



The Bulldog

Bulldog of the Month

The theme for this year's Bulldog of the Month (aka—student of the month) is #YOURLEGACY. The teachers will be looking for characteristics that go with each month's theme. We want to continue to build a positive and fun learning environment for our students to be successful. Students will be honored with a pizza party with Mrs. Malizzi and Mr. Doering. Mr. Doherty will be organizing the BOTM. He has many new incentives planned for the students who are recognized for their outstanding citizenship at OMS.

Below are the monthly themes for the school year:

#LEADBYEXAMPLE, #KEEPCROWING,
#BEYOURSELF, #TOGETHERWECAN,
#LIFEISWHATYOUMAKEIT

Dates of Interest:

September 11-15 - Book fair

September 18— STEP meeting at 3:15

September 22— Early Release

September 27th—Teacher Night at the Creamery 3-7pm

September 28th - 8th Grade Field Trip

Staff Member Spotlight

Mrs. Briscoe is starting her second year at OMS as our Art teacher. This is her 10th year in education. Her students do an amazing job creating and displaying Art in our building. She lives in Odessa with her husband, who is the assistant principal at OHS. They have the cutest three year old son, Reed!



Fun Fact about Mrs. Briscoe:

She does not eat anything out of the water (fish, shrimp, crab, etc.)

Mental Health Awareness

September is Suicide Prevention month. Mrs. Cowman will be educating students this month on depression awareness and suicide prevention training. This training is part of the Signs of Suicide Program (SOS). We urge all parents to read the SOS parent newsletter that was sent home last week. Please reach out to Mrs. Cowman with any questions.

Test your OMS Staff Knowledge!

Match the fact with the staff member.

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| 1. Loves to Crochet | A. Mr. Hughes |
| 2. Nickname is Fred (because she would only eat Fred Flintstone vitamins when little) | B. Mrs. Schloman |
| 3. Taught in Jamaica on a Mission Trip | C. Mrs. McKee |
| 4. Birthday Buddies with Mrs. Malizzi | D. Mrs. Griffith |
| 5. Middle Child in the family | E. Mrs. Bradley |

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



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OMS Newsletter

September 2017

OMS Students, Families, and Staff,

Welcome to the start of another school year! The OMS staff have been very impressed with our students, and many staff members have stated this has been the best start to a school year! Our building theme this year is #teamOMS. We are incorporating this motto into our daily life at OMS. We truly believe that when working as a team, great things will happen for our students and school.

The middle school will do our best to keep everyone updated on events at school. Please add the OMS webpage to your favorites. The OMS webpage calendar will be your quickest link to what is happening in the building. Communication is key for students to be successful. Please meet and visit with our staff when any concerns arise.

The middle school is pleased to welcome the following new staff members to our team: Cole Doherty (6th grade math), Hayley West (6th and 7th grade special education), Melanie DeMore (6th grade special education), Dustin Mott (Assistant Band director), Kiefer Kratz (para-professional), and Christina Quick (health aide).

Let's make the 2017-2018 school year one filled with success, learning, fun, and great memories at OMS! #teamOMS

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Malizzi, OMS Principal

Athletics and Activities Alert:

Fall sports and activities are full as the calendar has now flipped to September. OMS is being represented by 18 girls on the volleyball team and 29 boys on the football team. With games starting September 7th and 12th, respectively, it's time for our student athletes to put all the practice time into real game action. Please come out to support our teams this fall, and do so with school spirit, class and sportsmanship.

The OMS Honor Choirs are also hard at work, meeting before school on their assigned days at 7:15 AM. Although the concert is a few months away, the groups are preparing like it's around the corner as singing fills up the hallways before school.

Important Dates:

September 7 - First OMS Volleyball Game -- Away vs. Excelsior Springs
September 12 - First OMS Football Game -- Home vs. Sedalia Smith-Cotton
 -OMS Volleyball Home Game & *Wellness Night* -- 5:00 PM
September 22 - Homecoming Parade

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

Mr. Doering, OMS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director