



# Eagle Times

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## REMINDERS

- **Veterans Day Assembly in High School Gym, Friday, Nov. 10 at 9 a.m.**
- **Imo's Pizza Night for Oran Elementary, Friday, Nov. 17th, at Sikeston Imo's, all day.**



On Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. there will be an assembly in the Oran High School Gym to honor all those who served honorably in the military – in wartime or peacetime. We want to thank the men and women from our community for serving our country. If you are a Veteran we would love for you to attend our assembly.



## Star Student Awards

By Tammy Gaines

K-6 Counselor

Each month two students in each grade are selected to be a Star Student. Students were chosen to be a Star based on the following traits: good character, work ethic, kindness to their classmates, responsibility, or the student has made great improvements with their attitude, effort, and performance in class.

The following students earned the award for the month of September: Mili Fuemmeler, Hayden Schrum, Ben Evans, Thomas Kinney, Jase Hahn, Kierstyn Reynolds, Kolie Morgan, Tyler Brashear, Rylan White, Konner Williams, Gideon Davis, Bailey Hahn, Jasmine Bristow, and Andrew Dennis. We are very proud of these students for showing good character and encourage all students to consistently work toward showing good attitude daily at Oran Elementary.



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## Oran Students Achieve Success on the MAP and EOC's

Last spring students in grades 3-11 began their first day of MAP and EOC testing. The results came back in early June and the outcome was one that all teachers and students can be proud of. The district's scores are based on the percentage of students scoring in the top two achievement levels. Oran R-3 outperformed the state in ELA by 8 points, Math by 12, Science by 12, and in Social Studies students scored equivalent to state average. Oran Schools are very proud of their students for their hard work, dedication, and doing their personal best on the MAP and EOC.

## Notes from our Administrators...

### It's a Great Day to be an Oran Eagle

I am going to go away from the norm of listing activities, dates, etc. and shed some light on why I believe Oran R-3 schools is one of the BEST schools in the state. There are 3 major factors that are paramount to our school district's success and they are as follows:

**Community:** To understand a school district you must understand your community. The Oran community greatly reveres this school district and that is why it is the heart and pride of the community. The support provided is second to none and ALWAYS ensures our student's needs are met. Whether it is overwhelmingly passing a bond issue (THANK YOU for that) or volunteering time with elementary students at reading club, the support is always there. Undoubtedly Oran R-III schools would not be recognized as one of the elite in the state, without this community. Be it known to all, this community plays a pivotal role in supporting and facilitating an environment conducive for a great school.

**School:** One variable that is most often overlooked is the type of culture that a school provides for students. Regardless of recognizing it or not, culture will always exist in a school system. We at Oran R-III schools not only choose to recognize culture, but we embrace it. It takes everyone working with passion, pride, and most importantly a student's first approach to achieve optimal success. Having worked, lived, and graduated from here I can attest it is simply unique. It is unique in the sense that rarely everyone in a school district do you get so many people that CARE about their school and take PRIDE in it. We treat each other like family here because they are. Yes, our children's education is a top priority, but our number one priority is to make every student the best version of themselves.

**Students:** When I first started in education, I was told to base all your decisions off three things. Always do what's best for the 1) Students 2) School and 3) Community. When all is said and done it's all about the students. We are here for the kids and let there be no confusion about it, that is who we are here to serve. We are not only here to serve their educational needs, but to help them develop as productive members of society. Children are resilient, unique, passionate, creative, and downright AWESOME. We truly believe they all possess something that makes them great, sometimes we assist them to find it. In the end, each student will ultimately determine their own path of success, but the responsibility is on us as educators to facilitate that.

In closing, our vision is fully committed to not only maintaining a great school district, but improving it as well. I would like to thank each and every one of you for all you do for our school district.  
Sincerely,

Proud Oran Superintendent  
Adam E. Friga

# Elementary

By: Travis Spane, Elementary Principal

The 2017-2018 school year is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the way through and we have gotten off to a great start. I would like to welcome all of the new and returning students to Oran elementary this year. We had a great turn out at Open House and Parent Teacher Conferences; this shows how involved and how important your child's education is to you. It is great we have so many parents that care about education. Our Halloween parties were Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> and the kids had a blast dressing up. I would like to thank all of the parents that came to watch the parade in the cafeteria and stayed for the parties.

As most of you know we take the MAP test every year in grades 3-6, in math, English and in 5<sup>th</sup> grade science. I would like to take a minute to brag on our students. Once again, we had amazing test scores. Our students keep performing well each year on the MAP test. Year after year, we have some of the best scores in the state. These amazing scores are attributed to the hard work of our students, teachers, and parents. I truly appreciate and would like to thank you for all of the hard work you put into school each and every day, I am truly proud to say I am the Elementary Principal at Oran and my two daughters go to school at Oran. Our MAP reward trip was to Incredible Pizza in St. Louis for students who were Advanced, Proficient, or showed growth on their test scores. They had a great time and a lot of fun.

We have American Education week November 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>. During this week, we will have Grandparents breakfast November 13<sup>th</sup> for K-2 and November 14<sup>th</sup> for 3-6. If you have multiple grandchildren, please pick the day that works best for you to eat. We will also have our yearly book sale going on in the library.

Thanks from the PTO for your support on our Popcorn sales this year, as we increased our sales by 200 tubs over last year. This year PTO is looking to add another basketball court to the playground, so be looking for information on a fundraiser in the second semester to help with this cost.

I look forward to a great rest of the semester heading into Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## HOME WORK TIME QUICK TIPS

### What Parents can do to help?

#### **Set a regular homework time.**

A regular study time helps develop responsibility  
Students learn to use time better  
Find a schedule that works for you and your child.

#### **Let your child do the homework.**

If parents help too much, teachers can't see what a child is—and isn't—learning. Parents need to be nearby so that they can help answer questions, but let your child do the work.

#### **When your child says, "There's no homework."**

Declare that there's never a "no homework" day. If there are not assignments that day, your child can review for an upcoming test, read, or review math facts.

#### **When your child doesn't have time to do all the homework.**

If you feel that your child has to spend every free minute on homework, you may want to look more closely at what's going on.

**Look at your child's after-school schedule.** Set a time for homework every day and stick to this. You have to adjust this time as students get in upper grades.

**Make sure "Study Time" is spent on homework.** Have a study place that is free of distractions. Some children waste time daydreaming, playing games on the computer, and are easily distracted. Check on your children to see how they are doing to help keep them on task.

**Limit TV time.** Most children spend more hours watching TV than they do on homework. Some good tips are to limit the amount of TV watched each day or have a rule that there's not TV until homework is completed.

**Share your concerns with the teacher.** Communication is very important for parents and teachers. Together we can work to solve any issues of homework not getting completed. Students may need extra help on certain concepts. Getting better organized and getting the work home to parents are some of the big issues good communication can help solve.

**There are great parent resources in the elementary office from Quick Tips; please stop by and help yourself.**

# High School

By: Jim Gloth, High School Principal

WOW!! This has been a great start to the 2017-2018 school year. The faculty, staff, and student body have been working diligently in classrooms and around school. I am learning fast the dedication and commitment our staff, students, parents, and community has, is second to none, easily making Oran Schools one of the best schools in the state. For example Oran Schools did really well on the MAP tests given at the end of last year. Our students tested very well in numerous areas and everyone is very proud of the effort they give.

Athletics has gotten off to a good start with Jr. High Girls Basketball team doing well this year. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> teams won their respected season conference. At the end of the season, both teams competed in their conference tournament. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade finished second and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade won the championship. Fall Baseball put together a great season going undefeated. Jr. High Boys Basketball team is in the middle of their season. They are playing hard and putting together a respectable season as well.

There are some important dates coming up around the corner such as: Barnwarming on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, a simulated crash scene put together by our MO Track club on November 6<sup>th</sup>, and you won't want to miss our Veteran's Day Recognition which will be November 10<sup>th</sup>.

It is great to mention all the wonderful things going on in our activities and our athletics, but the real success happens in the classrooms. When a community, faculty, and staff pull together the group who prospers the most is the student.

## Jr. Beta Officers earn an invitation to National Convention in Savannah, Georgia

On October 12-13, Jr. Beta officers attended the Jr. Beta Leadership Summit at Southeast Missouri State. The students attended energetic seminars and learned what it means to be a servant leader. In addition, the officers presented their service project at the Service Expo and earned a Mastery citation and plaque. This ranking earned them an invite to the National Convention in June 2018, in Savannah, Georgia.

The Oran Jr. Beta is working with SEHealth Cancer Center and they are creating journals, hats and hand warmers for their patients. These projects are on-going through the school year. In addition, the Jr. Beta is sponsoring a canned food drive November 6-10. The food collected will be delivered to the Oran Jaycees for distribution.



Left: Diamond Redmon, Bralynn Morgan and Ainsley Streeter hold their Mastery plaque while posing in the Serenity Garden at Southeast Missouri State.

Right: Diamond Redmon, Ainsley Streeter, Bralynn Morgan and Chris Collins make a delivery of handwarmers, journals and hats to the SE-Health Cancer Center.

## Shakespeare's Pizza comes to Oran!

The Jr. Beta is holding their fall fundraiser from October 25-November 8. They are selling Shakespeare's Pizza from Columbia, MO. They are also selling Original Fried Pies from Sikeston. See a Jr. Beta member to order!

## Perfect Attendance 1st Quarter 2017-18

### Kindergarten

Layne Bramlett  
Josie Burke  
Brooklyn Hale  
Raelyn Holland  
Kyla Rains  
Olivia Smith  
Alaina Trankler  
Ashlynn Wicker

### 1st

Colten Brashear  
Eli Cook  
Lyla Davis  
Addison Jones  
Chase Kolwyck  
Shelby Reynolds  
Alexis Thomas

### 2nd

Addison Campbell  
Alexis Campbell  
Emma Dennis

Keaton Goodale  
Jase Hahn  
Nicholas Hess  
Braxton Reynolds  
Makaylynn Senciboy  
Fletcher Shoemaker

### 3rd

Tyler Brashear  
Levi Eftink  
Mackinze Kennard  
Kolie Morgan  
Autumn Ramos  
Eli Reynolds  
Konnor Streeter

### 4th

Allison Burke  
Duane Burks  
Cole Diebold  
Colyn Goodale  
Ava Knotts  
David Ouellette

### 5th

Paden Anderson  
Halle Boshell  
Caroline Brashear  
Emma Burks  
Gideon Davis  
Olivia Grisso  
Bailey Hahn  
Alyssa Jones  
Willow Ramos  
Ashton Stanley  
Brison Winchester

### 6th

Marshall Bradley  
Drake Dannemueller  
Lillian Knotts  
Bralynn Morgan  
Nathan Pobst  
Elijah Shoemaker  
Molly Spane  
Blake Urhahn

## 1st Quarter Honor Roll 2017-18

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Cody Albritton  
Marshall Bradley  
Jasmine Bristow  
Brenden Campbell  
Drake Dannemueller  
Andrew Dennis  
Jase Fuemmeler  
Lillian Knotts  
Anthony McNeely  
Bralynn Morgan  
Addison Nichols  
Nathan Pobst  
Dixie Shoemaker  
Elijah Shoemaker  
Molly Spane  
Benjamin Urhahn

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Paden Anderson  
Halle Boshell  
Caroline Brashear

### Emma Burks

Kolden Dobbs  
Lanny Frala  
Kylie Ingram  
Aiden Scheeter  
Lillian Senciboy  
Kaylee Williams  
Brison Winchester

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Allison Burke  
Alexander Burlison  
Cole Diebold  
Zaylie Diebold  
Mari Fuemmeler  
Colyn Goodale  
Brandy Guzman  
Ava Knotts  
Dustin Northern  
Rylan Romas  
Hayden Scott  
Rylan White

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Lucas Albritton  
Tyler Brashear  
Brennan Cochran  
Levi Eftink  
Gabrielle Emmons  
Linden Holmes  
Mackinze Kennard  
Luke Lewis  
Dean Morgan  
Kolie Morgan  
Brayden Nussbaum  
Autumn Ramos  
Konnor Streeter  
Allison Thomas

# Elementary School Happenings

## Kindergarten



10 Brag Tag Club Members

## First Grade

Mrs. Gelsheimer

Our first grade class is off and running! We are working hard. We recently began our Accelerated Reading Club meeting every Tuesday for an hour of reading in the library to help us meet our Accelerated Reading goals. We have been reviewing our vowels and consonants. We are presently working on our short vowel sounds. We have also been working on addition and subtraction. First grade has also been learning about Christopher Columbus. We enjoy working on IXL on the Chromebooks. The class can hardly wait for Halloween. I'm sure we will have a party to remember!! We are looking forward to a **great** year!!

## Second Grade

Mrs. Pobst

The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have been working very hard this quarter. It took us some time but we have finally adjusted to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and the new schedule. We have really been working hard on setting good examples for the kindergarteners and first graders.

In Reading (ELA) we have been working hard on main idea, drawing conclusions, predicting, and working toward meeting our AR goals. We have been discussing the importance of reading every night to practice becoming fluent readers in the same way that athletes practice to become fluent in their skills.

In Math we have been focusing on addition using break it down and compensation. This is a new skill for us and different from how our parents were taught adding. With practice, we have mastered breaking down a number into tens and ones, forming groups of tens, and then finally adding. This will give us a clearer reason as to why we regroup.

In Science we have learned about physical properties, mixtures, and soil. We have learned the importance of roots to prevent erosion.

We can't believe the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is over! We have worked very hard to learn the required skills this quarter but we still have many new skills to cover in the remaining of the year!

## Third Grade

Mrs. White

The first quarter of the new school year flew by quickly for our third graders. We started this year with 23 eager third graders, and they got down to the business of learning very quickly! Third grade is always a year with a lot of big changes for the students. They are expected to work more independently and take on more responsibility for their learning, and this group quickly stepped up to the challenge.

This year we are using a new communication tool called ClassDojo. It is a website that allows the teacher to track and monitor student behavior by awarding points for positive behavior or deducting points for negative behavior, and parents can receive notifications immediately. The students are excited to receive points, but I am most excited about how useful it is for keeping the parents up to date with what we are doing in our classroom. We were very fortunate that our school was able to purchase a new math series this year called enVision Math. This new math book is more closely aligned to the new Missouri Learning Standards, and it provides the rigor that the students need in order to really develop a deeper understanding of the third grade

learning objectives. The class started the year learning about multiplication and division concepts, and they are well on their way to mastering the basic multiplication facts. Of course, we will continue to drill on these facts and then basic division facts all year long!

In reading, the students spent the first quarter working with stories in the reading textbook, learning comprehension skills, and writing. They are currently working on their first 5 paragraph research paper and lapbook about an animal of their choice, and they are learning the importance of citing their sources. We can't wait to finish and display our final projects! Cursive writing is a new skill for our class, and they have been very excited to learn and practice it. I am very impressed at how easily many of them caught on. Overall, they are turning in beautifully written assignments that we are all very proud of!

**Fourth Grade**

Mrs. Conn

It's hard to believe the first quarter is already over! We began the year with a new math series so we spent the first quarter diving deeper into math. The students worked on adding and subtracting, multiplication, and place value of numbers. We read a wide variety of stories and worked on possessive nouns, plural and singular nouns, and other related topics. The students began learning about how our country was formed and we did a few activities about the different regions of the United States. The students enjoyed doing research and making posters. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, we'll switch to science. I have plans to do many experiments and hands-on activities to help students relate what we are learning to the world around them. I'm looking forward to a fun 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter

**Fifth Grade**

Mrs. Dennis

Our year has gotten off to a great start! Our class picked up right where we left off. We have been reviewing lots of skills from last year and learning new things in all of our subjects. In reading, we read the novel *Bridge to Terabithia*. In reading this novel, we were able to connect with Leslie and Jess and explore their friendship. This novel left us with a desire to read more by this author. So, we have just began another novel by Katherine Patterson, *The Great Gilly Hopkins*. In reading these novels, we focus on story plots, analyzing characters, look for the meanings of connections throughout the text, vocabulary development and so much more. Many students have also been working hard to achieve their AR and Accelerated Math goals. We have a goal for all students in our class to meet their personal goals for the second quarter.

In math, we have been working on place value, rounding and estimating, adding and subtracting decimals, and reason and logic. Multiplication is our focus now. We have mastered multiplying multi-digit numbers. We all were very successful on our assessment! We have now moved on to multiplying decimal numbers.

This year in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will be studying U.S. History. So far we have learned many things about the Revolutionary War and the Constitutional Convention. Did you know that Benjamin Franklin was the

oldest person to attend the convention? In science, we are currently learning about force and motion, along with simple machines. We have completed several experiments to explore Newton's Laws of Motion and solidify them in our minds. Next we will study the phases of the moon. The students are really looking forward to the edible activities associated with this unit!

**Sixth Grade**

Mrs. Hanlon

In our classroom, we have been BUSY, BUSY learning and working together on a variety of projects. Students are working to meet their goals in Accelerated Reading and Math. Many of them are also setting a good example by using good manners and polite gestures. They are learning not only in their subject areas but in their conversations and collaborative work. Also, they are learning to take on additional responsibilities, such as safety patrol, flag duty, and AR reading club helpers.

We are all coming together as a class family, and we look forward to the upcoming months!

**2017-2018 Yearbooks are on sale**



See a Yearbook Staff member or email Mrs. Kim Chronister for more information ([kchronister@oran.k12.mo.us](mailto:kchronister@oran.k12.mo.us)). The yearbooks are \$35.

## Art Club

By Mr. Pind

Wow where to start????

Art Club has their first meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> club day. Students will be working in small groups to brain storm ideas for art club banners. Members will be fed a variety of healthy candy as they work furiously to complete their designs. They may be treated to a variety of 90s alternative tunes from my favorite play lists.

Art club members shirts have all been tie-dyed and sent to the screener for printing of this year's theme from "X-Files". Hopefully everyone will be envious of this year's shirts. The dye turned out fantastic!

My sights are on this year's Veteran's Day set up. It will be the biggest ever! We have a variety of new and rare artifacts to show the students and guests. My art students are anxious to show off their Veteran's Day artwork to our Vet's and guests! Everyone is invited to attend our annual program on Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>. It starts at 9:00am in the Oran High School gymnasium. Bring a friend and attend!

This school year has brought some real artists out of the woodwork. The art room is filling up with competition ready art. Our batiks look awesome and I'm hoping for several ribbons at SEMO and Sikeston this season.

Stay tuned for more art news.... Mr. Pind

## Student Council

By: Amy Pobst, Adviser

Student Council started the year off with election of officers at our first meeting. Officers are Tori Akin-President, Megan Northern-Vice President, Savannah Below-Secretary, and Brannon Koch-Treasurer. During the first quarter we helped raise money by working the concession stand for the junior high basketball games. Coming up in the second semester we will have our blood drive. Please be on the lookout for that date and plan to help us save a life.

## FBLA

The FBLA hosted a career fair that we felt was a success with some excellent speakers. Our officers, Ashlonn Flanigan, Courtney Cochran, Kelsey Watkins, Paige Bradley, Megan Northern and Allison Holt, worked hard in making it a success. We are now selling Texas Roadhouse rolls that will be delivered the day before Thanksgiving, so see an FBLA member or call the school if you want to place an order. They are \$5 a dozen for rolls, \$2 for a thing of butter, and we also offer gift cards for sale.

The FBLA members look forward to preparing for their contests/tests that they will be competing in at the District Leadership Conference which will be held in February.



## Volleyball

Oran Lady Eagles had a great season! Our final record was 15-10-1. We accomplished winning the Silver Bracket in the Black Division of the Semo Spike Tournament and we won the South Conference Tournament. These are two really big accomplishments and we look forward to pushing more next year. Kaylee Payne, Cassie Cochran, and Kenzie Graviett made the All-Conference team. Kaylee Payne is awarded with player of the year and Miss Wibbenmeyer is named Coach of The Year. We will have our Little Volleyball Camp again in the Spring, so be looking for the sign-up!

## FCCLA

FCCLA has had a very productive year so far. We have just over 50 members and are continuing to grow each year. We have many students interested in competing in STAR Events this year. We have also hosted some events already. We hosted a Pink Up Your Pup and a Pink Up Volleyball game; we would like to thank everyone who came to show their support and a special thanks to our sponsors. We will have the total amount that was donated at the beginning of November. We thank you for your support to Breast Cancer Awareness. We also have attended Region 6 workshop at Scott City High School, Fall Leadership Conference at Tan-Tar-A, and Region 6 Conference at SEMO. We had Trick or Treat for Canned Goods on October 25th and collected 1,300 cans donated to the food pantry at the Baptist church. Also, Barnwarming is coming up November 3rd-we hope to have a great turnout! We have many other events coming up this year, and we will continue making lasting memories!

## JH Girls' Basketball

It was a fantastic year for junior high girls' basketball. Both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams captured 1<sup>st</sup> place during the conference regular season going undefeated in Scott-Mississippi Conference play. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the conference tournament and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade finished 1<sup>st</sup> despite only having three 8<sup>th</sup> graders on the team. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade finished with a record of 9-2 and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade went 15-1 with their only loss coming to Cape. The players are listed below:

Liza Dannenmueller  
Lilly Knotts  
Scarlett Schlosser  
Jasmine Bristow  
Laney Shy  
Molly Spane  
Hallie Nichols  
Sophie Bryeans

Grace Davis  
Emma Priggel  
Addie Nichols  
Bralynn Morgan  
Maddie Stickel  
Rylee Boshell  
Hannah Boshell  
Hope Woodfin

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