



# The Bulldog

**OMS Newsletter**

**November**

OMS Students, Families, and Staff,

Our student council (STUCO) group has been busy during the month of October doing their annual UNICEF charity fundraiser. The STUCO kids dressed-up in their Halloween costumes and trick or treated in the community for pocket change. They raised \$365.95. The STUCO hosted the annual *Wear your Halloween Costume to School* activity for \$1 donation to UNICEF. This year we had the largest amount of students participating. STUCO raised a record amount of \$350.23. All together our students and community raised \$893.18 for charity. Way to go! #teamOMS



This year we had 46 eighth grade students qualify for Honors Society. The students have to have superior academics, attendance, citizenship, and discipline. To qualify the students have to have a 10.0 grade point average for 1st quarter of the 8th grade year, and 10.0 grade point average three out of the four quarters in 7th grade. Students also have to maintain 90% attendance for 7th and 8th grade. We are very proud of her new honor society members.

Thank you for all you do to support our school,

*Mrs. Malizzi, OMS Principal*

## **Athletics and Activities Alert:**

The short break is over, and winter sports and activities are up & running. Meets, games and performances will be here before we know it! The OMS wrestling team is 23 strong, and basketball tryouts will be wrapping last week.

Shout out to the OMS Winter Guard Club. Rehearsals began November 6th with over 30 members.

Here at OMS we preach sportsmanship and character to our student athletes. We like to brag about where we're from, and we ask for support at our upcoming games & events. Please represent the students, school and town with school spirit, class and sportsmanship at the upcoming events.

### Important Dates:

November 6 - First OMS Winter Guard Club Rehearsal (6-8 PM)

November 16 - First OMS Wrestling Meet (Home @ 4:30)

November 18 - OMS A Team Basketball Tournament at Sherwood

\* 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: **#beyourself**

Teachers choose students who were unique, brave, and authentic.



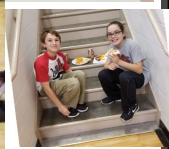
**Dre Higbee, Sam Gillespie, Makenzie Pitts, Billy Lyons, Shelby Todd, Rachel Hedrick, & Brenden Jeffery**

## Staff Member Spotlight

Mrs. Hawk has been teaching in Odessa for 25 years. She taught 6th grade for the first seven years, and TARGET for 18 years. Mrs. Hawk has been married for 26 years, and they have three amazing children (Jackson, Carter, and Olivia). They live in Odessa with their Chihuahua, Rocco, and cat, Sadie. Mrs. Hawk enjoys spending time with her extended family, traveling, vegetarian cooking, playing board games, and reading books on her porch swing. Mrs. Hawk also likes to walk. She lead our district for the October walking challenge. OMS is very lucky to have Mrs. Hawk teaching our students, and being a part of #teamOMS.



## Fun Times at OMS...



## Mental Health Awareness

How can you tell if your child's moodiness is actually depression, anxiety or something else? There are three things to consider when you assessing their moods.

1. Severity-Keep an eye on their emotions, whether it's a down mood, outbursts, crying or other symptoms.
2. Duration-how long is the distressed mood lasting?
3. Different areas of Life- Is your child acting out at home and/or school?

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

## Dates of Interest:

**November 13th-17th: American Education Week**

**November 14th: 7th Grade Field Trip**

**November 21st: 6th Grade Field Trip**

**November 22nd-24th: Thanksgiving Break**

## Test your OMS Staff Knowledge!

Match the fact with the staff member.

1. Walked one MILLION steps in October
2. Loves to play video games
3. Plays the guitar
4. On the equator, while in Brazil
5. Had speech published in college professor's textbook

- A. Mr. Doering
- B. Ms. Ritter
- C. Ms. Grayson
- D. Mr. Behrman
- E. Mrs. Hawk

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