



The Bulldog

OMS Newsletter

March 2019

OMS Students, Families, and Staff,

Our students and staff are ready for a full five day week. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the winter weather is going away, and Spring is insight. Due to make-up days at end of the school calendar, we are making adjustments to many of our activities. The first adjustment will be the MAP and EOC testing. MAP testing will start April 24th now. A letter will be coming home April 1st listing what days each class will be testing. We will maintain our regular building schedule during MAP/EOC testing. We are also pushing back Lollapalooza, 8th grade picnic, 7th grade game day, 6th grade kickball, Choir Concert, and 8th grade move-up day. Please check the OMS website calendar to get the updated dates.

Our students and staff continue to amaze me with their kindness. Students and staff are rallying around ways to help Mrs. Twilligear and show support. Mrs. Twilligear had a stroke in February. She is continuing to grow stronger and make progress. Our students are doing a Spirit week fundraiser for Mrs. Twilligear the week of March 25th. Students will pay \$1 a day, and have a chance to pie a staff member in the face! We will be selling t-shirts for Stroke Awareness and the proceeds will go to the Twilligear family. Ms. Gregson is organizing a Trivia Fundraiser night for April 27th at OMS. Please stay tuned for more information on ways to help support Mrs. Twilligear. I am so proud of our students and staff for putting others first.

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[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:

The OMS Track & Field team has taken shape with 85 seventh and eighth grade student athletes out for the team. Practices are daily from 3:00 - 4:30. With ten meets on the schedule, the team first travels to the Grain Valley Open on March 28. We are hoping for the weather to cooperate!

Thank you to Mr. Buford and all students who participated in Intramurals. Many students took advantage of the extra time to sharpen their basketball and volleyball skills last month. Snow days cut this program a little short, so we may add more days in May.

Important Dates:

March 7 - OMS Track & Field Team Parent Meeting - 4:45

March 28 - First Track Meet -- Grain Valley Open - 4:00

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Mr. Doering, OMS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director



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Bulldogs of the Month

Students:

Kaycee Combs, Brenna Rider, Nathan Begemann, Carter Renick, Jackson Baker, Emma Lett Not pictured- Jonathan Beeks.

Staff Member Spotlight

Mrs. Bell

This is Mrs. Bell's 11th year at OMS as a paraprofessional. Mrs. Bell's favorite thing to do is to go camping with her husband, Dodger, and Ricky (our two school therapy dogs). Mrs. Bell and Dodger are training for an agility competition. They plan to compete in May. Mrs. Bell loves to watch her daughter Kenzie at UCM perform in the Winter Guard. Mrs. Bell loves to make items for our school staff (table runners, quilts, wall hangings, and curtains).

FUN FACT:

Mrs. Bell and the sixth grade students would LOVE to have a third therapy dog, BUT Mr. Bell says No!



Congratulations to Caitlyn (1st) and Emma (3rd) for their hard work at History Day!



Dates of Interest:

March 8th- Advisory Parties

March 14th- Early Release @ 11:30

March 14th- Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-7pm

March 15- No School- Spring Break

March 18th- STEP Meeting 3:15-4pm

March 20th- End of 3rd Quarter

Mental Health Awareness

One of the easiest ways to begin developing resiliency with children is simply asking them how they are going to handle problems. Resisting our urge to quickly solve the problem for them or tell them what to do, we can make a soft, empathetic sound and ask, "Hmm, what do you think you're going to do?"

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

Test your OMS Staff Knowledge!

Match the class with the staff member. What is your favorite sports team?

1. Cardinals

A. Mrs. Torres

2. KU

B. Mr. Doering

3. Nebraska

C. Mr. Poggemeier

4. Green Bay Packers

D. Mr. Buford

5. MU

E. Mr. Doherty

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