

OCONTO FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT CONNECTION

Friday, March 2, 2018

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Breakfast and Lunch Menu: March 5 - 9

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Muffin and Yogurt Or WG Cereal and Graham Cracker, Fruit Juice, Milk	Pancake on a Stick or WG Cereal, Graham Cracker, Fruit Juice, Milk	Breakfast Loaf /String Cheese or WG Cereal, Juice, Milk	Breakfast Pizza or WG Cereal, Graham Cracker, Fruit, Milk	Long John or WG Cereal, Graham Cracker, Juice and Milk
Corn Dog or Hot Turkey on Swiss Fruit and Vegetable Bar, and Milk	Pancakes & Sausage or Chicken Bacon Ranch Melt Fruit and Vegetable Bar, and Milk	Easy Egg Bake or Munchable Fruit and Vegetable Bar, and Milk	Chicken Patty on WG Bun or Taco Salad Fruit and Vegetable Bar, and Milk	Cheese Pizza or BBQ Riblet Sandwich Fruit and Vegetable Bar, and Milk

PARENT CONFERENCES will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 3:30-6:00 p.m. Due to the limited amount of time available, we will not be able to schedule everyone for a conference. Teachers will be contacting the parents they wish to see to set up a time to meet. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time.



In order to allow parents and teachers to focus all of their attention on their discussion, we ask that children not attend the conferences if you have convenient child care available. However, we understand that this is not always possible, and therefore we will have child care available for your convenience as needed. If you intend to use school provided child-care, please notify the school office in advance at 920/848-4476.

END OF THE 2nd TRIMESTER – Wednesday, March 7

The **2nd Trimester ends Wednesday, March 7.** Grades will be calculated and **report cards will be sent home with students on Tuesday, March 13.**



Each year our D.I. teams put in long hours getting ready for competition. We are happy to report that after last weekend's regional competition, we have a team that will be representing OFES at the state tournament on March 24th. Congratulations!

Competitive Team #1: "Hogwarts Beasts"

Team Manager: Melanie Gerndt **Challenge:** Maze Craze

Members: Mason Stevens, Jase Montie, Jayse VanDornick, James VanDornick, and Graylynn Gerndt

Result: 3rd place, Aristotle Award (exemplary display of creativity, effort and overall performance), will compete at State competition on March 24

Competitive Team #2: "Dancing Dogs in the Jungle of Doom"

Team Manager: Rachel Collar **Challenge:** Change of Tune

Members: Greta Collar, Emily Elliott, Autumn Gable, Isabella Heinke, Marissa Miller and Greta Ott,

Result: 3rd place

Team: Rising Stars (Noncompetitive) "Amis Partout"

Team Manager: Rebecca Berkovitz

Challenge: Friends Everywhere

Members: Evolet Gerndt, Kalli Graham, Brenna Belanger, Evan Rohde, and Max Adler

Result: Noncompetitive Challenge

REGISTRATION for 4K PROGRAM—Fall 2018

During the second week of February, Oconto Falls Elementary mailed information regarding registration for its 4K program to parents of eligible children living in our school's attendance area. Our mailing list is based on available census data, which is not always complete. If you have a child who will have reached his/her 4th birthday on or before September 1, 2018, and did not receive this mailing, please contact the Oconto Falls Elementary office at 920/848-4476 to request this information. Decisions regarding staffing and other resources are based on enrollment projections - so having as much accurate information regarding our incoming 4K students is important. We have a tentative deadline of March 9 to gather initial enrollment numbers; however, registration will be ongoing through the spring. Thank you.

SNOW DAY MAKE-UP DAY: June 6

During the 2017-18 school year, we are required to make up the 2nd and 4th school days that are cancelled due to inclement weather. **We will be making up our 2nd snow day (February 23) on June 6, 2018.**

Are You Smarter than an Oconto Falls 5th Grader?



Tuesday, March 13th — 6:00 p.m.
Oconto Falls Performing Arts Center
Admission: \$1

Join us as school staff and local community members battle wits against Oconto Falls School District 5th graders!

*There will be a bake sale, bucket raffles and 50/50 raffle during intermission.
Proceeds will benefit the Marinette and Oconto Counties Literacy Council.*



SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUND RAISER RESULTS

The Oconto Falls Elementary School Polar Plunge team, the “Panther Plungers,” would like to thank everyone who sent in **donations that “jingle” and “crinkle”** for their “Special Olympics” fund raiser. With your help our students were able to raise over \$1,200 for Special Olympics of Northeast Wisconsin. Students will receive extra recess time and we celebrated this awesome accomplishment with a building wide 80’s day and a school wide assembly last Monday! Thanks again for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK’S DAY DANCE PARTY! Thursday, March 15 (3:15-4:25 p.m.)

OFES Holiday Hope will be hosting this afterschool “open gym” style fund raiser for students in 5K-grade 5. The dance will be held in the OFES gym. Permission forms went home with students this week. The registration deadline is March 12.



WOCO THANKS “STAT CATS” RADIO HELPERS

WOCO radio station and radio personalities, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Crandall, would like to thank the following OFES 5th grade students: **Emerson Rice, Autumn Gable, Brooke Hodkiewicz, Kara Philhower, and Elizabeth Radtke**. These students helped with game statistics for OFHS basketball games which were broadcast live on WOCO radio. This was a great community service project and a fun way to learn more about Math!

WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL ...invites you to attend the *Alexander Hamilton Symposium—Thursday, March 15 (3:45-7 pm)*

Alexander Hamilton, one of America’s most visionary founding fathers, is with us every day, not only in our wallets, on the \$10, but also in the republic’s most vital institutions. Alexander Hamilton was a visionary who foresaw the future of the nation that he helped build. He was an immigrant from the Caribbean, a disadvantaged orphan who became a war hero, a self-made man who rose to become a framer of the Constitution and architect of the American financial system, and an idealist who was killed at the age of 47 in a duel with Vice President Aaron Burr.

On March 15, seventh grade students at Washington Middle School in Oconto Falls will host a symposium at which students will present the life and accomplishments of this amazing individual. In addition, you will be able to view “Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America”--A traveling exhibition from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. This 7 panel exhibition is based on the New York Historical Society exhibition of the same name.

OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 30

Wisconsin’s inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Wisconsin residents in grades K-12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. To apply for open enrollment, parents must complete an online application form at <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. The application deadline is 30, 2018. (Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.) Note: If you do not have access to the internet, please call Debbie Woods at our District Office (920/848-4471) during this time period for assistance or if you have any questions regarding this process.

If your child is currently attending under Open Enrollment, it is not necessary to complete an application form; your child will remain an active student through 12th grade.

SKYLERT—OFSD Notification System

We have had several opportunities in the last few weeks to utilize our emergency notification system. If you did not receive a call notifying you of the early dismissals, late starts, or school cancellations, please call the school office and confirm the telephone number we have on file for your family. ***It is extremely important for each family to keep their contact information updated. Thank you.***

LOST and FOUND: Our "Lost and Found" table in the lobby is overflowing! If your child has lost items (hat, mittens, coat, shirt, pants, shoes, boots, lunch bag, the list goes on...☺), please take time to look through the lost and found items and claim yours. Whenever possible, please label your child’s clothing and personal belongings.

SCHOOL STORE—Wednesdays, 7:55-8:15 a.m.

The OFES “School Store” is open each Wednesday during breakfast time. Prices range from 10¢ to \$4. Items include normal school supplies and fun items too!

...BUS DRIVERS ARE NEEDED! Interested applicants must have a good driving record and no criminal record. Contact Kay Oninski at the Bus Garage (848-4460) or stop in at 337 Monroe Street, Oconto Falls, for more information

YOUTH PROGRAMS / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Princess / Superhero Breakfast—Saturday, March 3 (9:00 a.m.-noon)

The OFHS Student Council is hosting a breakfast fund raiser on Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m.-noon. Breakfast and games will be offered in the high school cafeteria. Children are encouraged to dress up in their favorite princess or superhero costume! \$5 kids (12 and under) \$7 adults

Craft and Vendor Show—Saturday, March 3 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)

The OFHS Student Council is hosting a craft and vendor show at the high school. Vendors include: Scentsy, Pink Zebra, Avon, Jam-berry, Paparazzi, LulaRoe, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Usborne Books, Wildtree, Color Street Nails, Agnes & Dora, Lila Rose, plus many more local crafters and vendors!

FACE (Falls Area Community Education) Ceramics: Get your pARTy ON! - January 30 (register soon!)

Ceramic pARTies allow you to come into Oconto Falls Elementary art room (#106) anytime between 4-8 p.m. During this time, you will choose the glaze colors and designs you would like to add to a ceramic piece. Once fired, the glazed items will be available to pick up the following week. Register online for our next classes at:

March 6th: Ceramics <https://goo.gl/forms/TGnXZR3rHd0Uc3j62>

April 18th: Pallet Clocks <https://goo.gl/forms/QSITW6pYsn7K8WYT2>

Oconto Falls Park and Rec Registration—registration deadline: March 16

Register your 5-15 year old baseball or softball player today! There is a \$20 late fee after March 16. Forms are available in the OFES office or online at www.ci.ocontofalls.wi.us. Parent meeting—April 16, 6 p.m. Coaches meeting—April 16, after parent meeting.

Family and Friends CPR - A Free American Heart Association Course

Learn lifesaving CPR skills in one evening. Learn skills in CPR, AED use, and relief of choking in adults, children, and infants. These simple lifesaving skills are easy to learn. The class is open to adults and children 12 years and older. All classes are held at St. Clare Memorial Hospital and run from 6-9 pm. Please register by calling 848-6325. Dates: Monday, March 19; Monday, April 23; or Monday, May 14.

Prince and Princess Dance!

You and your parents are invited to the first prince and princess dance put on by Oconto Falls HS FBLA. Friday, March 23, 2018, 5:30-7:30 PM. at Oconto Falls High wrestling gym for students in grades 4k - 5th with a parent. Tickets are \$7.00 for a child with a parent and \$3.00 for any additional children.

Oconto Falls Softball 9-Pin Bowling Fundraiser—Saturday, March 24th

Where: Lena Lanes

Time: 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00

Cost: \$100 /4 Player Teams

Prize Money will vary depending on team entries. There will be 50/50 and basket raffles

Registration: Sign up Genius-Search calbrecht05@gmail.com

For more information contact: Cory Albrecht at calbrecht05@gmail.com or Kelly Lawless at kelly.lawless@of-ps.org

Abrams Youth Baseball/Softball—registration is currently open for the 2018 season. You can find the registration forms on the AYBA Facebook page or www.aybabaseball.com. If you have any questions, you can contact Rob McNichols (920-371-0860) or rob.mcnichols@oei-inc.com. Registration will be open until April 1. Any registrations received after April 1 will be late and subject to a \$30 late fee.

Boy Scout Troop #1024—"GLOW TREK" - Saturday, April 28

Please join Troop #1024 for a non-timed 5K trek on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Step off time is 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$20-prior to the event and \$25 the day of the event. Questions? Please contact troop1024of@gmail.com. Register online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/troop-1024-5k-glow-trek-tickets-33365624481>

OFSD Fitness Center—Free to district residents!

The Oconto Falls Fitness Center is located in the Oconto Falls High School. There is no membership fee to work out. We just ask that you sign in and abide by the rules established. **NO ONE YOUNGER THAN 7th GRADE IS ALLOWED IN THE FITNESS CENTER. 7th and 8th grade students are NOT allowed to work out unless supervised by a Coach or Parent.** The center is open Monday-Friday (5-7am); Wednesday-Thursday (10:30am-1:30pm); Monday-Thursday (3:30-7:30pm) The fitness center is not open when school is not in session. For more information, contact Jerry Moynihan at 920/848-4467, ext. 4049.