

# It's Elementary!



The  
Oconto Elementary School  
&  
Oconto Literacy Charter School  
Family Newsletter

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## MAY/JUNE POSITIVE CHARACTER TRAITS

**OUR STUDENTS:** are **DEPENDABLE** in all situations especially when a better opportunity comes their way. They also demonstrate a positive **ATTITUDE** even when times are tough.

## From the Principal's Office:

*"Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools!"*

This is the National Teacher Day tagline for **Teacher Appreciation Week** that was celebrated this week. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our team of teachers and support staff for all of their outstanding efforts! They are a fine group of educators and our students most certainly are the beneficiaries! I would also like to express my gratitude to all of our students' parents who have helped to make the 2009-2010 school year another successful year. Working together, our goals are more quickly realized and in the years ahead, I hope we can continue to build on the partnership we have established!

Fourth quarter report cards will be mailed home on or before June 11, 2010. Students will be promoted to the next grade level unless a parent meeting is or has been scheduled with teachers and/or me to discuss future placement. If a child is retained, a parent signature form is requested and kept on file.

All students attending OES next year will receive information in the mail about orientation dates and times. The letters will be addressed to parents and should arrive sometime in mid August.

Finally, I'd like to wish our fourth grade students the best of luck and much success at the middle school next year. They have a strong foundation in academics and the arts, and are ready for the next challenge.

I hope all our students have a safe and enjoyable summer vacation as we look forward to another successful year at OES!



Thanks,

*Mr. Chad M. Collier*

## Important Dates

May 3 – 7	National Teacher Appreciation Week
May 6	Q4 Progress Reports Go Home
May 7	No School – Teacher Work Day
May 17	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM
May 20	Spring Concert/Mini-Musical Grade 3&4 – 6:00 PM
May 27	Charter School Board Meeting 8:30 AM
May 31	Memorial Day – No School
June 1	Honors Day Assembly K-3 – 1:00 PM
June 2	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition – 1:00 PM
June 3	Field Day/Fun Day- Last student day
June 11	Report Cards Mailed Home
June 21	Academic & Enrichment Summer School Begin

## Enrichment and Academic Summer School 2010

Registration for PreK-8 Summer School 2010 has begun! Registration forms are still available in the OES and OMS offices. Summer School classes are offered in three different time blocks. Students may sign up for 1, 2, or 3 classes. Summer School runs from June 21-July 1 and July 12- July 22. Classes are Monday-Thursday between 8:00-11:45. There are no classes July 2-11 due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Summer School offers a wide variety of Enrichment and Academic classes. Please contact Andrew Bucheger, Summer School Director, at 834-7806 ext. 461 ([andrew.bucheger@oconto.k12.wi.us](mailto:andrew.bucheger@oconto.k12.wi.us)) if you have any questions. We are hoping to see your child take part in this wonderful summer opportunity.

## Recess & Phy Ed Concerns

Please do not send your child to school in flip-flop shoes. We are seeing an increase in playground injuries because of them. It has also been requested that students not wear sandals on days that your child has Phy Ed, due to the same reason. Wearing tennis shoes is safe in all situations.

## From the desk of Cheryl Beekman, Family Involvement Coordinator

**SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS** – They mentor, they help teachers, and they pitch in wherever needed.

The range of opportunities available to our students increases greatly because of dedicated volunteers who assist in the classroom, chaperone field trips, sit on decision-making committees and work with the PTO. Extra-curricular activities such as Creative Connections, Science Fair and Family Reading Night depend on volunteers. On Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, OES staff and students were able to show their appreciation for all the hard work of our volunteers at a breakfast in their honor. All grade levels contributed to this event and were excited to give back to these very generous individuals. The contribution of our volunteers, whether parents, grandparents, community members or staff volunteering outside their paid work, help in so many ways toward our students achieving success. A heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers!

**TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK** – May 3rd through May 7th

Dedicated teachers and school staff are a precious resource. Our children spend many hours each day at school. Teachers work to shape children's character, they help mold them, and they teach them academic subjects needed to ensure success in the future. Teachers also help our kids deal with the complications of interacting with their peers. I encourage you to show your appreciation for the many ways the teachers and staff contribute to the lives of our children, not only this week but all year. The PTO, with the help of many wonderful parents and volunteers, have sponsored appreciation events throughout the week.

*"The good teacher makes the poor student good and the good student superior." Marva Collins*

### CREATING SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Do you remember when you were young and walked or cycled to and from school? Today parents drive their kids to nearly all activities, fearing for children's safety from crime and traffic. The once common site of children walking or biking to school has almost vanished.

Anyone can take the first step toward safer routes to school. Here are some suggestions:

- Walking Wednesdays – each Wednesday in May commit to walking or biking to school. Join one of our Walking School Routes.
- Start your own "Walking School Bus" or "Bike Train" - Volunteer parents take turns walking/biking children to and from school.
- Walking buddies – A great way for older students to walk to school in safety with their friends.

**Thank you for a Wonderful Year!!!!!!!**

## **OES SPRING CONCERT/MINI-MUSICAL**

(Performed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades)  
Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>



### **1:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal**

(Performance for the K-2 students)

### **6:00 p.m. Concert**

(Performance for family and friends)

**SunSational Star Singers (3 or 4 songs)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade (2 songs)**

**"GO WEST" musical by the 4<sup>th</sup> grade**

## **Kindergarten Readiness Website**

<http://www.oconto.k12.wi.us>

Reminder to 2010/2011 kindergarten parents: May information about math skills has been posted. The website will continue over the summer with activities about science and social studies. Thank you for your interest and participation. We look forward to seeing you at orientation in August.

## **Honor's Day Awards Assembly 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Assembly**

The **Honor's Day Awards Assembly** will be conducted on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM in the OES gymnasium. Many deserving students in grades K-3 will be honored for their outstanding achievements and fine citizenship throughout the school year. Everyone is invited to attend.

The **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Assembly** will be held Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 PM in the OES gymnasium. We will be honoring outstanding student achievement and also celebrate our fourth grader's final year at Oconto Elementary School. A reception will follow in the commons area for students and guests. Invitations will be coming home soon.

## **New Beginnings Fund Raiser**

*held at*

**Badger Bouncers Open House Event**

**Saturday ~ May 15, 2010**

**10am ~ 5pm**

*Cookout and Bucket Raffle*

*Proceeds Benefit*

*New Beginnings Work & Training Center*

*Gillett, Wisconsin*

Event located at: **849 East Frontage Road, Little Suamico**

*Come and play at our newly expanded indoor/outdoor play land! We will be having a cookout & raffles, wristbands half price, drawing for kiddie-prizes throughout the day. ....so come and join us!!!*

## **Fitness and Nutrition Tip**

The end of the school year is fast approaching! What are your summer plans? Vacation? Don't leave your healthy habits at home when you travel. Load a cooler with fruit, water and other healthy foods before you leave home – you'll have fast food right with you! This tip can save you money and lots of unhealthy calories while traveling. Also, make exercise fun on vacation- go swimming, take a hike or a bike ride. If you look for these types of activities at your favorite vacation spot, you will find them. Best of Healthy Luck to You this Summer!!

-This tip brought to you by Peterson Chiropractic, Oconto and the Oconto School's Nutrition Committee.