



# The Bulldog

**OMS Newsletter**

**December, 2018**

OMS Students, Families, and Staff,

At the middle school our first priority is to academics. Second, is helping to prepare students for life after school. We are blessed to have students who care about others and our community. Our students are learning good character traits at OMS. The 8th grade Honor Society hosted the annual food drive. Our building students and staff donated 1,918 items. All of these donations will go right back to our community. The Honor Society also has a field trip planned to Harvesters. They will help box up food to be donated in the Kansas City area. This will be a great experience for students to give back.

Our sixth grade students in Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Grubb's classes along with Mrs. Schaberg took their students to read to the kindergarteners at McQuerry. This was a very rewarding and fun experience for all. The teachers plan to do this activity again.

We love seeing our students being positive leaders in our building and community! #OMShasgreatkids

OMS now has a Twitter page! Please follow our page: @OMSodessa

Thank you for all you do to support our school,

*Mrs. Malizzi.*

*OMS Principal*

## **Athletics and Activities Alert:**

December is a very busy month for OMS Activities! Four Basketball games, three wrestling meets, band & choir concerts and lots of Winter Guard Club rehearsals are all packed in before holiday break. Students and staff are working extremely hard in their respective activity. We enjoy performing in front of spectators, so come on out to watch and support us in all areas!

The annual Dodgeball Tournament is upcoming as well, so start forming those co-ed teams! The winning student team will play the teacher champion at the Winter assembly December 21.

### Important Dates:

December 4 -- 6th - 8th Band Concert - 6:30 PM  
December 13 -- Home Wrestling Meet @ OMS - 4:30 PM  
December 18 -- OMS Honor Choir Concert - 6:30 PM  
December 20 -- Dodgeball Tournament - During School Hours  
December 21 -- Winter Assembly and Dodgeball championship  
December 24 -- Winter Break begins

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

*Mr. Doering, OMS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director*



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## Bulldog of the Month

This month's theme was: #lifeiswhatyoumakeit

Teachers chose students who were bold, adventurous, and exciting.

### Students:

Noah Terrill, Amberlynn Burnham, Bella Perez, Dalton Cates, Abby White, Blake



## Staff Member Spotlight

Mrs. Schaberg

I graduated from Northwest Missouri State University with degrees in Special Education and Elementary Education in December of 2017. I started working as a Special Education Teacher at Odessa Upper Elementary in January. I am now co-teaching 6th grade English Language Arts with Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Grubb.



I have enjoyed being part of the Middle School family! In my free time I like to take fishing trips with my husband and our dogs.



OMS FUN!



## Mental Health Awareness

Remember kids learn best when their brains are feeling safe and calm. Anything we do to be scary to kids is creating the opposite of a good learning situation for that young brain.

Remember self-control is a STRENGTH and the failure to control our emotions can be a dangerous weakness— one that can cause us to harm others and say and do things we don't mean.— From *Love and Logic*

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

## Dates of Interest:

**December 20th— Student Dodgeball Tournament- \$10**

**December 21st— Advisory Parties, Dodgeball Championship, and EARLY RELEASE @ 11:30**

**December 31st-January 7th— Winter Break**

## Test your OMS Staff Knowledge!

Match the fact with the staff member.

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| 1. Yearbook Sponsor      | A. Mr. Rouillard |
| 2. STUCO Sponsor         | B. Mrs. Shepard  |
| 3. STUCO Sponsor         | C. Mrs. Hawk     |
| 4. Honor Society Sponsor | D. Ms. Gregson   |
| 5. Honor Society Sponsor | E. Mrs. Lefman   |

**Students who turn in the correct answers to Mrs. Malizzi WINS a prize!**