



# The Growler

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## UNICEF Fundraising Record Broken By Middle School STUCO

By Emily Woods

OMS Student Council held the seventh annual Trick-Or-Treat for UNICEF to raise money for kids in need.

UNICEF stands for United Nations Children's Fund. UNICEF works for the survival, protection and development of children worldwide through fundraising, advocacy and education. Today UNICEF works in more than 190 countries and territories to save and improve children's lives. UNICEF saves and protects the world's most vulnerable children, working to ensure child rights and providing health care, immunizations, nutrition, access to safe water and sanitation services, basic education, protection and emergency relief.

OMS Student Council raises money for the event in several ways. Student Council collects donations door to door in the

community. Money is also raised when teachers pay \$5 to wear jeans the last week in October. Finally, students can pay \$1 to wear their Halloween costume to school.

Paula Hawk, OMS TARGET teacher, and student council sponsor, said, "Every year we usually raise about \$750, but this year we broke the record and raised \$1023."

Hawk said that she enjoys helping kids in need, and at the same time, teaching OMS students that it is good to do something for someone outside of yourself and your community.

Hawk said, "It is always good to have kids helping kids."

Hawk noted that through Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF students contribute to UNICEF's lifesaving work and learn more about the issues of child survival and international development.

## Third-Graders Celebrate Royals Success

By Maddie Estes

Third-graders at OUE celebrated the Royals successful baseball season by participating in activities to build spirit and enthusiasm.

On days that the Royals won in the playoffs and series games, students celebrated by writing with blue ink pens, wearing hats and participating in other fun activities.

When the royals won the play offs, the students wore crowns to school representing the

## OHS Cheerleaders Prepare for Competition



Brea Ray and Lindsey Renick, sophomores, are stunting during the Homecoming assembly.

By Abra Raybourn

OHS varsity cheerleaders took first place at the 2014 MCCA regionals (Missouri Cheer Coaches' Association) and fourth at state and are currently preparing for the December 14 UCA regionals in Staley.

The competition in Staley will determine whether or not the cheerleaders will go to UCA Nationals for the first year ever.

Royals "taking the crown."

The students even counted the stitches on a baseball discovering that there are 108 stitches on a baseball. The teachers also hung up newspaper articles and decorated the bulletin boards in the hallways with information relating to the Royals.

"All of the excitement and activities throughout the Royals season was a great way for students to show spirit and enthusiasm," said Robin Smith, third grade teacher.

UCA nationals will be February 6 through 9 in Florida. The first day of competition will be hosted in the Indiana Jones Theater at Hollywood Studios. Then, the second day of competition will be hosted in the Milk House at Disney's Wide World of Sports.

OHS varsity cheer coaches are Aimee Feagan and Caycee Hays. Feagan is in her fourth year of coaching at OHS. The first two years, she coached competition only. This is her second year of coaching both sideline and competition cheer.

"We have a great group of girls this year who work hard and are dedicated to doing what's best for the team. I am very proud of their accomplishments this year, and I'm looking forward to competing at UCA Regionals in December and hopefully qualifying for the UCA High School Cheerleading Championships!" said Feagan.

Hays teaches Special Education at OMS. Hays began coaching at Odessa in 2011 where she

was head coach of sideline and assisted competition. In 2013, she took the year off to start her master's degree. She came back in 2014 as the assistant coach for both sideline and competition cheerleading.

The cheerleaders have a history of success. In 2011, the cheerleaders took first at MCCA Regionals and third at state. In 2012, they took first at MCCA Regionals, fifth at state and first at UCA Regionals. In 2013, they took second at MCCA, sixth at state and first at UCA Regionals. They qualified for UCA Nationals in 2012 and 2013 but did not have the funds to attend. JV cheerleaders also competed at UCA Regionals in the Junior Varsity Game Day Division. They took second place in 2012 and 2013.

"Our strengths are being able to overcome any obstacles in our way and working together as one unit," said Mallory Mandina, senior varsity cheerleader.



Third-graders at OUE show their support for the Royals during the playoffs and series game.

# Second-graders Tour Arrowhead

By Cassadee Griffith

Second-graders at McQuerry Elementary attended the fourth annual field trip October 13 and 14 to Arrowhead Stadium.

Matt Klamm, Physical Education teacher, organized the trip where students learned about the digestive system, hand eye coordination and how to

live a healthy life. The most important item that the students learned from the trip, according to Klamm, was the importance of being active and eating healthier.

The students were able to see the hall of fame, locker rooms, the field and the sports lab.

Klamm said, "The students' favorite part of the trip was being able to see the stadium and actually walking on the field." He also mentioned that he always likes to ask teachers for their input to help improve the trips from year to year.

Gable Gross, second grader, said, "The statues in the hall of fame were my favorite part."

The trip to Arrowhead Stadium fits into Klamm's curriculum due to the health and Physical Education GLEs.



Merry Christmas  
~The Growler Staff

# Jessica Wade Enjoys Baking Cookies For Her Two Children

By Breanna Ray

Jessica Wade, OHS Marketing Education teacher, has taught at the high school for 12 years. Wade, an OHS graduate, and her husband, Jason, have two children. Their son, Collin, is seven, and their daughter, Addison, is three.

Wade attended college at the University of Missouri where she graduated with a degree in Business Marketing Education. Wade is also the DECA adviser at OHS and will be taking 17 students to Washington D. C. November 21 through 25 for a conference.

According to Wade, her busy schedule doesn't leave too much extra time. "Hobbies? Who has time for hobbies?"

However, Wade enjoys visiting with her family and friends. She is also involved with church and works out every day after school. She said that a couple of her favorite things are boots and coffee. Even though she doesn't have time for hobbies, she said that she enjoys making her children their favorite peanut butter cookies.

"The recipe is from my

mom's 4-H cookbook from the 1960's," said Wade.

## **Peanut Butter Cookies**

Mix together: ½ c shortening, ¼ t salt, ½ c peanut butter

Gradually add: ½ c white sugar, ½ c brown sugar

Mix and add: 1 egg (well beaten), ½ t milk

Sift together and add: 1 c sifted flour, ¼ t baking powder

Drop spoonfuls of batter onto cookie sheet. Flatten the cookie by flattening with a fork first one way, then the next to make a crisscross pattern. Bake at 325 degrees for 15- 20 minutes.



*Jessica Wade, OHS Marketing Education teacher, enjoys making her children's favorite peanut butter cookies.*

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Dec. 12

**OHS Choir Concert**

Dec. 15

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Dec. 19

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**Back to School**

Jan. 6

**No School**

Jan. 19

**OHS Chamber**

**Choir District tour**

Jan. 22



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## School News

## High School Hosts Italian Foreign Exchange Student

By Luke Norman

OHS foreign exchange student, Ludovico Emili, is visiting from Tuscany, Italy, through the Foreign Exchange Student Program. Emili is a junior at OHS.

Emili, 17, arrived in the United States on September 9 and plans to stay through June 29. He hopes to become more proficient in speaking English and says that it is not too hard for him to learn English because his father was from London, England, so he knew some English.

"The most noticeable

difference between Italy and America is the school. Here, it's longer, more social, and you have after school sports. In Italy, you learn stuff, and that's it--no school sports."

Emili said, "I most enjoy the spirit of the school. My favorite class is trig because I like math."

Even though there are many differences, Emili said that the community is the same as it is in Italy. Also, he noted that how the people live their lives is very similar. He plans on returning home June 29.

## Thailand Student Participates In Foreign Exchange Program

By Cassadee Griffith & Ryann Zimmerman

OHS foreign exchange student, Nanthanat Duangkaew (Bas), is from Northern Thailand and is enrolled as a junior. She is staying with Caitlin Hardesty and Cathryn Mierow.

Bas said that she had to take an English test and pass before being selected to be a foreign exchange student. Then, she was able to select three countries to interview. After the interviews, she decided that the United States was her first choice.

Bas said, "My first day here was interesting. Coming here was difficult because of the language, and the life is different here than what I am use, to.

According to Bas, school is very different in Thailand. Students attend only one class per day, and classes rotate between math, science and technology. Also, students have uniforms that include a navy blue bow, white top, the student's name with a star for the grade and a long, navy blue skirt.

Students cannot dye their hair or stand out in any way.

Her favorite activities while visiting are hanging out with friends and being able to go places with them. Bas wants to play basketball and go skiing while in the United States. Bas plans to return to Thailand before the Fourth of July. She is looking forward to seeing her younger sister who is still at home.



**Ludovico Emili, OHS foreign exchange student,** is visiting from Tuscany, Italy.

## McQuerry Book Fair Earns Free Books

By Christina Hull

McQuerry's book fair titled "Sir Read A Lot's Castle" was well-attended selling over \$5000 worth of books and earning over \$2000 worth of free books for McQuerry classrooms. The program "One For Books" raised \$300. For this program, students bring in change to donate. Scholastic then matches the donation amount and donates to needy schools while McQuerry also earns \$300 worth of free materials.

"We would like to thank all the parents and teachers for their support of the book fair, allowing teachers to have more books for their classrooms," said Beth Wagner, Reading Interventionist and Literacy Coach at McQuerry.

The book fair will be open for three parent events this year. The grand opening was held during "Fall Family Night," and the book fair will also be open during two parent-

teacher conference nights. The most popular books sold so far this year were *Minecraft*, *Pete the Cat* and *How to Get a Girlfriend*.

## OHS Holds Food Drive

By Erika Cowan

OHS students collected nonperishable food, personal care items and baby products November 17 through 21 for the OMS Food Drive held by OMS Honor Society.

Items collected will help support churches around the community, the Back Snack Program and a Thanksgiving dinner held on November 26 by Betsy Jackson, community member.

The 43 Honor Society students and sponsors collected a total of 3,040 items. In previous years, sometimes 3,000 items or more were collected.

Students participate in a competition in their first

block classes to see who can collect the most food items. The winning classes at each grade level received a breakfast party as their reward. Winners were: 6th grade Mrs. Torres class, 7th grade Ms. Gregson's class and 8th grade Mr. Lewis & Mrs. Shepard's classes.

Carver, OMS Family and Consumer Science teacher, has been helping sponsor the food drive for 15 years. "This is a great way to help those who are in need," said Carver.

OHS Honor Society students will also be going to Harvesters--The Community Food Network in Kansas City soon to volunteer.



**Nanthanat Duangkaew (Bas),** junior foreign exchange student visits OHS from her home in Northern Thailand

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## McQuerry PTO Holds Fundraiser

By Sydney Smith

McQuerry PTO recently held a fundraiser where students sold candies, desserts, pizzas, soups, appetizers and other items to friends and family members to raise money.

"We raised a little over \$7000 during this fundraiser! The money is going towards improving and adding some technology in our building. We'd like to get tablets for each teacher who doesn't already have one and work on adding other forms of technology in the building," said Julie Begemann, PTO president.

Students who participated were rewarded with a "car" wash on November 5 where approximately 40 students lined up with squirt bottles full of water while Larry Hol, principal, "drove" through for a pre-soak, wash and finally a

rinse cycle.

"The kids loved it. They screamed and laughed and cheered on Mr. Hol. He is such a good and gracious sport for this kind of reward. He is always willing to do something like this, and it really reinforces how much he cares for and supports each student, group and project that goes on at McQuerry," said Bege-  
mann.

Begemann began volunteering last year. This is her first year serving as president and her second year participating in McQuerry PTO.

"I do enjoy being in PTO, but being president is a lot of hard work and is very time consuming. Groups such as PTO couldn't do the things that we do without the support of the staff and parents," said Bege-  
mann.

## OHS Trap Team has 33 Members

By Tyler Atkerson

OHS Trap Shooting Team currently has 33 members which is unusually high and a big increase from the first team of 15 students nine years ago.

Seven of the members are girls this year, and Jacque Henning, coach, said, "They are just as good as the boys, and sometimes they work harder to beat the boys." Henning teaches At-Risk classes at OHS. Henning started the team and coached 4-H shooting prior to her school coaching.

Trap shooting is a competitive version of clay pigeon shooting that takes discipline and skill to be successful. The members bring their own shotguns,

mostly 12 or 20 gauges.

OHS Trap has several requirements. First, students have to complete and pass the hunter's education course. Next, they have to be enrolled in an Agriculture class and be an FFA member.

Henning said, "We generally have a successful team. The Trap Team usually takes first or second place as a team. We also have several students who are in the top ten in the league."

Henning noted that Trace Brown and Weston Duncan are a couple of the top shooters so far this season; however, she said that it was hard to recognize

## OHS Scholar Bowl Team Hosts Quad

By William Johnson

OHS Scholar Bowl Team opened the season by hosting a quad on November 5 where the varsity team went 2-1 and the JV team went 3-0.

Varsity won against Carrollton and Knob Noster and lost to Richmond. The JV team defeated Carrollton and Richmond and won against Knob Noster by forfeit. The team currently has 25 members on the eligibility roster with Ian Scott and Kyle Jensen serving as varsity captains and Alec Maple and Zach Smith serving as JV captains.

Scholar Bowl is an academic competition similar to Jeopardy. Every year, teams takes a turn hosting a quad (tournament) which requires a lot of people and work since each room needs three workers for a total minimum of twelve volunteers. However, Kris Poisal, scholar bowl coach and OHS Communication Arts teacher, believes it is well worth it.

"I really appreciate the teachers, parents and community members who volunteer their time each year to work the tournament. We have some

core people who volunteer year after year which makes it easier to host the event," said Poisal.

Poisal believes that the teams have a good chance of making it to advanced play this year.

However Poisal says that she can't take credit for the success of the teams because they have lots of natural talent.

Jensen said, "We're almost a small family. We balance each other well, and I couldn't ask for a better team."

## OUE Begins Jump Rope Club

By Savanna Middleton

OUE Jump Rope Club is a new club for students, and currently 20 students are attending.

Robin Smith, third grade

teacher, is the club's sponsor.

Smith said that the students find this club exciting. During club practices, students learn rhymes, chants, partner jumping and currently, they are in the process of learning Double Dutch. Practice is held every Monday after school for an hour.

"I liked learning how to do tricks with the jump ropes," said James Sloan, third-grader.

Smith said that the students learn better eye/hand coordination and math counting skills.

The clubs run for six weeks, and then the topics change, so other topics will follow.

Tinikling Club will begin December 1. Tinikling is a type of folk dance that can be used to help expand physical movements such as hand coordination, foot speed and also rhythm.

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