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# Boozhoo Oshki Families!

It is almost the end of the 1st quarter. Conferences will be November 8 and 10. Watch for information from your teacher with appointment information.

Watch your email for your students school pictures, I will email them to you as soon as I get them from the photographer!

Winter is on its way. Please send your student to school with proper outdoor gear <u>every day</u>. We go outside for recess and hikes and activities.

Please remind your student they should NOT bring candy to school. If we find students' are sneaking candy during school time I will take it away until Friday of that week.

Students that come to school late miss out on a lot of learning, please make sure your child comes to school on time. Breakfast is served 8:00-8:20 and class starts at 8:20. Please let us know if you need help getting your child here on time.

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

October 31 Halloween Parade 1:30 in the gym and Parties in afternoon (Costumes are put on at school in the afternoon) November 3 End of Quarter 1 November 4 No School for Students- Staff In-Service Day November 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends- Clocks go BACK 1 hour <u>November 8 and 10 Parent Teacher Conferences Teachers will be scheduling a time slot with</u> <u>you</u>. November 16 School Board Meeting 4:30

November 23-25 No School Thanksgiving Break

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

Job Openings: We have the following Openings at OOCS

**NEW POSTING**\*<u>Part-Time Temporary Assistant</u>. Hours 7:45 am-9:00 am, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm days that students are at school. Duties: Answer phones, greet people that come in school, some filing of paperwork. Must be dependable and be able to keep information confidential. \$14.00/ hour Contact Carmen by stopping at OOCS

Please see our website for the FULL Job Description of these openings, feel free to pass this information on to friends or family that may be interested. Miigwech.

Full-Time Administrative Assistant

Full-Time Home/School Liaison

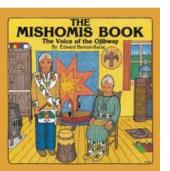
Full-Time Kindergarten Teacher starting 2023-2024 SY

### News from Ms. Jeana's Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade Class

We have been enjoying the spooky season with some fun Halloween books and Halloween crafts. We have started Wilderness Wednesday. Every Wednesday we go into the woods. We do different nature activities. Last week we read the story called "Going on a Leaf Walk". After the story we went out into the woods to find out what kinds of trees we have and what the leaves look like. When we got back to class, the students wrote/drew in their nature journal about what we did. We practice writing the date and temperature at the top of our journals. Tess came in a couple of times. The first time we helped her harvest potatoes and the second she taught us how to make homemade bread. It has been a fun October.







#### Ojibwemowin with Ms. James

October has been a fun and engaging month for all grade levels in Ojibwe. Students continue to proudly use Anishinaabemowin throughout the school.

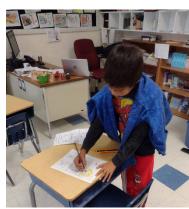
We have been learning how to ask and answer questions in Ojibwemowin: How are you? How's the weather? What are you doing?

We are also learning about the sacred teachings of Anishinaabe people by reading a chapter a week from *The Mishomis Book*. This book teaches the students about Ojibwe culture, history and beliefs.

This past week the first, second and third grade created a one-page graphic novel in Ojibwemowin. They really enjoyed creating drawings, characters and a short script in Ojibwe.

We also watched the film *Rendezvous with History: A Grand Portage Story*. We spent time on Grand Portage "Gichi-onigamiing," history which included the film, short readings and analyzing maps.







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

"<u>The Mouse and the Motorcycle</u>" was chosen by our class as our next chapter book to read! We enjoyed finishing "<u>Ralph S. Mouse Goes to School</u>" by Beverly Cleary. We have three groups that are reading fascinating stories from our Treasure Books! The end of our October Book Challenge is fast approaching. Students will have read each type of book at home to their parents. If the Challenge is met...they will receive a prize!

Math is all about learning and reviewing our multiplication facts! We are using our multiplication to solve clues. Knowing our addition and subtraction facts superfast is a goal we are working on.

In science we are learning about the skeletal system and are learning how important our bones are! We are making a project in art to help us learn many of our major bones.

In health we are learning about the nutrient value of the pumpkin and learned about the many uses of the pumpkin. Did you know that you can make pumpkin mats? How pumpkin pie originated was a fun lesson...we may give it a try next week!

Our study of bats is underway with a creative writing assignment titled "I Go Batty When..."

In social studies we are reading our Community Books and have been working on our maps of the United States.

We are pleased to be awarded the WISE/Lions grant to obtain safety vests. Soon we will really be visible on our Nature Walks!

Harvesting tomatoes from the Oshki Garden began our science experiment...we placed a banana in one

box of unripe tomatoes and put just tomatoes in another. Each day we are documenting our results. Which do you think will be the first to ripen?







CONGRATULATIONS to our October Reading Challenge winner! Addy was the only student that turned in her Challenge sheet! She was able to pick a free book to keep- Nice work Addy and family, keep on reading.

The OOCS Halloween parade will be on Halloween Day at 1:30 in the gym. Parents/Guardians are invited to come and watch and take pictures. This is a short event, so please, do not be late!

Students will put on their costumes after lunch and recess. We do not encourage a lot of make-up and hairsprays as part of their costume at school.

NO weapons are allowed!

November 8 and 10 Parent Teacher Conferences. Teachers will schedule a time slot with you- Conferences are very important time for parents to meet with teachers so please make every effort to come to our Fall conferences. We look forward to seeing you.

The OOCS Board is going to have some openings on its ballot for the December election. It is important that we have parents and community members on our school board. Please watch for information in November how to get your name on the ballot to run to become a School Board Member for Oshki Ogimaag.

Our current Board Members are listed on the website. <u>www.oshkiogimaag.org</u> feel free to reach out to one of them with any questions you have about running for the school board.





