



# Friday Notes



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## SCHOOL SAFETY PRESENTATION - for Parents

The Oconto Falls School District is conducting a presentation for parents and community members regarding our continual efforts to provide safe learning environments. Please join us in the high school PAC on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## PRIDE CLASS SIGN-UP

On Tuesday, February 11, students will be choosing their Quint 4 **PRIDE** classes. Please look over the attached class options with your child to determine classes you agree would be in their best interest. Please remember that we have hand-placed students in specific classes based on their individual needs (intervention, Math or ELA help, study hall, Student Council, etc.) so all students will not be choosing the same number of classes to fill their 6-day rotation. PRIDE stands for **P**ositive **R**esults **I**n **D**aily **E**xperiences and is a non-graded time during the day that provides students educational opportunities in a fun and different way!

## STUDENTS - USE CROSSWALKS

Students, please cross the street by Washington Middle School using the crosswalks. For your safety, you should not be crossing in the middle of the street or in between cars. Please walk down to the crosswalk and have the crossing guard walk you safely across the street. Thank you!!

## EPAWS - Join Us!

Having a strong school-home connection significantly increases a child's success at school. Washington Middle School EPAWS will be meeting the first Monday of each month. If you are interested in being part of our parent organization, please join us at the meeting. We would love to have you!



## REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

The Regional Spelling Bee is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 6:30 p.m. in Gillett. We wish Jacob Ebbensgard the **best of luck** in the competition! We are proud of Jacob! If Jacob should place at the regional competition, he will be eligible to compete at the state competition, *Badger Spelling Bee*, on March 7, 2020.

## BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION

**School Bus Driver Appreciation Week** is February 10-14, 2020. The bus drivers will be treated to a special breakfast at the district office on Thursday, February 13 and a delicious meal at the bus garage on Friday, February 14. We thank all of our bus drivers for their commitment, dedication, and positive attitudes displayed every day as they bring our students safely to school. **Be sure to tell your bus drivers how much you appreciate them!**

## OPEN ENROLLMENT

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. Parents must complete an online application form during the open enrollment period. For the 2020-2021 school year, parents must apply no earlier than February 3, and no later than April 30, 2020. **(Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.)**

- The method of applying for open enrollment is through the online application process at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>. The online application became available on February 3, 2020, and will remain accessible until 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2020. **Note: If you do not have access to the internet, call the District Office (920-848-4471) during this time period for assistance.**
- Any students attending a nonresident school district under a "Tuition Waiver Due to a Move" must apply for open enrollment in order to attend the nonresident district in the 2020-2021 school year.

## OFHS SPRING CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

The OFHS Student Council will hold a craft and vendor show on Sunday, March 29, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in having a craft/vendor display at this show, contact Oconto Falls HS Student Council Advisor, Kristin WhiteHorse ([kristin.whitehorse@of-ps.org](mailto:kristin.whitehorse@of-ps.org)).

## LIONS CLUB SPRING FLOWER SALE

Oconto Falls Lions members are taking orders for roses and spring flowers, \$15 per dozen/bunch, to be delivered on Friday, April 3, 2020. Delivery is available in Oconto Falls and the surrounding area. Flowers can also be picked up at the Oconto Falls Community Center, 512 Caldwell Avenue from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The last day to place an order is Friday, March 13.

**ART PALETTE**

- **March is Youth Art Month!** All students who were selected as *Artists of the Month* from April 2019 until March 2020 will be featured in the Art Show during the month of March at the public library. Student artists will receive invitations for the reception this month. The art show reception is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2020.
- **Fresco Gecko Meeting** – Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 20. We will be glazing our woven ceramic bowls. Sign up for late transportation if needed.
- **Google Art Contest** - The 2020 Theme: "*I Show Kindness By...*" Pick up entry forms in the art room. Open up your creative hearts and show us all the ways to be kind. If you are submitting your entries through Mrs. Knoerzer, you must turn them in by Thursday, March 12. For more information and entry forms, go to [doodle4google.com](https://doodle4google.com).

**INTERNATIONAL CLUB**

Don't miss the fun! The WMS International Club will meet on Tuesday, February 18, 3:20-5:20 p.m. in room 808. Have you ever wondered what it might be like to be a genuine cowboy? We'll learn more about that and sample some Bueno foods. We can't wait to see you then!

**NURSE NOTES**

The peak of the cold and flu season is upon us. To prevent widespread flu in the school, we recommend that your child stay home from school if experiencing flu or cold symptoms. To decide whether or not to send your child to school, please consider the following guidelines:

Consider keeping your child at home for an extra day of rest and observation if he or she has any of the following symptoms:

- Very stuffy or runny nose and/or cough
- Mild sore throat (no fever, no known exposure to strep)
- Headache
- Mild stomach ache

Definitely keep your child at home for treatment and observation if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- Fever (greater than 100 degrees by mouth and your child may return to school only after his or her temperature has been consistently below 100 degrees, by mouth, for a minimum of 24 hours)
- Vomiting (even once)
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- General malaise or feelings of fatigue, discomfort, weakness or muscle aches
- Frequent congested (wet) or croupy cough
- Lots of nasal congestion with frequent blowing of nose

To help prevent the flu and other colds, teach your children good hygiene habits:

Wash hands frequently

- Do not touch eyes, nose or mouth
- Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, use a paper tissue, throw it away and then wash hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Colds are the most contagious during the first 48 hours. A child who has a fever should remain at home until "fever free" for a minimum of 24 hours. A child who has started antibiotics needs to be on the medication for 48 hours before considered non-contagious and able to return to school. Often when a child awakens with vague complaints (the way colds and flu begin) it is wise to observe your child at home for an hour or two before deciding whether or not to bring to school. Your child should be physically able to participate in all school activities on return to school. Keeping a sick child at home will minimize the spread of infections and viruses in the classroom.

Thank you in advance for helping make this year at school as healthy as possible.

### LOVE YOUR PET MONTH

Love Your Pet Month has begun for the month of February. The 7th grade will be collecting money and supplies for the Oconto Area Humane Society and earning raffle tickets in their classes for AWESOME prizes. See below for some of the items on the Oconto Area Humane Society wish list.

#### Pet Supplies

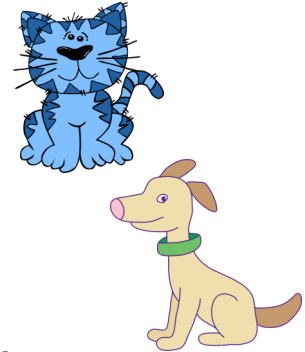
- Dry dog & cat food (Purina preferred)
- Canned dog & cat food
- Non-clumping cat litter
- Toys: rolled rawhides, rawhide chips, stuffed toys, Kongs, etc.
- Fleece blankets & small rugs

#### Office Supplies

- Copy paper
- Laminating sheets
- Postage stamps
- Business sized envelopes

#### Cleaning Supplies

- Bleach
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Fabric softener dryer sheets
- Towels
- Industrial mop heads
- Large contractor garbage bags



***Remember: Money donations are also accepted.***

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### WMS ACES - SKI BRULE

The WMS ACES will be using our “no school” day on Friday, March 6 to go skiing at Ski Brule. Students will load the buses at 6:15 a.m. and return to Washington Middle School by 6:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$35 and includes transportation, equipment, lessons, an all-day lift ticket and a lunch (hotdog, chips, and soda). Sign up sheets are available at the ACES bulletin board. Forms and money are due to Mrs. Schwantes by Friday, February 14.

### SUCCESS AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING

After-school tutoring will be offered regularly on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 3:20-5:15 p.m. Late Transportation is available for \$1.

### SEAL-A-SMILE DENTAL SEALANTS

North Lakes Community Clinic is offering a preventative, school-based dental program for all children grades Pre-K through 12th grade. This program is funded, in part, by Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile in collaboration with the Children’s Health Alliance of Wisconsin and the Division of Public Oral Health Program. A dental professional will come to the school to provide dental services at NO CHARGE to you. This program includes: Oral health education and dental supplies, oral health assessment by a licensed dental professional, fluoride varnish applications (2-3 per year), dental sealants and sealant replacement where needed. The treatment which your child will receive in this program is not meant to be an alternative to regular dental care. Parents need to fill out the permission form that was passed out at the beginning of the school year and return it ASAP. Sealants will be applied the week of February 24, 2020.

### PARENTING CLASS - TRIPLE P GROUP

Attention Parents: A FREE positive parenting course is being offered March 10 through April 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at HSHS St. Claire Hospital in Oconto Falls. Call Family & Childcare Resources of N.E.W. at (920) 432-8899 to register. Limited childcare will be available at each session. Detailed information regarding each session will be provided at registration. If you have questions, you can call Karla Jenquin at (920)391-5818 or email her at [Karla@fcrnew.org](mailto:Karla@fcrnew.org).

### WELLNESS DAY THANK YOU

On Friday, January 31, WMS had our Annual Wellness Awareness Day to provide the students and staff opportunities to learn about and experience a variety of different coping strategies and healthy lifestyle habits. We would like to give a huge THANK YOU to our WMS EPAWS group for sponsoring our nationally recognized morning speaker, Mike McGowan. Mike talked about the benefits of forming healthy friendships and facilitated a “healthy communication” activity with each grade. Mr. McGowan also spent the afternoon discussing “Parenting in 2020” with the parents and grandparents who attended. We would also like to thank these members of our EPAWS group for providing the delicious lunch for our presenters: Keely Hendricks, Rebecca Smrcina, Rose Kofoid, and Shannon Lefebvre. In the upcoming Friday Notes we will recognize and highlight information about our afternoon presenters.

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**EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS - We need pictures!**

We need baby pictures for an 8th grade PowerPoint presentation. If you do not have a baby picture, a kindergarten age photo or any other very young picture of your child is also acceptable. The picture can either be sent in jpeg format, via email to [jolene.smaney@of-ps.org](mailto:jolene.smaney@of-ps.org) with the subject "Your Child's name/baby picture," or you can send a picture to school with your child to be scanned. All pictures will be returned. This project will involve all 8th grade students and takes time to put together. We ask that you please submit your child's baby picture **no later March 30, 2020**. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Smaney (848-4463, ext. 5015).

**February****Mark Your Calendar**

Saturday	8	MS Wrestling - AWAY - Pulaski, Bus departs 7:00 a.m. St. Anthony's Fishing Derby - Eastside Beach	10:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Monday	10	<b>Bus Driver Appreciation Week</b> SUCCESS Tutoring 7th Grade Girls' Basketball - AWAY - Clintonville, Bus departs 2:45 8th Grade Girls' Basketball - AWAY - Clintonville, Bus departs 2:45 6th Grade Hoops Practice - Washington St. Gym - Mr. Baade	3:20-5:15 4:15 5:30 5:30-8:00
Tuesday	11	PRIDE Sign-up for Quint 4 Classes SUCCESS Tutoring MS Wrestling - AWAY - Peshtigo, Bus departs 2:45 FFA Meeting - Room 830 - Mrs. Markhardt Tae Kwon Do - Central St. Gym - Sherri Czarapata	2:30 3:20-5:15 4:15 3:20-5:20 5:30-8:30
Wednesday	12	School Safety Presentation - PAC - (for parents & community) SUCCESS Tutoring	6:30-7:30 3:20-5:15
Thursday	13	SUCCESS Tutoring 7th Grade Girls' Basketball - AWAY - Shawano, Bus departs 3:15 8th Grade Girls' Basketball - HOME - Shawano 6th Grade Hoops Practice - Central St. Gym - Mr. Baade Regional Spelling Bee - Gillett School District Auditorium	3:20-5:15 4:15 4:15 6:00-8:00 6:30
Friday	14	Last Day of Quint 3 STEAM DAY at UW Stevens Point <b>Valentine's Day</b>	6:20 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday	17	<b>NO SCHOOL - Staff Professional Development</b>	
Tuesday	18	First Day of Quint 4 SUCCESS Tutoring International Club - Room 808 - Mrs. Loew & Mrs. Schroeder Tae Kwon Do - Central St. Gym - Sherri Czarapata 6th Grade Hoops Practice - Washington St. Gym - Mr. Baade	3:20-5:15 3:20-5:20 5:30-8:30 6:00-8:00
Wednesday	19	SUCCESS Tutoring	3:20-5:15
Thursday	20	SUCCESS Tutoring Fresco Gecko Meeting - Room 12 - Mrs. Knoerzer 6th Grade Hoops Practice - Central St. Gym - Mr. Baade	3:20-5:15 3:20-5:20 6:00-8:00
Monday	24	<b>FFA Week - "Panther Pride Day" - Wear black &amp; orange</b> SUCCESS Tutoring MS Wrestling - AWAY - Clintonville, Bus departs 2:45 Oconto County <b>Seal-A-Smile</b> Dental Clinic - Room 641	3:20-5:15 4:15 8:00-3:00
Tuesday	25	<b>FFA Week - "Wilderness/Outdoors" Day - Wear camo/flannel</b> SUCCESS Tutoring Oconto County Seal-a-Smile Dental Clinic 6th Grade Hoops Practice - Washington St. Gym	3:20-5:15 8:00-3:00 6:00-8:00
Wednesday	26	<b>FFA Week - "Pajama" Day</b> SUCCESS Tutoring	3:20-5:15
Thursday	27	<b>FFA Week - "Dress for Your Future Career" Day</b> SUCCESS Tutoring 6th Grade Hoops Practice - Washington St. Gym - Mr. Baade	3:20-5:15 6:00-8:00
Friday	28	<b>FFA Week - "Blue &amp; Gold" Day</b> Friday Notes go home.	

