

In the Middle

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

The month of February is a sign that it's the last half of the second trimester. Progress reports have been mailed home and students need to push themselves to finish strong! Staff are here to help, but the will starts with the student. You can do this!

Please be aware of some important dates in February. There will be no school February 15th and 18th. School Counselor week is the 4th through the 8th. Thursday, February 28th will be our Camp Out with Reading from 5:30-7:30, don't miss it! We have early release days on the 13th and 27th for the extremely important Professional Leadership Communities (PLCs)

Oaklea wrestling has wrapped up and 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball is underway. Track will be starting soon, so be on the lookout for sign ups. Oaklea's robotics team competed tough and OBOB is gearing up for their competition in March.

For safety reasons, please remind your student to only use the cross walks to cross Rose St. after school. Also, if you plan to pick up a student, please do not park on the street along the front of the building. We have a number of buses that need to park there at varying times, so keeping the front clear is important.

Check out the "February is a Season For Giving" opportunities on page 3 of this newsletter. It includes fun ways to encourage your children to participate in these school-wide activities.

And lastly, statewide testing will begin soon. Our fifth and eighth graders will complete Science testing in February-March. Beginning in March, all students fifth through eighth will take the Smarter Balanced assessments in both Reading and Math. Like last year, students will only take the computer based assessments one time in the spring. If you would like to apply to opt your student out of testing, take a look at the district website under "Parents/Students", and click on "Smarter Balance Resources." Feel free to call me if you have any questions about testing or any other questions or concerns. As always, thank you for your continued support of our students!

Sincerely,

Justin Corey (jcorey@junctioncity.k12.or.us)

Principal

Calendar of Events

February

Wed 2/13 1:27 Early Release, 1:27 p.m.

Fri 2/15 No School-Non Contract Day

Mon 2/18 No School-Presidents Day

Wed 2/27 Early Release, 1:27 p.m.

Thu 2/28 Camp Out With Reading, 5:30-7:00

March

Fri 3/1 Oaklea Parent Group, 8:15 a.m.

Thu 3/7 Winter Music Concert, 7:00 pm

We 3/13 End of 2nd Trimester

3/14-3/15 No School-Teacher workdays

3/25-3/29 Spring Break

Student's of the month for February



The following students were nominated by their teacher for outstanding citizenship and dedication to school work. Congratulations!

Gracie W. is a 5th grader, who is hardworking, treats others with kindness, and is helpful and creative.

Patrick is a 6th grader, who is hard working, completes work in timely manner, gives extra effort, and gets along with others.

Ashley R. is a 7th grader, who is a dedicated student who does quality work and is courteous to others.

Kevin R. is an 8th grader, who is a dedicated learner, always pushes himself to give his best with a constant cheery disposition and willingness to help his peers.

Student Assemblies— Fun and Engaging!

We are having assemblies each month that involve a TEAM competition. This is an ongoing effort to foster strong student relationships, collaboration and sportsmanship skills, as well as a sense of community through fun activities created by teachers and our counselor. All students are involved in the planning and/or performances. Our TEAM challenges so far have included a choreographed lip-synch battle and a group “Statues” project where each class designed a still-life scene depicting a popular film. Up next is February’s Nursery Rhyme video challenge. The next three months will include Team Charades, a Public Service Announcement on school-wide expectations and values like citizenship, empathy, etc. The last competition will be a Synchronized Assembly where students create synchronized routines.

Joy O’Renick, Assistant Principal

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE COLLECT BOX TOPS!

The next deadline for box tops is March 1st. We will have a school wide competition for the first three weeks of February. The TOP Class turning in the most Box Tops will earn a candy bar party!

Nurses Corner In an effort to achieve a higher level of wellness at school, we are asking for your assistance. The following are some guidelines about when a student can return to school after an illness:

Fever: If their temperature is below 100 degrees for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol or other fever reducing medication.

Cough: If cough has been persistent and/or productive, student should be symptom free for 24 hours or have been on antibiotics for 24 hours.



OPG Parent Group News

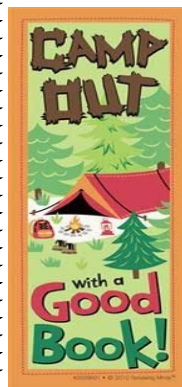
Thank you to everyone who participated in our Fall Fundraiser! We made just over \$5000 for our school - we will use these funds to further the education of our children! Way to go!

BOOK FAIR IS COMING SOON—Mark your calendars! The book fair will be in the Seminar Room on Monday, February 25 through Friday, March 1. We'll be open before school (7:45-8:05), during lunches (11-12:15) and after school (2:57-3:15). See you there!

Oaklea's Fabulous 2016-17 Yearbook! Your friends...Your Stories...Your School... Your Year! Cost is \$27 and can be ordered through the front office with cash or check made out to Oaklea Middle School. For online ordering using your credit or debit card, go to <https://YBPay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob> (job # 10189619) Online ordering deadline is April 22nd.

Calling All Campers !

On Thursday, February 28th, from 5:30 to 7:00 Oaklea will be **Camping Out Wth Reading!**



We'll start out with hot dogs, chips and lemonade and then move through a variety of camping/reading activities. The last station of the evening will be S'mores! Yum! If you visit **every station**, you'll be eligible for one of three \$25 raffle prizes. Also, you'll receive a \$5 coupon to spend at the Oaklea Book Fair.

FEBRUARY IS THE SEASON FOR GIVING

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR.– FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

ALL 7th and 8th Grade Students are invited to attend the Sweet Heart Dance– Thursday, February 14th
3:00–4:30

This event will be a school food drive competition with other schools in Lane County. The cost to get into the dance will be 3 cans of food or \$3.00. Students will enjoy the Dance hosted by Oaklea’s Dance Committee members, with a special DJ appearance by our very own Principal, Justin Corey and our School Officer, Ken Jackson (aka. DJKJ). Students will be able to purchase food/snacks at the dance to include; Pizza, chips, water, Gatorade and Candy.

5th – 8th Grade students starting Feb 4th through Feb 14th may purchase carnations with a note (A flower dedication) in the front office. The “flower dedications” will be \$2.00 each. These flowers and notes can be made out to friends, teachers, or other significant people at Oaklea and will be delivered to the students by the end of the school day on Valentine’s Day.

These two events were planned so that our school could compete in Lane County’s School Food Drive Competition... LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR.



Pennies for Patients Campaign February 4–28

Did you know that every 3 minutes someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer and every 9 minutes someone loses their battle? Please join our Oaklea Staff and Students in their lifesaving fundraising adventure in the fight against blood cancer, by donating to your child’s TEAM Class. Classes will be competing to see who raises the most money and the winner will earn a Party of their choice (Pizza Party, Donut and Hot Chocolate Party, Ice Cream Float Party, or Popcorn Party) Let’s do this!!!