

The Terror Tribune



HAPPY
NEW YEAR



Principal's Corner

Let me be the first to wish you a Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great winter break and are rested, relaxed, and ready for the remainder of the school year. It was great to see the students' smiling faces while greeting them at the door this week.

As we approach the halfway point of our school year, revisiting the attendance policy is helpful. Please remember to acquire doctors' notes when visiting a physician. Notes can be sent with students, emailed to acoffman@ottoeldred.org, or faxed to the school. Once students accumulate 10 days of absences, a note from the doctor is mandatory. Any COVID related absences warrant a phone call to the school to ensure appropriate protocols are being followed. Calling either building and asking to speak to the nurse or administrator is appropriate. If it is after hours, please use option 5 when calling the district phone number.

The end of the 2nd nine weeks is upon us. To ensure you are kept up to speed with your child/children's progress, please take advantage of our parent portal. This allows you to view their grades as they are put into the gradebook. If you need assistance setting this up, please contact Mrs. Suzanne Strait at sstrait@ottoeldred.org.

To close, I want to thank you, the parents, for your continued dedication and involvement in your child's education. I encourage you to please contact us should you have any questions so we can continue to work together as a team.

—Mrs. Nichole Garthwaite

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

GENEROSITY

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Gage Parkes | Aden Common |
| Anslee Fink | Jeanette Shepard |
| Janelle Stone | Peyton Baker |
| Cole Bennett | Levi Prescott |
| Ava Cummings | Evan Gross |
| Kailey Schimp | Ayden Church |
| Claire Henretta | Sophia Shaw |

Congratulations to the students of the month for December!

Character Trait of the Month for JANUARY is...

LEADERSHIP



BE *Somebody*
WHO MAKES
EVERYBODY
FEEL LIKE A
Somebody
--- KSD PRESIDENT ---

Counselor's Corner:

Student Support Groups: Due to the overwhelming response, student support groups will be held over a period of 2 months. Any students in grades K-4 who signed up to participate in the group sessions will meet throughout the month of January. Students who signed up for support groups in 5th and 6th grade will begin their groups in February. If you have any questions about the student support groups, please feel free to contact me for more information. You may call the school at (814) 817-1380 option 1, then option 5 or email me at kalfieri@ottoeldred.org.

Café' Corner

We are still navigating through a shortage of foods, supplies and workers. The Otto-Eldred Cafeteria is looking for long-term and daily cafeteria substitutes.

If you are looking for a job with the following:

- Part-time hours
- Flexible hours while your children are at school
- All days, no nights/weekends
- No holidays
- Summers off
- Interact with your own children and their friends

Please contact me for application details or questions at ckrott@ottoeldred.org, 814-817-1380, #2.

— Mrs. Chris Krott
OESD Food Services Director

Library Corner:

A friendly reminder to keep your books in a safe place and return them when finished. Report cards will be sent home in the next few weeks and any students with overdue books cannot receive report cards until books are returned.

Thank you!
—Mrs. Burkhouse

A Look Ahead...

- * **WINTER TESTING**– Dibels (K-4th) and Heggerty testing (Pre-K to 2nd) are being administered this month. Reading and Math MAP assessments for grades K-2 will be administered as well. MAP testing for grades 3-6 will be given in February. Results of the September assessments were shared at parent-teacher conferences.
- * 2nd Marking period ends on **Friday, 1/14/22.**
- * Report cards will be distributed on **Friday, 1/21/22.**



Nurse's Nook:

COVID, flu, strep and other illnesses continue to plague our communities. Physical distancing and frequent handwashing continue to be of utmost importance. Please be aware that optional masking is affecting our contact tracing as there is an increase in the identification of close contacts when students are positive for COVID. You will be notified if your child is affected. Options to avoid quarantine are vaccination, consistent mask wearing, or the "Test to Stay in school program". If you have any questions, concerns, or known COVID exposure, please contact OESD administration or Mrs. Templin at (mtemplin@ottoeldred.org) or 814-817-1380.

I'd like to thank you for keeping your children home when they are vomiting, have diarrhea, "goopy" eyes, a fever, or respiratory symptoms. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Health Office at the number noted above.— Mrs.. Templin



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Help Your Child Succeed in Preschool and Kindergarten Build the Habit of Good Attendance

DID YOU KNOW...

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from preschool forward.

Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:

- Gain early reading and math skills.
- Build relationships.
- Develop good attendance habits.

High quality preschool and kindergarten has many benefits!

- The routines your child develops will continue throughout school.
- Make the most of early grades by encouraging your child to attend every day.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Work with your child and his/her teacher to develop your child's strong attendance.

Talk about it – sing about it – make it an adventure!

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Share ideas with other parents for getting to school on time.

Before the school year starts

- Find out what day school starts and begin a countdown!
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Attend orientation with your child to meet teachers and classmates and find out about health and safety procedures.

Ready, Set, GO!

- If you are concerned your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice. Ask for resources to continue learning at home if needed.
- Ask family members or neighbors for assistance if you need help.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 medical appointments and extended trips when school is not in session.
- If your child seems anxious about preschool or kindergarten, talk to the program director, teacher, your doctor or other parents for advice.



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Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

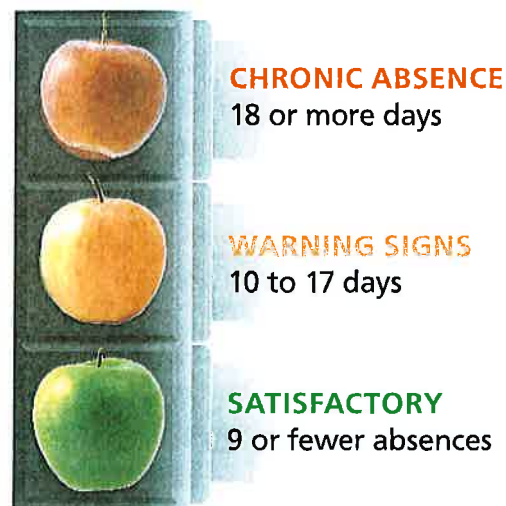
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.