to practice, please contact your child's teacher for some help.

As we move into spring, please remember to stay safe and healthy, don't let your guard down against covid-19 or other illnesses. OOCs has a few covid-19 home tests, if you feel you could use one for your student let Carmen know at 475-2112.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [director@oshkiogimaag.org](mailto:director@oshkiogimaag.org)

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**Ms. Jeana- K-1** The kindergarteners and first graders have done some fun activities in the last couple of months. We had Bonnie as a guest speaker talk about brushing teeth. She will be coming up to do more lessons with the kids. The kids seem to be enjoying spending their money at the farmers market and they like picking out their own snack. In school they brush their teeth after breakfast. To have your student earn more money, they need to return their toothbrushing sheet back to school. Yoga ended at the end of January, but hopefully she will be back soon to teach the students more yoga. We had a zoom presentation about raptors. They showed the students a raptor and told them some interesting facts. They also had the students act out different scenarios if they were a raptor. 1854 came to do a presentation about different types of furs. They got to feel many different types of furs and learned different facts about each one. They also practiced the Ojibwe names for those animals. This week we will be having a storyteller come to our school. Make sure to read at home and mark it on the reading sheet. Every 100 reading minutes earns your student a prize.



### Upcoming Events

**March 16 School board Meeting  
4:30pm**

**March 24 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

**March 25 No School for Students**

**March 28-April No School- Spring Break**

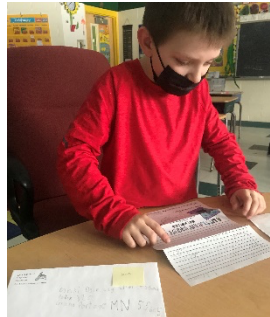
**Reminder:** Students should bring/wear their outdoor gear EVERYDAY. We have a limited number of spares. We go outside everyday if the weather allows it.

### **School Attendance is important:**

Please plan appointments, out of town events and shopping trips for days we do not have school. Your student's attendance is important to us and to their future.

The full school calendar and menus are posted on [www.oshkiogimaag.org](http://www.oshkiogimaag.org)

**News from Ms. Clearwater's 2-3** The John Beargrease Sled Dog Race brought our class from January into February. We enjoyed learning about the history of the mail run to Grand Portage! On February 1<sup>st</sup> our class celebrated the Lunar New Year, which is often called the Spring Festival and is best known as the Chinese New Year. We held a parade throughout the school with the dragons we made and used recycled materials to make loud rattles. We learned that loud noises during the parade were a tradition to scare away the dragons from the villages. Our class made red envelopes that the Chinese children receive on the new year that are filled with money. We made our Valentines boxes to look like Tigers, because 2022 is the Year of the Tiger. On February 15<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the Lantern Festival which ends the fifteen days of celebration by making lanterns! The Winter Olympics were held in Beijing China this year and we joined with the 4-6 graders to hold our own Olympics! We played hockey, relays, sled riding and all had a great time! In math we are working on a program called "Karate Ninja Belt Challenge." We are now on our yellow belts and will by the end of February receive the orange belt for mastering our multiplication skills! February is "I Love to Read Month" and our class is reading books that our parents or grandparents enjoyed reading when they were second and third graders. "The Secret Garden," "The Box Car Children," "Curious George," "Pipi Longstocking" etc... are a few of the favorites!



**Mrs. J 4-6 grades** The 4-6 class has been learning about the Olympics and participating in various Olympic Sports during PE time, relays and floor hockey seem to be a favorite among many students! We have also gone outside snowshoeing around the school and at Waaban. In math we have been learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions as well as finding equivalent fractions. Students have also been having fun working with the robots as well as completing various science challenges to get them thinking how they can improve upon what they already have. We also got to zoom with the Raptor Center last week and ask questions which was really neat!



**Misko-anang** The 2-6 grade boys continue **drumming** on Monday afternoons for half an hour with **Tanner Henderickson**, Community Center Youth Prevention. Classes will continue the rest of the year. On February 11, **Marne Kaeske** of the **1854 Treaty Authority** did a presentation on fur bearing animals. **Wolf Ridge** instructors held class with the 4-6 grades on February 15. We discussed snow shoeing and even harvested some giizhik (cedar)! We started our annual **Waabooz snaring** on February 7! All grades have checked the snares. No luck yet. **Ojibwe Classes:** the Kindergarteners keep on pushing through the material! They start each class with introductions, weather, and how they are feeling. They have a morning song of five verbs describing what they do in the morning. They also can identify five articles of clothing. They are now working on "doing" verbs: agindaaso (reading), bimose (walking), ozhibi'ige (writing), etc.

