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Boozhoo Oshki Families!

It was so great to see so many parents come in for parent/teacher conferences. If you are a parent/guardian that missed conference, it is not too late. Please call the school and schedule a conference with your students' teacher today.

I want to express the importance of attendance once again, we have many fun, educational activities planned for the last 3 months of school. If your child is absent from school or tardy, they may miss out on an event or they may miss the bus to go to an event. Please make school a priority for your student every day.

The School Board is still looking for volunteers to join the School Board. Parents and Community members. Training is provided, meetings are monthly. Please call the school or Patty Winchell-Dahl with questions or concerns about being on the Oshki Ogimaag School Board.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 7-9 Paddle to the Sea Field Trip for students in grades 2-3 -It is important students arrive to school at 8:00 these days, or they will miss the bus!

March 15 School Board Meeting

March 23 End of 3rd quarter

March 24-31 No School for students (In Service Day and Spring Break)

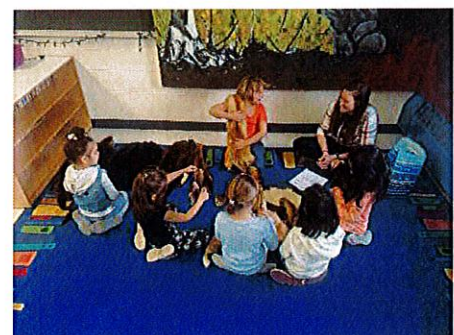
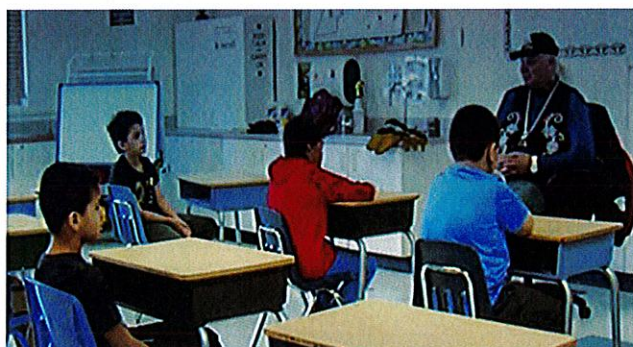
Our Breakfast and Lunch Menu is posted on our website www.oshkiogimaag.org

JOB OPENINGS

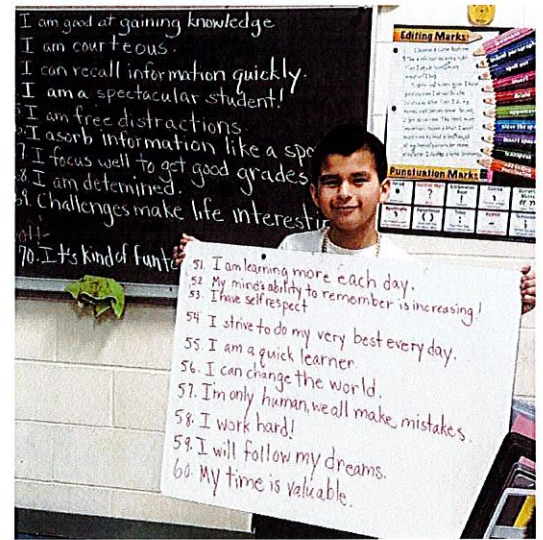
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Full-Time Home/School Liaison
Full-Time Kindergarten Teacher starting 2023-2024 SY

ATTENDANCE: When students are Tardy and Absent, they miss out on a lot of learning. This learning includes reading, math and also social interactions with other students and adults. Special Ed students miss their speech and OT sessions that the school pays for whether the student attends or not. It is very important the students come to school on time and come to school every day unless they are ill or there is a family emergency or trip or some other unavoidable event. Make school a Priority.

If your student is absent, please call the school to let us know they will be absent and why so we can mark them excused.



News from Ms. Clearwater's Second and Third Grade:



Congratulations to our fellow classmates Evan Deschampe & Preston James-Olson for participating on the Cook County Basketball Team. The boys finished their season with a tournament in Silver Bay! We enjoyed all of our valentines. It was fun making the "Snowshoe Hare" valentine boxes during art class! It is Dental Health month, and we are learning how to care for our teeth to make them last a lifetime. Learning about all the parts of the teeth and what they do was interesting. We are making our own personal physical view of our teeth, using marshmallows and construction paper. February 22nd was our 100th day of school! We made a "Self-Affirmation Container" and filled it with 100 self-affirmations. We will take them home and pull from the jar whenever we need a positive pick me up! February is "I Love to Read Month" we are all reading chapter books and took them with us wherever we go...when our teacher says "STOP DROP AND READ" we all stop whatever we are doing and read! It may happen in the gym or in the hall too!

News from Ms. James Ojibwemowin

Kindergarten and Grade 1

In the last month we had a couple engaging guest speakers. Marne from the **1854 Treaty Outreach** visited all the Ojibwe classes. She read a story about the Great Flood and showed the students fur pelts from many different animals. She also included the Ojibwe names for the animal pelts. The students enjoyed exploring and touching all the different animals and their fur!

In addition, we had traditional Ojibwe storytelling with Billy Blackwell. Billy had each student create a piece of art that depicted the story he told. The kids thought that was cool!

Grades 2 and 3

Grades 2 and 3 has had quite the month. In addition to being language focused we had a film crew from Germany visit and observe our class. The students made us proud speaking Ojibwemowin.

It was exciting for the kids to get to know the crew and learn a few words of Anishinaabemowin! The film crew sang us a song in the German language. The students loved that.

Ms Jeana's K-1 News

We have done a lot of plant activities this month. Tess came in and taught us about the 13th Ojibwe moon. She taught them about different bean sprouts and at the end, they all tried the different sprouts. They had pea sprouts, mung bean sprouts, radish sprouts, and green bean sprouts. We made mini greenhouses using cups and the kids planted bean sprouts. They will take care of them and observe the plant growth. We also went to the winter greenhouse; the kids observed the bugs on the plants. They also picked lettuce. The lettuce was brought back to school for lunch. In class we are growing an amaryllis plant. Each day at morning meeting we measure to see how tall it is getting. They were so excited when the flower bloomed. After the plant went through its life cycle, we cut off the bulbs and placed them in a cool dry place. After 5 weeks we are going to try and grow more amaryllis plants. It was a fun month full of plant activities.

