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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

Dear OE Families,



As we bid farewell to February and extend a warm welcome to March, we look forward to the warmer months and longer days ahead. Since outdoor recess benefits students mentally, socially, and academically, it's important for students to spend time outside when the weather is nice. Even though the need for heavy winter coats may be diminishing, it's still wise to send your child with a lighter jacket or coat for those days that we experience cooler weather.

In honor of Read Across America, I'd like to emphasize the importance of encouraging your child to read daily. When children read more, they not only exercise their brain, which helps them retain more knowledge, but they also achieve more in school. Also, let's not forget that reading with your child can create fun family time which promotes strong family relationships!

As you may know, this is the time of year when students make the most academic and social learning improvements. Make school a priority. Keeping children focused on learning can be challenging during these last few months of school. What can you do to make school a top priority for your child? Keep these following ideas in mind:

- \*\*Make attendance your number one priority. Let your child know that unless they are sick, they must attend school (and be on time.) Try to schedule appointments after school hours.
- \*\*Talk about school activities and projects. Make an effort to attend as many school events as you can.
- \*\*Remain positive. Try to set a positive example for your child, even when your day has been challenging. If you show a positive attitude about your work, your child may feel better about their own.

Finally, with the end of the 3rd marking period upon us, please don't hesitate to contact the school if you want to set up a meeting to discuss academic concerns or needs. We are here to serve your children and your families. As always, thank you for being our partners in this important work!



#### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-HONESTY

Andrew Cover **Beckett Burns Aurora Hicks** Luella Szeszko **Ethan Stiles Maxwell Ewing Liam Baker Paysen Burris Maddon Splain Ryon Atkins Taylor Bennett Donald Good Weston Lynch-Daniels Carter Lynch-Daniels Brax Rounsville** \*\*Be sure to follow us on social media to check out our **Student of the Month** assemblies and monthly winners.



## PSSA TEST ING GRADES 3-6

\* 4/23 - 4/25- **ELA** (AM only)

- \* 4/30- 5/1- **Math** (AM only)
- \* 5/2 Science (\*grade 4 only)

EARLY DISMISSAL: Friday, 3/8/24

\*\*Pre-K PM canceled

\*\*ES dismissed @ 12:30/ HS @ 12:45

2 HOUR DELAY: Monday, 3/11/24 \*\*Pre-K AM canceled

SPRING/EASTER BREAK: 3/28 to 4/2 1 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL (SOLAR ECLIPSE): 4/8/24

-Mrs. Nichole Garthwaite

## LIBRARY CORNER:

We start March off with celebrating Read Across America and Dr. Seuss! This week we have many activities for students wrapped around reading and books! The best way for you to celebrate at home is to keep reading! Model independent reading and read with your child to promote literacy at home.

We see the end of the marking period this month. A friendly reminder that books need to be returned and/or renewed frequently. Lost or damaged books are to be paid for. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Burkhouse.

-Mrs. Burkhouse <u>rburkhouse@ottoeldred.org</u>



# CAFÉ' CORNER:

We have leapt into March with a special frog treat and are looking forward to Dr. Suess celebrations, Easter dinner and a few other themed food activities! **Don't forget, breakfast and lunch are free to all students.** If your child prefers to pack but would like, they can go through the line and get milk, a fruit and/or a vegetable and it is free. <u>They must have 3</u> <u>different items and one must be a fruit or</u> <u>vegetable to count as a meal</u>.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Krott <u>ckrott@ottoeldred.org</u> or Mrs. Nichols <u>vnichols@ottoeldred.org</u>



## March 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30 pm @ the Otto-Eldred Elementary

**Fox's Pizza Fundraiser**- If your child sold Fox's Pizza tickets, please stop into the school on 3/19 and pick them up from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. \*\*A parent/guardian will need to sign off to receive tickets.

\*STEM Night is sponsored by the Otto-Eldred Elementary PTO

#### OTTO-ELDRED SCHOOL DISTRICT



### NURSE'S NOOK:

March is National Nutrition Month, a nutrition education and information campaign sponsored annually by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. National Nutrition Month is held annually in March with a focus on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. This year's theme, *"Bring a Natural Balance to Nutrition"* highlights that nutrition is about balance. Having a healthy diet can look different for everyone! What's most important is to have a variety of nutritious foods every day. Check out <u>www.eatright.org</u> for more nutrition information. An informational and/or activity sheet (from USDA) will be sent home with students each week during the month of March.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 814-817-1380. --Mrs. Templin <u>mtemplin@ottoeldred.org</u>