

Oak Ridge Newsletter

April 2017

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Linn-Mar Growl Prowl

Oak Ridge Students! Do you enjoy running? Do you enjoy supporting a good cause? Please come and participate in the 2017 Growl Prowl on Saturday morning, April 22nd at the Linn-Mar Stadium. You can run a mile, a

5K or an 8K. Please visit growlprowl.com to sign up, or see Mrs. Deahl. Happy running!!!



Jr. SODA STUDENTS

A reminder that your Jr. SODA hours for this school year are due on Friday, April 21st. Please turn in your completed yellow Jr. SODA card to Mrs. Deahl or Ms. Shiflett at the main office. Remember, if you have volunteered for 12 hours or more, you will achieve Honor SODA status. The Honor SODA celebration will be held off-campus on Friday, May 12th. Please see Mrs. Deahl with questions.

Current 8th Grade MYFI Leaders

- Sign up with Mrs. Deahl to recruit new MYFI leaders in 7th grade health classrooms!
- Sign up in the main office to provide 5th grade tours in May.

Upcoming Events

April 3rd
Talent Show

April 6th
Orchestra
Chamber Banquet

April 13th
Spring Pictures

April 22nd
Linn-Mar Growl Prowl

April 22nd
Orchestra
Jefferson Invitational

April 25th
Band Concert



THE SPEECH AND DRAMA CLUB

Session 3 starts on Wednesday, April 5th.

Where: Platform

Time: 2:45 – 3:45

If you are a returning member just show up. If you are new, see Ms. Pumroy for an application.



BASKETBALL CLUB

Where: Meet in room 116 (Ms. McSperrin)

When: April 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19 and 20

Time: 2:45-3:45

Activity Bus is available!

Please see Ms. McSperrin with any questions.



On April 1st, 380 Students across Iowa and Illinois participated in the Ace National History Bee Regionals. Oak Ridge sent eight qualifiers to compete. Six of the eight made it to the National competition in Atlanta, Georgia (June 1-4).

Congratulations to all participants!

MATHCOUNTS®

On Friday, March 31st, 150 students and 45 schools participated in the Iowa 2017 MathCounts State Competition. Among them were the Oak Ridge Middle School team of 4 students. Oak Ridge finished 6th overall!!!

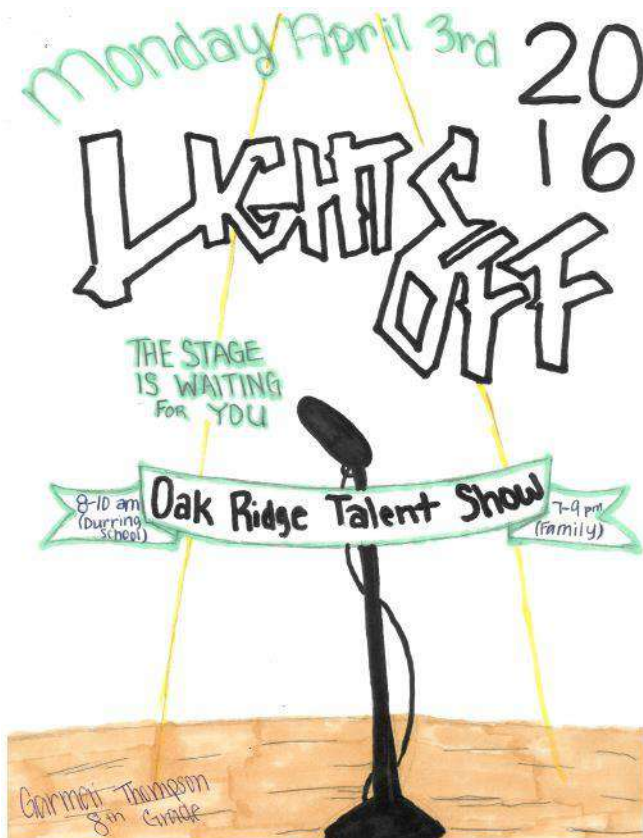
Congratulations Oak Ridge Mathletes on a job well done!

TALENT SHOW ARTWORK WINNERS

Program Covers



Posters





BAND

Tuesday, April 25th, 7:30pm @ Oak Ridge Cafeteria, SPRING JAZZ CONCERT
(7th and 8th grade jazz students)

Wednesday, April 26th, 10:00am @ Oak Ridge Gymnasium, District-Wide
Concert for 4th Grade Students (8th Grade Concert Band Only)



ORCHESTRA

Thursday, April 6th: Chamber Banquet 6-8 p.m. @ Excelsior Cafeteria/Gym

Saturday, April 22nd: Jefferson Invitational (7th & 8th Grade Orchestras) TBA

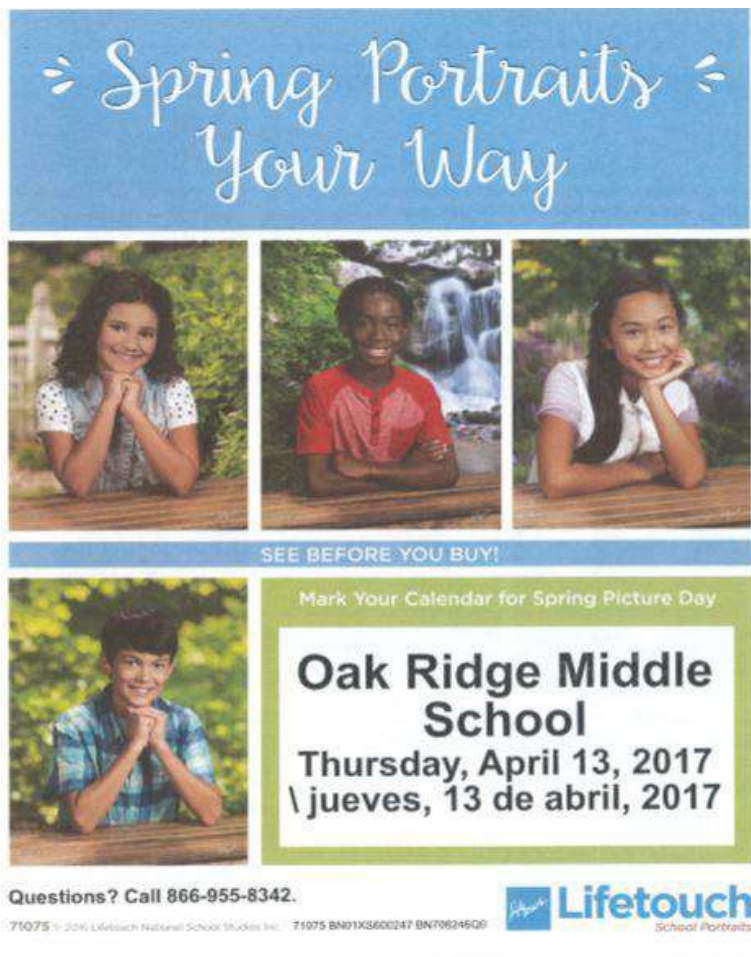
A-L-I-C-E training

This year, ALL District buildings, including Oak Ridge, will be conducting two non-intensive A-L-I-C-E trainings during second semester. This classroom instruction will be conducted by school based A-L-I-C-E trainers and administration. The purpose of the A-L-I-C-E training is simply to inform students of what to do and where to go in the event of a serious threat within or outside the building. Our objective in having these safety drills each year is to ensure that students and staff are informed and can react appropriately and quickly should such a life safety event ever occur at school.

Our classroom instruction will begin after spring break. We will start with 8th grade students, then 7th and 6th grades. This instruction will take place in their health classes. Drills will be conducted in May.

SPRING PHOTOS

Flyers are available in the main office.



Spring Portraits Your Way

SEE BEFORE YOU BUY!

Mark Your Calendar for Spring Picture Day

Oak Ridge Middle School
Thursday, April 13, 2017
Jueves, 13 de abril, 2017

Questions? Call 866-955-8342.

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School Portraits

Spring Portraits Selection Form

1. Please fill out this form. Choose **ONE** pose choice (A, B or C).
2. Choose **ONE** look choice (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6).
3. Return this form on Spring Picture Day.
4. No need to send money now. After Spring Picture Day, you will receive a portrait package to review and purchase.

Student's name _____

Teacher _____

Choose **ONE** pose choice

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

Choose **ONE** look choice

1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐

Notes to the photographer: *Touch is my tickle or fun facts to get a great smile!*

 (If students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual portrait taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group portrait requested by the school.)



BENEFITING ALL AREA STUDENTS

CASH 4 STUDENTS

We have ended another year of the HyVee Cash4Students. We gathered \$224,504.16 worth of receipts. This translates into \$1,122.52 for our school! Way to go! There will be no collection of receipts for the month of April so make sure to recycle those. We will begin collecting for the next school year in May. Thank you all again for your support of this program.

SPRING SPORTS

Please sign-up in the Main Office for following sports: boys soccer, girls tennis, and boys/girls track & field.

7/8 Boys Soccer

- Practices will be daily and athletes will be ready for pick up at Oak Ridge at 5:00
- 1st practice is Wednesday, March 22nd
- Parent Meeting is Wednesday, March 22nd at 5:00 in the Oak Ridge Cafeteria
- Quentin Stark (qstark@linnmar.k12.ia.us) is the Head Coach

7/8 Girls Tennis

- Practices are daily and athletes will be ready for pick at Oak Ridge at 4:30
- First practice is Monday, April 3rd after school at Oak Ridge Tennis Courts
- Doug Kauffman (dkauffman@linnmar.k12.ia.us) is the Head Coach

7/8 Track

- First practice is Wednesday, March 22nd after school at Oak Ridge
- Parent Meeting is Wednesday, March 22 at 5:00 in the Oak Ridge Cafeteria
- Track athletes will be bused to LM High School beginning on Monday, March 27th for practice
- Ken Sunseri (ksunseri@linnmar.k12.ia.us) is the Girls' Head Coach
- Brett Van Hove (bvanhove@linnmar.k12.ia.us) is the Boys' Head Coach
- <https://sites.google.com/a/linnmar.k12.ia.us/oak-ridge-track/>

All students participating in school athletics must have the following forms on file before being allowed to practice or compete. All forms must be turned in the Oak Ridge Office. Do not give these directly to the coaches. Forms are available in the office and online to download.

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE UNTIL ALL REQUIRED FORMS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE.

Physical: Valid for ONE year from the date of the physical examination by the doctor.

Concussion Waiver: Valid for the current school year.

Good Conduct Policy: Valid for the school-year listed on the form.

Health/Injury Info Card: Valid for the school-year listed on the form.

Please visit following link for full Oak Ridge Activity Schedule http://www.crandicactivities.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=209&school_id=15



BREAKING NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE FOR 6TH GRADE PARENTS

Attention Parents of Sixth Grade Students:

The Iowa Department of Public Health has released new immunization requirements
for the 2017-18 school year.

All students enrolling in 7th grade must meet the following guideline *PRIOR* TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

- 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine administered after the age of 10
- 1 dose of Tdap vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) administered after the age of 7

**PER IOWA IMMUNIZATION LAW - YOUR STUDENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL
UNTIL PROOF OF THIS VACCINATION IS PROVIDED TO THE LM HEALTH OFFICE.**

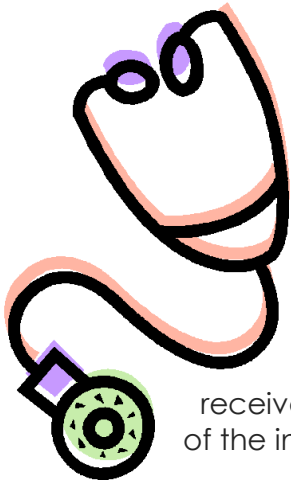
There will be NO grace/extension period for the implementation of this requirement.

***Your student will not be able to attend classes August 23rd and will be sent home
until the vaccination is received.***

This immunization can be received at your physician office or Linn-County public health department (319-892-6000). Walk-in clinics do not provide this vaccination.

Parents can provide proof of immunization to the LM Health Office by sending proof of immunization via mail, fax, email or drop off record to health office.

If you have any questions about the status of your student's immunizations,
please call our Health Office at 447-3415



NEWS FROM THE NURSES OFFICE

IMMUNIZATIONS:

6th grade parents, this information is for you! Students are required to have a Tdap immunization (a tetanus and pertussis containing vaccine) prior to 7th grade entry. If your student is seeing their doctor anytime this year for a well check, please ask the doctor to give them their Tdap booster. By being proactive and getting this shot taken care of prior to next fall, you will be saving yourself a trip to the doctor before school starts for the 2017-2018 school year. After they receive the immunization please make sure the Health Office receives an updated copy of the immunization record.

As cold and flu season arrive, we have a few important reminders to help keep your child healthy this winter.

FLU SHOTS:

Flu shots are not required for school attendance, but please know that by giving your child a flu shot, you are decreasing the chances of them catching the Influenza Virus. This year the Quadrivalent Shot will cover 4 strains of Influenza that your child could catch. Please note this year the Flumist is not being offered.

WHEN IS MY STUDENT TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Vomiting or Diarrhea: If your student suffers from either vomiting or diarrhea, they are not to return to school until it has been a full 24 hours since the last time they have vomited or had diarrhea.

Fever: If your student has had a fever, they need to be fever free (temperature less than 100.0 degrees) without the use of Tylenol or Advil for a full 24 hours before they return to school.

Please know that these rules are in the best interest of all of our students and help us to attempt to keep everyone healthy and learning. If you ever have any questions about when it is safe for your student to return to school after being ill, please feel free to call us at 447-3415.

TEXTING WHEN SICK:

We understand it is easier than ever to keep in touch with your children via phones/ texts. With this being said, if your student texts you to let you know they are sick, please ask them to come to the health office to be assessed prior to coming to get them. We will call you with an update on your student and then you can make a decision on whether you need to come and get them. Please know our goal as a health Office is to keep the kids in class and learning. Our criteria for sending them home is temperature greater than 100.0, vomiting or diarrhea. When students leave for the day the attendance secretary records the reason for their departure.



BOX TOPS

Thank you for your efforts last year in helping Oak Ridge collect box tops totaling over \$600!!! The money earned goes straight back into our school, helping fund a variety of events that benefit our students.

Please help us reach this year's goal of \$1,000. You can bring box tops to the main office in a bag or place the box tops on the collection sheets which are available from the link below. We appreciate your help! <http://www.boxtops4education.com/about/collection-sheets>



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COMMUNICATION TIPS

- 1. **Daily Bulletin** – Our daily announcements can be found on the Oak Ridge Website: <https://ps-linnmar.gwaea.org/bulletin/445>
- 2. **Oak Ridge Calendar:** http://www.crandicactivities.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=209&school_id=15
- 3. **Email** – We send important information via email. Please confirm your email address in Power School to make sure we have your correct email address on file.
- 4. **Website** – Please visit our website for school updates and information: <https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/school/oak-ridge/>
- 5. **Athletics** – Please visit the Oak Ridge website under Athletics for sports schedules, directions, forms and sign up information.
- 6. **Monitors** – Our school monitors are updated daily with upcoming events, school activities, athletics and important announcements.

NOTES FROM OFFICE

ABSENCES:

Parents must call the school by 9:00 A.M. when a child will not be in school or will be late for any reason. You may leave a voice mail on the attendance line, 447-3413, 24 hours a day. Please leave your student's first and last name, reason for absence, and a phone number where you can be reached. If we have not received a call by 9:00 A.M, we will attempt to contact you at all phone numbers available to us. If we are unable to verify your child's absence, a visit to the home may be necessary. The absence will remain as unexcused until we hear from you.

HOMEWORK:

If a student has been absent for two or more days, you may call the attendance line and request homework. Requests must be received by 9:00 A.M. and homework will be ready to pick up after 2:00 P.M.

LEAVING DURING THE DAY:

Please send a note with your child to bring to the office before school. They will be issued an early dismissal pass, which allows the student to leave class early and wait for you in the main office. This eliminates classroom interruptions. You must come in to sign them out.

If your child needs to leave school unexpectedly, you may call the attendance number and a pass will be delivered to the student at the next WOW time. If a student needs to leave before passes are delivered, we will call your child down when you come in to sign them out. Please allow as much notice as possible to avoid classroom interruptions.

ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL:

Class begins promptly at 8:00 A.M. Students who arrive after 8:00 A.M must sign in at the office. This is considered a late entry. Students in the building but not in class at 8:00 A.M. are considered tardy.