



The Bulldog

OMS Newsletter

April 2019

OMS Students, Families, and Staff,

What an amazing community of kindness we have at OMS! We had a handful of 8th grade students approach Mr. Doering and I about doing a spirit week for Mrs. Twilligear. I absolutely love that our students led this fundraiser. Our students and staff have raised over \$1000! The money raised will be going to help make Mrs. Twilligear's house more user friendly with her wheelchair.

The STEP parent organization will be hosting our first color run on April 3rd. The color run will be from 5-6pm behind OMS. Make sure your student wears white. The first 84 students who sign-up will get a free white headband to collect color. Students can be dropped off at the OMS parking lot at 5pm. Make sure to come back at 6 to pick-up your student! :) Students can sign-up the night of the event. The cost is \$15 and includes a water bottle and snack.

Please follow our page: [@OMSodessa](#)

Thank you for all you do to support our school,

Mrs. Malizzi, OMS Principal



Athletics and Activities Alert:

April is a busy month for our 80+ track and field athletes. With the OMS Track team competing in 8 meets this month alone, the season has turned into an all out sprint. Nearby meets in Oak Grove on April 4 and at home on April 25 make excellent opportunities to come watch the athletes compete!

The Spring Band concert is also coming up at the end of the month. Make sure to mark April 30 on the calendar, and come support our talented musicians!

Important Dates:

April 4 - Open Track Meet at Oak Grove
April 8 - Track Invite at Richmond
April 9 - Track Invite at Pleasant Hill
April 12 - Track Invite at Higginsville *No school this day.
April 17 - Open Track Meet at Excelsior Springs
April 23 - MAP Test begins
April 18 - Track Invite at Knob Noster
April 25 - OMS home Track Invite
April 29 - Track Invite at Grain Valley
April 30 - Spring Band Concert - 6:30 PM

* Please check the Odessa R-VII website for full OMS sports schedules.

Mr. Doering, OMS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director



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Bulldogs of the Month



Students:

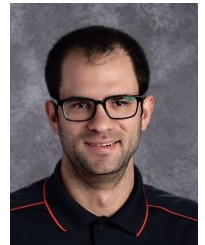
Aden Biermaier, Sophia Flenniken, Tatum Shipley, Alexi Keeton, Sam Gillespie, Drake Ellison and Austin Fuller

Staff Member Spotlight

Mr. Alex Hughes

I graduated from Missouri State University in 2014. After graduating, I joined Teach For America, spending two years in Tulsa Public Schools teaching 4th Grade ELA and Social Studies. This is my third year at OMS. My brother, Sam, is also a teacher and coach in the district. I live in Lee's Summit with my wife, Hannah, and my dog, Zeke. I like spending my free time outdoors, hiking and swimming.

I love working at OMS because our staff always puts the students first.



Dates of Interest:

April 3– Color Run 5-6pm (\$15)

April 10– McTeacher Night 3:30-7pm

April 12– NO SCHOOL

April 13– Honor Choir to Worlds of Fun

April 19-22nd– No School (Easter Break)

April 30th– Band Concert 6:30pm

Mental Health Awareness

As grown-ups it is our responsibility to meet our kids needs and to set the best environment possible. Kids feel secure when adults set good boundaries and limits for them. A few practical tips to consider are: limiting and monitoring social media, building good relationships so kids feel connected in their families and neighborhoods, listen and discuss your child's worries and fears and have realistic expectations about life.

For more information please contact Mrs. Cowman, OMS social worker, at 633-1500.

Test your OMS Staff Knowledge!

Where did I go to College?

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| 1. Southeast Missouri State University | A. Mrs. Bross |
| 2. University of Central Missouri | B. Mr. Aulbert |
| 3. University of Central Missouri | C. Mrs. Burns |
| 4. University of Hawaii | D. Mr. Fischer |
| 5. University of Missouri | E. Mrs. Briscoe |

Students who turn in the correct answers to Mrs. Malizzi will get chocolate!