



Parent / Student Bulletin

February 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER:

02/25	Celebrating Read Across America Day Cougar Card Rewards
02/28	Future Chef Event - 1:30 PM
02/28-03/04	Spring Conference Week - early release at 1:20 PM ALL WEEK
03/04	Student Council Meeting
03/07-03/09	3rd Grade Music Concerts
03/08	Parson's Individual Make-Up Photos
03/11	Character Award Assembly
03/16	Terrific Kid Awards
03/25	Hats On Day Cougar Card Rewards Early Release at 1:20 PM
03/30	Terrific Kid Awards 5th Grade STEM DAY
04/01	End of 3rd Quarter - Grades go home 04/15
04/04-04/08	SPRING BREAK
04/13	Fine Dining Event
04/15	Character Award Assembly
04/15	Spelling Bee Finalists Selected

*** A special thanks to Shop 'N' Kart for their generous donation of sheet cakes and to Jeremy's Farm To Table for free brownie sundae coupons for our monthly Cougar Card and Character Awards! ***

Dear OSE Families,

The first half of the school year has just wrapped up and our spring quarter has begun. We have navigated through the first half of the year and I'm proud of our students and staff, and grateful for the parents, PTA and all those who continue to support us along the way.

Spring is around the corner and we have many upcoming events in the months of February, March and April, including, but not limited to: Spring Conferences, Twosday (2/22/22), Future Chef event, many in-person and virtual field trips, including the Pacific Science Center and Pioneer Farms—thank you PTA, Spelling Bee, salmon project, in-person music concerts, a sprinkling of test preparation for state testing in May, and of course Spring Break!

After Spring Break we will begin thinking about next year's class placements. There are many factors that go into developing class lists:

- Specific academic needs of students
- Specific behavioral situations of individuals and groups of students
- Learning styles of students
- The balance of leaders in each class
- Equal balance of gender, race and ability in the classroom
- Information from a student's current teacher
- Information from the parents

Classroom assignments will be made by a team that includes classroom teachers, special education teachers, the principal, counselor and other staff as needed. The team will utilize all available information in order to carefully select the best placement of all students.

Thank you for the vital role you play in our school and your student's success.

~Mrs. Dorsey

PARENTS! School begins at 8:50 AM. It is important that your student is on-time every day! First bell rings at 8:40 AM - students should be on their way to class at that time.

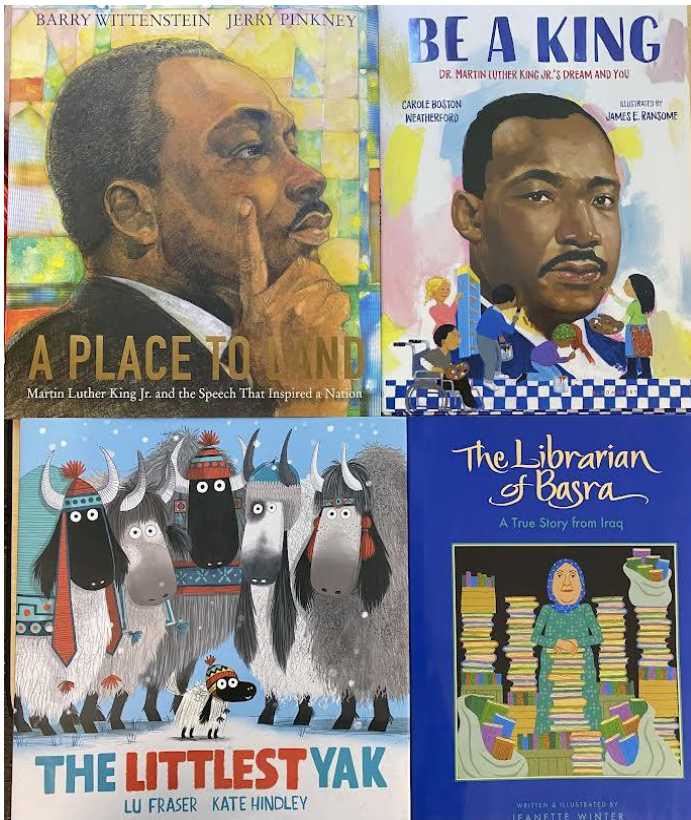
Student morning drop-off REMINDER:

Please remember that outdoor supervision is not available for your children before 8:15 AM each morning.

Students need to be accepted and attending the morning math program in order to be dropped off before 8:15 AM. If you are interested in this program, please contact our office at 360.807.7225 and you will be added to the waitlist.

Library Corner

January Library Reads:



DONATED BOOKS!

The library would like to give a big THANK YOU to Mike and Sue Austin, who donated new books to the library! Students who had been asking for specific new titles now have those books in their hands thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Austin.

THANK YOU!



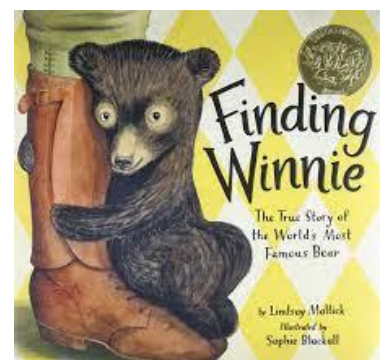
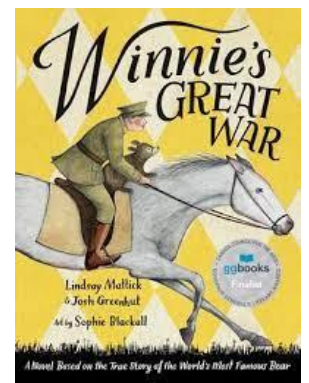
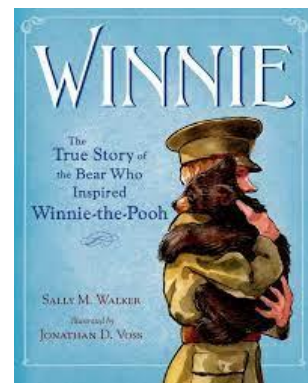
**Happy Birthday AA Milne!
January 18**

You may not recognize the name AA Milne, but chances are you recognize his book Winnie-the-Pooh! Winnie the Pooh was named after AA's (Alan Alexander) son Christopher Robin's stuffed bear Winnie. That same stuffed bear was named after an actual black bear who was a WWI mascot, and lived in the London Zoo, where AA and Christopher would visit. If you're interested in learning more, check these out:

Genre of the Month: Biography

A text written to inform the reader about a real person's life. We learned about nonfiction books being organized using the Dewey Decimal System. If you are looking for a biography, you would go to number 921!

Did you know that Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous words "I have a dream" were never written into his March on Washington speech on August 28, 1963? The true story behind MLK Jr.'s famous speech can be found in the book A Place to Land by Barry Wittenstein.



Read EVERY day!

Information from our School Safety Officer:



ALL about **SOCIAL MEDIA** apps:



- **TikTok** makes it easy to watch short videos or kids can make their own.
- **Recommends users be age 13+**
- **Parental Controls** – you must turn on and there is a feature called Family Pairing.
- **Problems**
 - After you download TikTok and open, a video will start playing, even without selecting one.
 - TikTok uses hashtags.
 - Searching with hashtags can often reveal inappropriate images and videos.
 - Typical content, bad words and sexual lyrics that you find in popular music are often lip-synced by a child.



- **Instagram** – is used to share photos and videos through stories, feed live, IGTV or Direct messaging.
- **Parental Controls** – Instagram does not have parental controls in the traditional sense. You will want to utilize the Account Privacy setting.
- **Problems**
 - One of the most popular apps found on teens devices.
 - Cyberbullying, threats and sexting
 - Direct Messages or “DM’s”, if you are following your child on Instagram, you will not see their DM’s.
 - Vanishing Mode is Instagram's version of Snapchat.



- **YouTube** – is a video sharing service where users can watch, like, share, comment and upload their own videos.
- **Parental Controls** – YouTube has a filter called restricted mode.
- **Appropriate age 17+**
- **Problems**
 - One of top 3 apps used by children.
 - Excessive screen time.
 - Every video ends with a suggestion for another video, and another video. Which leads to kids burning a lot of time watching the never ending stream of videos.



- **Snapchat** – extremely popular app which allows the user to send a picture, text, or video to another Snapchat user.
- **Parental Control- NONE**
 - *Parents can utilize Ghost Mode to block the GPS location, but cannot be locked.*
- **Recommendation** – *Not safe for children of any age.*
- **Problems**
 - Snapchat can send Self-destructing messages that disappear after the recipient opens the message.
 - By default, Snapchat shares the users exact GPS location on a map.
 - Password protected folder “For My Eyes Only.” Any image or video can be moved here and can only be seen with a four-digit code created by the user.



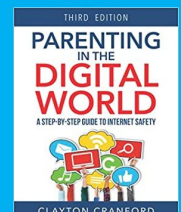
- **KiK** – KiK Messenger is a free instant messaging and social networking app.
- **Parental Controls** – None
- **Rated 17+**
- Recommend only using the messaging app that comes with the phone.
- **Problems**
 - Long history of predators using it to exploit children.
 - Some features that made the app dangerous had been taken out.
 - Chatting via text or video with strangers is still possible.



- **Calculator# App (Vault Apps)** – one of many apps that appear to be a legitimate calculator but is a “vault” to hide photos, videos, notes and other information on your iPhone.
- **Parental Controls** – None
- **Not safe for a child of any age.**

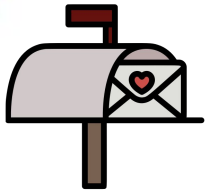
Parenting in the Digital World

- Clayton Cranford “cybersafetycop” provides a step-by-step guide to internet safety.
- The information I shared in this newsletter came from Clayton Cranford's book.
- Follow “cybersafetycop”
 - Instagram - cybersafetycop
 - Twitter - @CyberSafetyCop



NEWS from our counselor, Mrs. Beattie!

Character
Strong



Gratitude Grams

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Create a card or note about a favorite moment you shared with a neighbor or someone that lives nearby. Sign it as a family and deliver it to them.

If delivering it in person feels weird, send it in the mail or email. Want to take it to the next level? Offer a date and time to connect for a neighbor hangout for food or games!

COURAGE

To choose what is good,
right, and kind even
when it is hard or scary.

FEBRUARY'S CHARACTER TRAIT



Upcoming College Days:

03/09	San Diego State Univ.	Scarlet & Black
03/16	Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.	Red, Gray & Light Gray
	California Inst. of Tech.	Orange & White
03/23	University of Wyoming	Brown & Gold
03/30	Arizona State University	Maroon & Gold
04/13	Brigham Young University	Blue & White
04/20	University of Florida	Orange & Blue
04/27	University of Nebraska	Cream & Scarlet
05/04	Gallaudet University	Buff & Blue
05/11	Swarthmore College	Gray



Wear any college colors on **WEDNESDAYS** to show your school spirit!

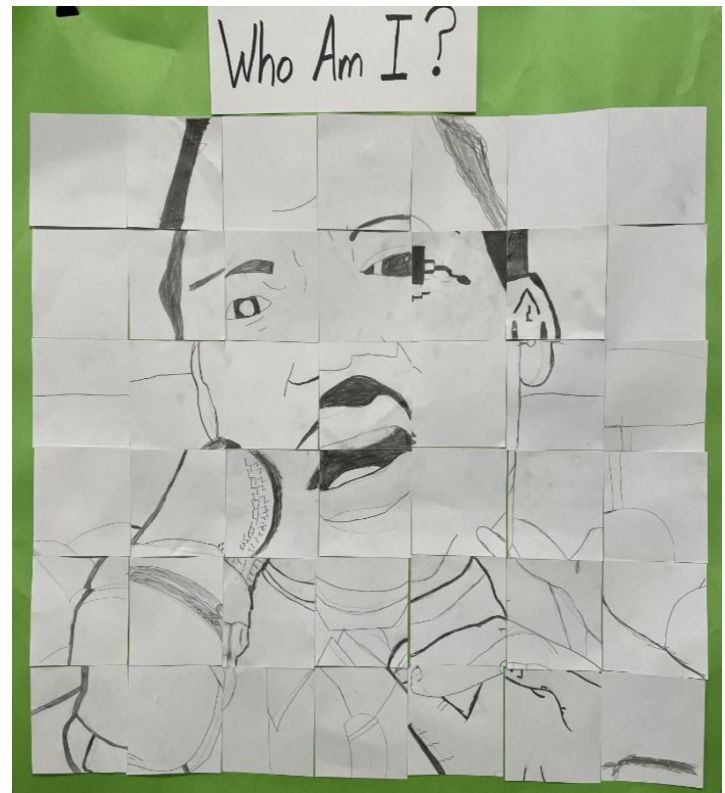
Attendance: Make Every Day Count! On-Time, All Day, Every Day!

It matters. A single day missed can have a significant impact on student learning. Please make it a priority to come to school. However, sickness happens and safety is important. When a student has a clear symptom of illness, keep them home and call the office. **We need a call each time in order to excuse absences.** Our staff is also expert with the district COVID safety procedures and can help you navigate the next steps. The school telephone number is 360-807-7225.



Here are some of our Cougar Card winners enjoying delicious cake donated each month from Shop 'N' Kart. Keep up the good work, Cougars!

Mr. Rasmussen's class continues with more STEM projects:



Mrs. Rogerson's class has been busy debating and writing an opinion paper on whether our class should have a class pet....of a beetle!! Would you want that?

We've also been working hard in math on the topic of perimeter and area. We also learned how to take an image and enlarge it, but little did they know that they only had one piece of the image, and when we put them all together, they made a picture. Can you figure out who they made?



Classroom News Continued...



Exciting happenings in **Mrs. Kendall's** classroom!



This month we learned about color resist and creating texture while painting with our "Surprised by the Wind" snowmen.

For Social Studies this month we created Civil Rights leaders pocket books. We studied Martin Luther King, Jr., Susan B. Anthony, Cesar Chavez, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks and Gandhi... all of whom fought to improve the rights and freedoms of others.



Mrs. Blomdah's 4th grade class wrote these great poems:

Chaos
Windy, cold, wet
Flooding, stinking, drowning
Cars were sinking in the water
River
By: Korbin Davis

Weather
Cold rainy day
Rising, driving, sinking
Insane flooding, lots of water
Flood
By: Skylar Roose

Flooding
Crazy water
Raining, draining, floating
Windy weather, lots of water
Chaos
By: Gianni Occhino



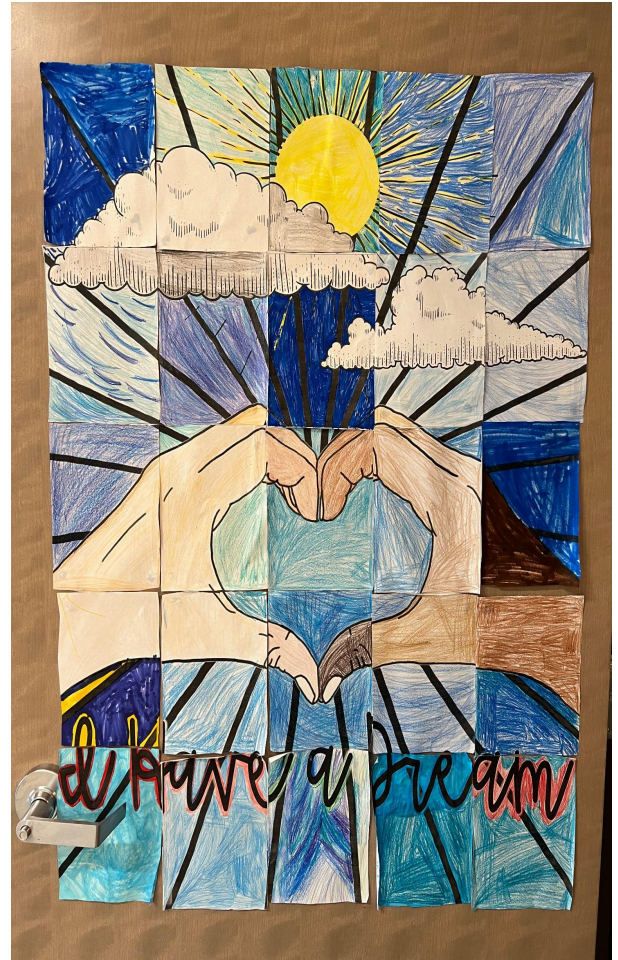
Upcoming events and other fun things...



Missing something?

Swing through to look at the lost & found during conference week! All leftover items will be donated on March 7th.

Room 404: This is our collaborative art project celebrating Martin Luther King's birthday!



"Why We Sing?"

Orin C. Smith Elementary School
3rd Grade Musical

March 7-9, 2022
6:00-6:30 PM

MORE INFO COMING HOME SOON!



THANK YOU!!

OSE Food Drive collects 5189 food items. Big thank you to the OSE Student Council for their help organizing and counting the items collected and to the OSE families who do generously donate to the OSE Food Drive. Items were donated to the Greater Chehalis Food Bank.





BRING US YOUR RECEIPTS!

Box Tops earnings pay for books for our library. Our Box Tops Coordinator will scan your receipts for rewards! All you have to do is drop off your receipts in our vestibule at school. So reach out to your family members and start submitting your grocery receipts right away!

RECEIPTS MUST BE NO MORE THAN 1 WEEK OLD

**Receipt suggestions:
Costco, Walmart,
Safeway, Target, Fred Meyer, Albertsons!**

Access our Student Handbook Here: →

Scan the following QR code to access our full Orin C. Smith Elementary Student Handbook



Need help for your household?



NEED HELP?
DIAL 2-1-1

- UTILITY ASSISTANCE
- FOOD ASSISTANCE
- HOUSING ASSISTANCE
- ... MUCH MORE

There is **NO** elevator to **SUCCESS.**
You have to take the **STAIRS.**



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Los siguientes empleados han sido designados para manejar las preguntas y quejas de supuestas discriminaciones:

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CONGRATULATIONS to Brynn K. & Kara R. - drawing winners for completing the winter crossword puzzle! Complete the word search below and turn it into Mrs. Cole in the office for a chance to win!

Name: _____

Signs of Spring

Words are hidden in all directions in this puzzle. Search for them horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and backwards.



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ASPARAGUS
BLOSSOMS
BREEZY
BUDS
CHICKS
CLOUDS
CROCUSES

DAFFODILS
EGGS
FORSYTHIA
GREEN
HYACINTHS
KITES
LAMBS

NESTS
RAIN
ROBINS
SUNSHINE
TULIPS
UMBRELLAS
WARM

