

Oak Ridge Newsletter

March 2017

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SIXTH GRADE BIOGRAPHY CELEBRATION

MARK YOUR CALNEDARS FOR Tuesday, March 7th, for our Biography Celebration where your sixth grader will appear as their biography character. Sixth graders will be ready to share information about their famous person from 12:00 to 12:30, during an open house format. Please

park in the back lot and check in through the back door, #9. Students will dress up as their chosen biography character and bring 2-3 artifacts to display along with a poster that they made in class.

Hope to see you March 7th over your lunch break!

Please note: If Linn Mar has a snow/ice day between now and March 7th, we will have the celebration on March 8th.



Upcoming Events

March 3rd

8th Grade Dance

March 7th

6th Grade Biography Celebration

March 13th – 17th

No School -Spring Break

March 23rd

Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 28th

Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 30th

Parent/Teacher Conferences



CALLING ALL ARTISTS

The Oak Ridge Talent Show needs your help designing artwork for the big night!

We need artists to design the program cover and posters for the talent show.

See Mr. Hynek for details and examples.

Deadline to have artwork turned in is March 10th.

Don't Delay!



EIGHTH GRADE DANCE

Attention 8th graders: Please make plans to attend the 8th Grade Dance on Friday, March 3rd , from after school until 4:30 p.m.

The theme for the dance is Cowboys and Cowgirls, so wear your best Western gear that day! The songs for the dance have been voted on by 8th graders, and they have put together a great playlist. There will also be open gym, karaoke, and MarioKart Wii. 8th Graders decided on a potluck theme for snacks, which they will be learning more about in OCM.

Admission to the dance is \$3.00, and all the money goes towards the Oak Ridge Holiday Assistance Program. This event is being planned by 8th graders for 8th graders. We hope everyone can attend!



THE SPEECH AND DRAMA CLUB

Performance will be on March 8th in the vocal room at 3:15pm.
Students will perform:

- "Not Another Cheerleader"
- "Driving Permit"
- "Tea Party in Wonderland"
- "Pirate Training"

Speech and Drama Club session 3 will start Wednesday, April 5th.



OAK RIDGE TALENT SHOW

Mark your calendars!

Oak Ridge Talent Show is on April 3rd!

Show for students and staff is at 8:00am

Show for friends and family is at 7:00pm

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 April.



Culture Club

Come join us! We will learn about the cultures of different countries by trying recipes, crafts, and movies!

When: Wednesdays

Time: 2:45 - 3:45pm

Where: Meet in Ms. Sheronick's room 115



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.



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 \$143,848.94, which means \$719.42 for our school.

Last year we earned over \$1,000! This year we would like to earn \$1,500!

Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences

Sign up for spring conferences is now available. Using the site below, you will be able to log on and select which grade level team your son or daughter is on and sign up for a 30-minute slot of time that works for you. This block of time will allow you to see all your child's teachers during this conference slot:

Conferences Dates/Times:

- March 23rd 3:30 - 6:30
- March 28th 3:30 - 6:30
- March 30th 3:30 - 6:30

<https://oakridgelm.checkappointments.com>

Conferences Locations:

- Grade 6A and 6B** – Media Center
- Grade 7** – Cafeteria
- Grade 8** – Main Gym

We are looking forward to meeting with you.

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
- Parent Meeting TBA
- 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



KICKING IT UP FOR LINN-MAR KIDS!

ROARING 20's MANE EVENT
DINNER & AUCTION

REGISTER ONLINE AT linnmarfoundation.org
or return reservation card with check

Purchase individual tickets or gather a table of 10

Doors, Casino & Underground Escape open at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner, Improv Theatre & Live Auction at 7:30 p.m.
Gaming & Speakeasy reopen after Live Auction

EARLY BIRD tickets through March 3rd
\$60 per person / \$55 LM Staff & Alumni
After March 3rd, \$70 per person, \$65 LM Staff & Alumni

TABLES FILL FAST, BE SURE TO REGISTER TODAY!

EVENT FEATURES

- NEW Mobile bidding
- Shores Event Center
- Underground Escape Room
- Exciting Silent & Live Auctions
- Roaring Improv Dinner Show
- Philips Diamond Booth
- Blackjack, Roulette, Craps & Cash Raffles
- Fun Photo Booth & Speakeasy

Mane Event provides food classroom & curriculum projects throughout the Linn-Mar District

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Don't Miss the Linn-Mar Foundation's Mane Event

Friday, March 24th, Cedar Rapids Marriott, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for the Linn-Mar Foundation's 30th Annual Mane Event! This fun filled Roaring 20's style evening will feature dinner & dessert, exciting silent & live auctions, an Underground "Mini" Escape Room, Speakeasy, Improv dinner show featuring LM staff & TCR Actors, Blackjack, Roulette, Craps and Cash Raffles, Mobile Bidding and more!

Proceeds from the Mane Event directly benefit the Linn-Mar Community School District by providing K-12 classroom, curriculum and enrichment funding.

Early Bird ticket pricing through March 3rd! Reserve your tickets [here](#).

Here is our NEW website to buy tickets, view auction items, etc

<https://my.bidpal.net/2017maneevent>



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.**

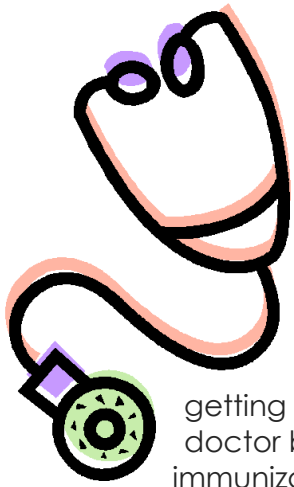
There will be NO grace/extension period for the implementation of this requirement.

***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.