

# It's Elementary!



The  
Oconto Elementary School  
&  
Oconto Literacy Charter School  
Family Newsletter

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## MAY/JUNE LEADERSHIP TRAIT

**To help students understand Habit 7 of the 7-Habits of Leadership:**

**SHARPEN THE SAW "Balance Feels Best"**

**(To maintain and increase effectiveness, we must renew ourselves in body, heart, mind, and soul.)**

## From the Principal's Office:

**Teacher Appreciation Week** is being celebrated next 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 2011-2012 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 13, 2012. 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.

Information for students attending OES/OLCS next year will be displayed on the website in mid August, and orientation dates and times will be posted as well.

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/OLCS!



Thanks,

*Mr. Chad M. Collier*

## Important Dates

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| May 2      | Q4 Progress Reports Go Home                     |
| May 4      | No School – Teacher Work Day                    |
| May 7 – 11 | National Teacher Appreciation Week              |
| May 7      | Kid's First PTO Meeting 3:30 PM                 |
| May 17     | Spring Concert/Mini-Musical Grade 3&4 – 6:00 PM |
| May 22     | Board of Education Meeting – OMS - 6:30 PM      |
| May 25     | Charter School Board Meeting 8:30 AM            |
| May 28     | Memorial Day – No School                        |
| June 4     | Leadership Assembly K-3 - 1:00 PM               |
| June 5     | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition – 1:00 PM     |
| June 6     | Field Day/Fun Day- Last student day             |
| June 13    | Report Cards Mailed Home                        |
| June 18    | Academic & Enrichment Summer School Begin       |

## Enrichment and Academic Summer School 2012

Registration for PreK-8 Summer School 2012 will take place from April 23-May 15. Registration packets came home with your child on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 18-June 28 and July 9- July 19. Classes are Monday-Thursday between 8:00-11:45. There are no classes July 2-6 due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Summer School offers a wide variety of Enrichment and Academic classes. Please contact Summer School Director Chad Collier if you have any questions at 834-7808ext. 3106 or chad.collier@oconto.k12.wi.us. We are hoping to see your child take part in this wonderful summer opportunity.

**THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR!!!!!!!**

OES Attendance Line: 834-7808 - Please call before 9:00 A.M. if you know your child will be absent.

**From the desk of Sandy Kane, 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 Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, OES/OLCS 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 7th through May 11th

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*

**OES SPRING CONCERT/MINI-MUSICAL**  
**(Performed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades)**  
**Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**



**1:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal**  
**(Performance presented to K-2 students)**

**6:00 p.m. Concert**  
**(Performance presented to family and friends)**

**SunSational Star Singers (3 or 4 songs)**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> grade (2 songs)**  
**“JOUST” musical by the 4<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Leadership Assembly**  
**4th Grade Recognition Assembly**

The Leadership Assembly will be conducted on Monday, June 4th at 1:00 PM in the OES gymnasium. Students in grades K-3 will celebrate achievements made throughout the school year. Everyone is invited to attend.

The 4th Grade Recognition Assembly will be held Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</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.

**Fitness and Nutrition Tip**

The end of school year is fast approaching! What are your summer plans? Vacation? How about a Healthy Recipe Stay-cation? Check out the local library, bookstore or a friend’s bookshelf for cookbooks. Try a recipe with new ingredients or make finding the ingredients at the grocery store ( or farmer’s market) a treasure hunt. You could also try to re-work an old family favorite recipe into a healthier version. Think outside the recipe box this summer and enjoy some special family time!

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

Spring Cleaning? Too Many Kids Toys and Games??? Have Your Kids Out-Grown their Toys?? Need Some New Toys and Games for Summer Vacation? Please Join Us for the KIDS’ ITEMS ONLY Rummage Sale at Farnsworth Public Library Friday, June 1 8:30-4:00 & Saturday, June 2 8:30-11:00 We will gladly accept any of your donations of kids toys, games, workbooks, coloring books, art supplies, kids crafts, kids books and movies on Wednesday May 30 and Thursday May 31 from 10:00—5:00 at the Library. No clothes or furniture please! All monies raised will go to support the Children’s Programming at Farnsworth Public Library, Oconto Any Questions, please contact Amy Peterson at 834-4868-----Thanks for the help! Amy Peterson, President Friends of the Farnsworth Public Library

Join the fun at **Farnsworth Public Library** this summer!

You are invited to sign up for the library's Summer Reading Program,

**Dream Big... READ!**

Stop by the library soon and sign up for some summer fun. Last day to sign up is May 25.

**4 years old - 5K Sessions:** Fridays, 10:30 – 11:30 AM  
June 22 – July 20

**Completed 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sessions:** Tuesdays, 1:00 – 2:00 PM June 19 - July 17

No sessions during the week of July 1-7, same as OES Summer School

**Kindergarten Readiness Website**

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

Reminder to 2012/2013 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.

**Spirited Child Workshop**

Do you have a "spirited" child? Is your child more intense, emotional, persistent, active, moody, loud, anxious, frustrated, a perfectionist? If so, you may have a Spirited Child. Join other Oconto County Parents/caregivers to share coping skills and strategies that will help you and your children thrive on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at Abrams Elementary School from 5:30-8:00pm. Children ages 5-8 can also attend the Children's workshop which will help them handle their "spiritedness" in a positive way. Free Childcare will also be provided for siblings. The registration fee is \$4.00 per family. Make checks payable to UW-Extension. Registration deadline is one week prior to session (May 8, 2012). For more information or a registration brochure, contact UW-Extension at 920-834-6846, 301 Washington Street, Oconto WI 54153. You can also access the registration form at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/oconto/flp/ThrivingwithyourSpiritedChild.html>

**PTO Connection**

Spring Fundraiser

The Oconto Kids First PTO thanks all of you for supporting our spring fundraiser. Thanks to your support, participation and donations, we raised over \$1,500. This money is used to send our kids on field trips, lyceums, take home folders, planners, fun/field day, and much more. Also a special thank you to Sarah Floyd for all her hard work and effort she put into this fundraiser to make it a success.

April/May Reading Bag Winners:

4K/EC: Maddie Hanna/Jackson Cota  
Aden Moore/Elaina Moody  
K: Hanna Sotka/ChaseSchwaller  
Christopher LaForest/Leah Kimball  
1<sup>st</sup>: Alex Brown/Kathryn Alwin  
Krystal Galske/Jesse Puerzer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Maycie Phillips/David Westenberg  
Lillian Leary/Ashton Thiele  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Angelica Burdick/Ethan Stollfus  
Emma Walkowiak/Drake Larsen-Durand  
4<sup>th</sup>: Corey Guse/Leanna Coshenet  
Isaac Diaz/Isabella Burrows

Box Top\$ and Loaves 4 Learning

Great job everyone! We collected \$788.

Keep clipping your Box Top\$ this spring and summer. It's the longest time span we have to collect, almost eight months. Just think of the impact we can make! We'll be submitting again in December and next April.

Thank you to everyone who bought, clipped and sent in Box Top\$. Together we're ensuring our children's success!

PTO Board

The PTO is looking for volunteers to fill openings on the board for the 2012-2013 school year. If you are interested or have any question please contact Sheri Guse 834-4437.

Teacher Appreciation

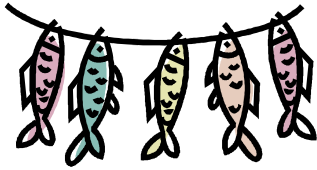
Teacher Appreciation is the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to help us show the teachers how much we appreciate them. Please contact Danielle at 826-2508

PTO Meetings

May 7<sup>th</sup>

June 4<sup>th</sup>

At 3:30 in the OES/OLCS Library (IMC)  
Free babysitting is available.  
Please join us.



**FISHING FOR FUN**

Hey Kids...(3yrs thru 3rd grade)...Register today to bring your Special Adult Male Role Model (example: Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, etc.) to attend the 7th annual "Fishing for Fun" Event at beautiful Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya on Chute Pond. This event will take place on Saturday, June 9, 2012 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and will include a bon fire, hotdogs etc. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT and kids will receive their very own Free Fishing Pole to take home. (If adult wants to fish, he will need a license.) Research shows that children with active adult Male Role Models have good grades, positive problem solving skills, good health, close friendships, as well as empathy and compassion. Take time for a little fun with your child(ren). This event is being brought to you by the Oconto County UW-Extension Parenting Resource Center. Donations from area businesses and Sportsman's Clubs make this event possible! REGISTRATION IS LIMITED, please register by June 1, by calling (920)834-7006, emailing [barb.truttman@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:barb.truttman@ces.uwex.edu) or obtain information from our website. <http://oconto.uwex.edu/>. University of Wisconsin-Extension, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA.



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**We're going green!**

In an effort to reduce our impact on the environment and lessen the amount of paper we use at school, we will be utilizing the technology we have available in the school district for summer communication. Information will be posted on the website for you to view when applicable. In addition, we will be utilizing our Alert-Now phone system to keep you informed of needed information. We will also email you information as well. To help us better communicate with you, please update us with your current summer email and phone information. Teacher assignments will be available after August 22<sup>nd</sup> on the Parent Portal link off of the [www.oconto.k12.wi.us](http://www.oconto.k12.wi.us) website. Thank You!

Child(ren) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Phone # \_\_\_\_\_