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REMINDERS

- **Summer School runs May 22 through June 15.**
- **Open House August 14th at 6 p.m.**
- **Enjoy your summer vacation.**

Star Student Awards

By Tammy Gaines

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 3rd quarter: Olivia Smith, Lane Holmes, Conner Cook, Lexi Thomas, Josie Mimms, Koby Pobst, Ayrrionna Triblett, Brennan Cochran, Zaylie Diebold, Hayden Scott, Jayden Williams, Olivia Grisso, Addie Nichols, and Nate Pobst. 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.



Celebrating Career Day

By: Tammy Gaines

On Tuesday May 8th, students in Third through sixth grade grades participated in their fourth annual Career Fair. The students had big smiles on their faces as they traveled from session to session. Students had been introduced the six career paths – Creative, Helping, Nature, Fixing and Building, Business, and Health. The goal of Career Day is to give students the opportunity to become familiar with and value all jobs in our community. There was a guest speaker from each career path; eight speakers were in attendance. Students were able to complete a career path survey which helped them to select a career path that they would be interested in. Students were also able to select which sessions they would attend. Career Day was a chance for students to have fun and learn at the same time.

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Notes from our Administrators...

The 2017-18 school year has been another successful one for Oran R-3 Schools. We have seen our students make great strides in the classrooms and in their extra-curricular activities. The amount of pride and hard work that our entire school family puts forth on a daily basis is second to none. I challenged our students and staff this year to ALWAYS give their best each and every day. From my observations while being in buildings, classrooms, and attending school events I believe that effort is in place. I could not be more proud to serve as Superintendent of such a great district.

Our mission is to serve our children, school, and community the best we can. We will continue not only to excel at a high level academically but to look for innovative ways to improve. I would like to personally thank Mrs. Marlene Scherer and Ms. Brenda Rhodes for their service to our district and wish them nothing but the best in their retirement.

In closing, the 2018-19 school year is right around the corner and we look forward to seeing familiar faces at our open house in August. The parental support in this district is key to our children's success in academics and life. I wish you all a great summer and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools
Adam E. Friga

Elementary News

We finished the year strong once again with MAP testing, AR field trips, play day, career day, and Muffins with Mom. I would like to thank all of the students, parents, and teachers for all of their hard work during the MAP test. Once again, here at Oran we are very proud of how our students have worked this year and especially proud of the effort they put in on doing their best on the MAP test.

Our PTO sponsored K-6 Play Day, which was held at school on May 14. We played games and had a lot of fun. Our PTO, headed by Tanya Albritton, held a Change War for the local Food Bank Backpacks for Friday program, and raised over \$1200. Mrs. Dennis' class received first place. They did a great job by raising over \$280. As a reward, students received sodas for 3 days. Fourth grade got second place, raising over \$240. Again this year, PTO sponsored Muffins for Mom and had a great turnout with over 300 people attending. Thank you to Mrs. Gelsheimer for organizing this event and to Ms. Rhodes for baking the muffins.

This year our Accelerated Reader Reward Trips were a big success. The K-2 students went to Malden to the Bootheel Youth Museum. Students in Grades 3-6 went to Ultimate Air Trampoline Park in Cape.

We will have summer school May 22 through June 15. If you have questions, please contact the school at 262-3435, option 1. If you have not registered your child, it is not too late. We have several trips planned such as going to the Aquatic Center in Cape; Cape County Parks; the movie theatre in Cape; and to Lazy L. Safari. We are really looking forward to an exciting summer school.

Once again, we have had a great school year here at Oran and I would like to thank all of the students, parents and staff for making Oran such a great school.

Have a safe summer.

Elementary Principal
Travis Spane

High School News

I am not sure where the second semester of the school year has gone, but the month of May is already upon us. Our students and staff have been rigorously working on End of Course and MAP testing to close out a successful school year. We have many dates coming up where we will honor our students in various banquets. The Junior High / High School Honors Tea award ceremony took place May 3rd. Senior graduation will take place May 13th at 2:00 pm in the high school gym.

I would like to thank all the parents and community members who are strongly committed to seeing us attain academic excellence at the highest level. We have a school district that the community can be proud of and your commitment along with the OHS staff is second to none. Thank you.

Staff members will be attending professional development meetings during the summer months in preparation to improve for the upcoming school year. The Professional Development Committee and I will be working on new ideas for improvements as well. I am excited to see what the future holds for our graduating class and for what next year will bring for OHS. I also want to welcome all the new parents and students to OHS. Please know that I will be communicating changes and OHS news through our newsletter and daily announcements. I encourage everyone to take some time to recharge your batteries over the summer. I am truly looking forward to working with our students and parents next year. Please feel free to contact me as you find questions. Thank you all for a great year!

Seniors: I thank you for the time and energy you have given to OHS. I will miss your presence here in our halls as you go off to seek out the next stage of your life. Remember every day is an opportunity. How you use that day is up to you. My wish is that you engage everyday with your passion and determination to make the best of every opportunity given to you. Thank you and best wishes.

Mr. Gloth
ORAN PROUD Jr. High/High School Principal

Elementary School Happenings

Kindergarten

Mrs. Mitchem

May 11th was a big day in Kindergarten. Mr. Mitchem's class celebrated all the students with summer birthdays and also said good bye to Kindergarten. Each student received a special keepsake book to help them remember their friends. It was a busy year full of learning and fun.

First Grade

Mrs. Gelsheimer

The school year is quickly coming to a close! The students in our class that met their Accelerated Reading Goals will be going on a field trip! We will be going to Malden to the Bootheel Youth Museum. We are excited about Muffins with Mom coming up! We are looking forward to Play Day. We have had an amazing school year. We have learned lots, played hard, and learned to be caring and considerate people. Summer will be here soon!!

Second Grade

Mrs. Pobst

We can't believe how fast this year has blown by us! We have been busy this quarter making sure that we have learned our 2nd grade curriculum so we will be ready for 3rd grade. In reading this quarter we have focused on main idea, sequencing events, classifying and categorizing, fantasy and reality, drawing conclusions, making judgements, and comparing and contrasting. One of the students favorite activities were making snacks using their sequencing directions. The activity got quite messy and interesting with some of the students' directions

but the students learned the importance of sequencing and following directions.

In math we have been focused on fractions, two and three dimensional shapes, measurement, and graphs. The students really enjoyed learning about 3-D shapes. We used food that was 3-D shaped to learn about their faces, edges, and vertices. They also enjoyed having the food for a snack!

As summer is upon us, please remember the importance of practice. We teachers do not want our students to lose any knowledge that the students have gained over the school year. Please make sure that your child is reading, writing, and practicing math facts throughout the summer. Also, take this time and enjoy your children. I enjoyed having them in my classroom throughout the year. Have a WONDERFUL summer break!

Third Grade

Mrs. White

Fourth quarter has been a busy time for the third grade class. After much preparation and hard work, the students took the MAP test for the first time. Many received notes of encouragement from their parents prior to the test, and they really enjoyed getting those words of wisdom. They tested over the course of three days, and we are all looking forward to receiving their scores from the state sometime next fall.

The students have been able to enjoy some fun activities this quarter, as well. The class took a half-day field trip to New Hamburg and attended "Farm Day" which was hosted by the Scott County Women in Agriculture. Many of the third graders earned the A.R. field trip to Ultimate Air Trampoline Park for meeting their A.R.

goals 3 out of 4 quarters. Mrs. Gaines also invited various presenters to speak to the students in grades 3-6 during "Career Day." They really enjoyed learning about possible career paths.

As school winds down and everyone dreams of relaxing, it is super important that the kids continue to read over the summer months. Kids really seem to enjoy visiting the public library, and I hope that they are able to take advantage of the summer reading program that is always offered there. Summer is also a good time to catch up on practicing those basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts that students must master for success. Just a few minutes each day can make a lot of difference next school year.

This has been a super group of students and parents to work with over the past school year. I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer vacation!

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Conn

This year flew by! The students were busy this quarter working on polygons, measurement, and angles in math. They really enjoyed reading *The Whipping Boy*. It was a more difficult book because it was set in medieval times and much of the vocabulary was of that time. It was interesting seeing the students try and figure out what some of the words meant. We watched the movie when we were finished and had a fun Cinco de Mayo celebration to celebrate finishing MAP testing. The students worked very hard and I'm excited to see the test scores! I know they all did their very best. I hope you have a relaxing summer and make lots of memories! I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching 4th grade.

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Dennis

We have been working so hard this time of year, we didn't even realize that the year has almost come to an end! In Reading, we have been working hard on reviewing all the skills that we have learned throughout the year. The students have really engaged themselves in doing the best that they can possibly do. They feel confident that they performed well on the MAP and will make Oran proud! I must say they definitely had their test-taking faces on. Several of our students qualified for the AR reward trip. They had a great time at Ultimate Air!

Fourth quarter math has been focused on measurement, fractions, decimals, geometry and major reviewing of all skills. We will be working hard for the rest of the year so we will be well prepared for 6th grade! We are reviewing coordinate planes, fractions, and geometric shapes, along with other skills, with some fun, hands-on class activities. The students have worked so hard to understand all concepts necessary to be successful in the future and to achieve their personal goals on the MAP Test.

I am so proud of all their effort and achievement this year! Each and every student has worked hard and I am so lucky to have had such a wonderful class to work with here at Oran Elementary.

Here's to a wonderful summer and a success-filled sixth grade year. The students are prepared and ready to take on whatever may come their way in next year!

Sixth Grade

Mrs. Hanlon

I cannot believe that the school year is coming to an end! I am SO proud of the students, and I have enjoyed watching them grow, mature, and, most importantly, LEARN throughout the year.

During the 4th Quarter, we have focused on our 6th grade skills and MAP preparation/testing. ALL students focused and put forth their best efforts on the ELA and Math sections. As a group, too, the students felt confident and positive about our work throughout the year and the test itself. I know that their hard work will pay off in terms of their learning, performance, and preparation for 7th grade. I know that they will be prepared, but I will definitely miss them!

It has been a WONDERFUL year, and I hope that all students and families have a wonderful summer break!



What's happening in the Arts

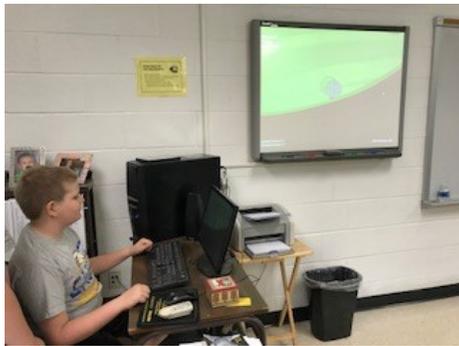
By: Mr. Pind

Wow! This year has flown by! I told my seniors to be ready, as this year will fly by. And, it has.

I am very proud to announce that we have had four winners in this year's Sikeston Depot Art Show. Courtney Cochran created a wonderful Ceramic tree with heavy texturing. It was entitled "Wyrnwood." Her piece won 3rd Place at this year's show. Second Place in Fibers category went to Jimmy May for his Batik entitled "Camping Trip." It depicts a wolf's eyes peering through tears in a tent, very creepy! Third place in Fibers Category goes to Bryant Hahn for his tornado themed batik he calls "Twister". This piece was done in purples and shows a sinuous storm cloud reeking havoc across a prairie landscape. Our final placement was done by Laney Koch. She received an honorable mention for her Batik entitled "Dream Catcher."

I wish all of my graduating seniors the very best in their future and keep on learning!

Elementary Career Fair Photos



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