

Oak Ridge Newsletter

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CAREER SPEAKER DAY

On Friday, February 24, the 6th and 7th graders will have the opportunity to attend a Career Speaker Day at Oak Ridge. We are very grateful to be able to partner with Workplace Learning Connection in organizing this event. The 6th and 7th graders will get the chance to hear three different speakers from our community. The career pathways that will be represented at this event include: Agriscience, Engineering, Health, Art, Business, and Family/Human Services. We hope this will be an exciting and informative educational event where our students can begin exploring and learning about different types of careers!

Any Questions? Please contact Mrs. Wanda or Mrs. Woods.

Upcoming Events

Feb 10th

8th Grade T-shirt
orders are due

Feb 11th

Coffee Conversation

Feb 16th

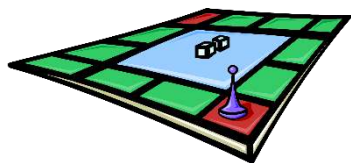
6th- 7th Grade
Activity Afternoon

Feb 21st

Spring Parent/Teacher
Conference sign up

Feb 24th

6th and 7th grade
Career Speaker Day



ACTIVITY AFTERNOON

Attention 6th and 7th grade students!

Please make plans to attend Activity Afternoon on Thursday, February 16th, from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Activities include: Open Gym, Video games, Movies and more! Concessions are available for an extra cost. Admission is \$3.00. This event is for Oak Ridge students only.

Please see Mrs. Deahl with questions.



OAK RIDGE TALENT SHOW

Oak Ridge students will have an opportunity to participate in our school Talent Show. Auditions will begin during the week of February 27th. Sign-ups are now available on the bulletin board outside the vocal room (608) and are open to all grade levels! MC (host) Auditions (8th grade only) will take place AFTER results are posted. The Oak Ridge Talent Show will be held on April 3rd.



ORCHESTRA

Tuesday, Feb. 7th - 5/6 Winter Orchestra Concert
7:00 p.m. @ HS AUD

Thursday, Feb. 16th - 7/HS Winter Orchestra Concert
6:00 p.m. @ HS AUD

Thursday, Feb. 16th - 8/HS Winter Orchestra Concert
7:30 p.m. @ HS AUD

Saturday, Feb. 25th - Orchestra Solo Festival @ HS Orchestra Room

Tuesday, Feb. 28th - Orchestra Solo Festival @ OR Band Room



BAND

Thursday, Feb. 9th 4-8pm @ Excelsior MS
Middle School Solo Festival
(All 7th and 8th grade band students)

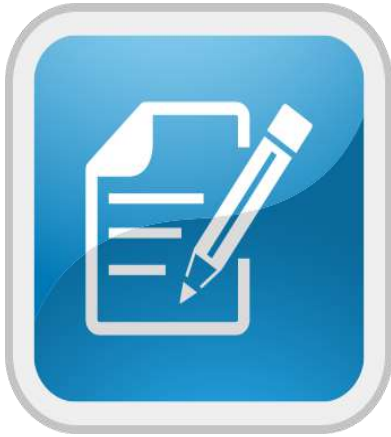
Saturday, Feb. 18th All Day @ Prairie HS
Young Musicians Honor Band
Selected 6th grade students only

Thursday, Feb. 23rd, 8am-1:00pm @ Coe College
Coe Jazz Summit
7th and 8th grade jazz students

Monday, Feb. 27th, 7:00pm, OR Gymnasium
Winter Jazz Concert
7th and 8th grade jazz students



All Oak Ridge students did a wonderful job! 7 students qualified for Regionals! As of right now, our Regional competition will be the "Chicago North Region". The Chicago North Regional Finals will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, from 2:00-5:15 at: St. Francis High School 2130 W Roosevelt Rd Wheaton, IL 60187. If you plan on going, please contact Mr. Campbell for details.



HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Attention 8th grade parents! High school registration is coming up fast! Please make note of these important dates:

- January 30- Registration window opens
- February 2- High School Counselors come to Oak Ridge to explain the registration process and class choices
- February 6- 8th grade parent night at the High School
- February 10- Registration is due- this includes online registration and the signed registration paper

** Please note that registration is NOT first come-first serve. Please encourage your student to take their time and make the best choices for them. If you have questions feel free to contact Kim Woods (8th grade counselor) at kwoods@linnmar.k12.ia.us or 319-447-3409.



DODGE BALL

Starting February 6th Mondays and Wednesdays

Where: Auxiliary Gym

Time: 2:45 – 3:45pm

Open to all grades, no sign up necessary!



COFFEE CONVERSATION

The Board will be hosting a Coffee Conversation at Oak Ridge Middle School beginning at 8:30 AM on Saturday, February 11th. This is a great opportunity to meet with Board members to discuss District events.



BENEFITING ALL AREA STUDENTS

CASH 4 STUDENTS

Save your Hy-Vee receipts to earn money for our school! \$1 will be earned for every \$200 collected in receipts. As of now we have collected \$127,325.42, which means \$636.63 for our school. Last year we earned over \$1,000! This year we would like to earn \$1,500!



BOX TOPS

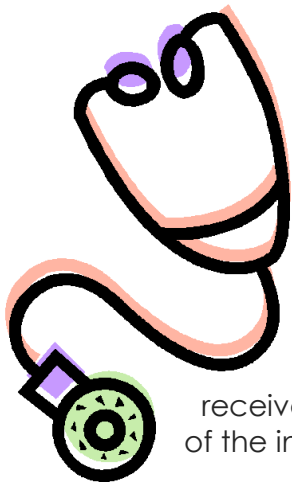
Thank you for your efforts last year in helping Oak Ridge collect box tops totaling over \$600!!! The money earned goes straight back into our school, helping fund variety of events that benefit our students.

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>

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.



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.

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.