

OCONTO FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
**PARENT CONNECTION**

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**SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS: June 5 and 6 (FULL DAYS)**

The School Board has made the following decision regarding school days missed because of inclement weather: **Students will report for a full day of school on Tuesday, June 5, and Wednesday, June 6.**

**5<sup>th</sup> GRADE GRADUATION - Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

We will be holding our 5th grade "graduation" ceremony on Tuesday, June 5, at 1:30 p.m. in the OFES gym. Please watch for more information to follow...

**SPRING WEATHER—Outdoor Dress Guidelines**

As happens every year, Wisconsin weather in spring is unpredictable. Usually very cold in the morning; sometimes warming up by mid day if it's sunny; but if the clouds come out, the temperature quickly seems very cold again.

So this is just a quick reminder to please make sure to send your child off to school with plenty of warm clothes each day. The following are approximate guidelines that we will use to determine how students should be dressed when they go out for recess. If the temperatures are close to the next range, supervisors will use their discretion if they feel some modification is OK. Parents are encouraged to direct their children to dress warmer than the temperature ranges indicated if they feel it is necessary. If you have any question, please contact your child's teacher or the office at (920)848-4476.

**60+ degrees** - Short sleeved shirt and shorts are OK

**50-59 degrees** - Long sleeved shirt

**40-49 degrees** - Lighter jacket. If in the upper range then a heavy hooded sweatshirt is OK.

**Under 40 degrees** - Winter jacket, hat, and gloves

**Kindergarten-3rd grade students** are expected to wear snow pants outside if parents sent them to school with the child and the temperatures warrant their wear.

**4th-5th grade students** may choose to wear/not wear snow pants on the blacktop area.

**Snow conditions** - When snow is present, snow pants and boots must be worn to play off the blacktop area. When the ground is sufficiently dry such that if students step off the blacktop area they will not track mud into the school and classrooms, then boots will not be required.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

- April 25 - Swim Safety Day (Grades 1-3)
- April 27 - 5K Concert (2:00 p.m.) PAC
- May 8 - PIE Meeting (6 pm) Library
- May 11 - 5th Grade Concert (2:00 p.m.) PAC
- May 28 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
- May 30 - 4K Concert (9:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.) PAC
- June 4 - End of School Year Activity Day
- June 5 - 5th GRADE GRADUATION (1:30 p.m.)
- June 6 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—all students

**FORWARD EXAM CONTINUES THROUGH APRIL 27**

Students in grades 3-5 began taking their Forward Exams this week. We will continue to administer them through Friday, April 27. A complete testing schedule is posted online attached to this newsletter. Please help your child to have success on the test by making sure they get enough sleep at night and eat a good, healthy breakfast each morning. This exam measures the knowledge and skills your students(s) should have acquired by the time they reach each grade level. Please encourage your son or daughter to take the test seriously and do the best they can. Thank you!

**FREE Tdap VACCINATION for 5th GRADE STUDENTS**

Oconto County Public Health will be at Oconto Falls Elementary on May 15 offering the Tdap vaccine to students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**The Tdap vaccination is required for entry into 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**

The tdap vaccine protects children against whooping cough, Tetanus, and Diphtheria. **The vaccine is offered free of charge. No insurance information is needed.** Consent forms are available in the OFES office.

**PROTECTIVE BEHAVIORS LESSONS**

During the spring months all guidance classes will spend some time learning about safety. Age appropriate topics will be covered, ranging from playground and traffic safety in 4K to internet safety for the upper grades. Protective behaviors (good touch/bad touch) will be covered to some extent in all grades. To find out what the curriculum covers in your child's grade, or what day this topic will be covered, please call his/her school counselor. If for any reason this might be an especially sensitive topic for your child, you may want to talk with your child or his/her school counselor.

**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. The items in our lost and found will be donated to a charity at the end of April.

## Food Service Reminders...

**Free or Reduced Lunch Program:** Applications are available in all of our school offices and can be filled out at any time during the school year. Once you qualify, your benefit is good for the entire school year. Students who are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals use the same debit system as other students to keep your payment status confidential. Eligible Kindergarten students also qualify for the kindergarten "snack milk" program. Who can get Free or Reduced priced meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from FoodShare, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or W-2 cash benefits
- Children in households that receive Medicare benefits may qualify
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court
- Children who meet the definition of homeless or migrant
- Children may receive free or reduced priced meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. (See chart below)

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART for school year 2017-2018

Household size	Yearly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Weekly (\$)
1	22,311	1,860	430
2	30,044	2,504	578
3	37,777	3,149	727
4	45,510	3,793	876
5	53,243	4,437	1,024
6	60,976	5,082	1,173
7	68,709	5,726	1,322
8	76,442	6,371	1,471
Each add'l person:	7,733	645	149

**BREAKFAST ANYONE?** Mornings can be really hectic but we have good news for you. Breakfast is available at school! Take advantage of this option to ensure your child eats a nutritious breakfast. Recent studies show a link between nutrition and learning. A nutritious breakfast helps students be more alert so they can actively participate in class. Breakfast has vitamins and nutrients for a strong and healthy body. Breakfast at school is affordable, too. A full breakfast costs less than convenience store items. Breakfast at school is only \$1.95. If you qualify for free and reduced price meals, you also qualify for free or reduced price breakfast with no additional paperwork. Reduced breakfast is only \$.30 per day! Nowhere else will you find a balanced breakfast at such a low cost. So take advantage of this opportunity to start the day on the right foot. Also a reminder that Free and Reduced Meal applications can be filled out anytime throughout the school year. If you think you may qualify or had a loss in income, feel free to fill one out. It not only benefits the child but also benefits many school programs. If you have questions regarding an application, questions about food service or your family's account, please feel free to call me, Amanda Sonnenburg, Food Service Secretary, 920-848-4466 ext. 3, or email me at [amanda.sonnenburg@of-ps.org](mailto:amanda.sonnenburg@of-ps.org).

**SUMMER SCHOOL** – Online Registration is OPEN!  
View available classes on the Summer School webpage at <https://ofpanthers.com/summer-school/>

- \* Register for Summer School online (No computer? Stop by the OFES office...you can use ours!)
- \* Use your child's current grade level when registering.
- \* In most cases, class sizes are limited. Register early to avoid disappointment.
- \* Child care and a busing are available to summer school participants.
- \* Online registration closes May 30, 2018

**OFES RUNNING CLUB (Grades 3-5)** The club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays after school (3:15 to 4:30 p.m.) Meeting times will be extended as training distances increase. Optional "Saturday" training dates will also be held. Students will be training to run the 5K (3.1 mile) Cellcom Run on May 19 and/or the 10K (6.2 mile) Bellin Run on June 9. This club is open to students in grades 3-5. Interested parents are welcome to join us. Permission slips are available in the school office and must be returned before participation. Students are not required to participate in the Cellcom Run or Bellin Run and can join Running Club to run just for fun!

### REGISTRATION for 4K PROGRAM—Fall 2018

if you have a child who will have reached his/her 4th birthday on or before September 1, 2018, and did not receive a 4K enrollment packet, 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. Registration will be ongoing through the spring. Thank you.

### CONGRATULATIONS YOUTH WRESTLERS!

The following Oconto Falls Elementary students wrestled at the state tournament in Madison on March 23-24: **Cole Bozile, Hunter Bozile, Luke Gilbertson, Parker Peterson, and Jagger Reed.** We would like to congratulate **Cole Bozile and Luke Gilbertson - STATE CHAMPS**- both wrestlers took 1st! Oconto Falls/Abrams sent 15 wrestlers and had 7 state placers (3 state Champs)! We are very proud of our wrestlers and the excellent job they did in Madison!

**OFHS DRAMA PRESENTS...Don't Drink the Water**  
Performances will be held at the Falls Area Performing Arts Center on April 13 and 14 at 7 p.m., and April 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door: Adults - \$7 and Students- \$5

**AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION - FREE CPR Class**  
A FREE Family and Friends CPR course is being offered on at St. Clare Memorial Hospital. Learn lifesaving CPR skills in one evening. The class is open to adults and children 12 years and older. Class date options: April 23 or May 14, 6-8 p.m. Space is limited. Please call (920)848-6325 to register today!