

GRIZZLY DEN NEWS

Parent Newsletter

Thank you for making a difference in your child's education.



Winter/Spring 2019

Dates to Remember

February 16 – Baseball Jamboree

February 23 – Volleyball Jamboree

February 25 – March 1 – Book Fair

March 10 – Daylight Savings time starts

March 29 – 3rd Quarter Ends

April 1 – 4th Quarter Starts



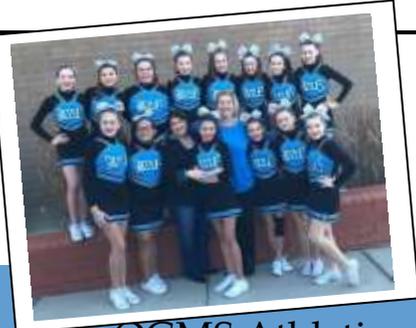
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@ <https://ogms.davidson.k12.nc.us>

Find out what is happening in the Grizzly

D – Digging in the dirt - The Shield team continues to produce horticulture magic in their GROWL Garden. The vegetables are even donated to Pastor's Pantry and the flowers are donated to Hospice of Davidson County.

E – Excelling inside and outside the classroom – Spelling Bee Winner – Sophia Everhart, Geography Bee Winner – Jesse McBride, the MathCounts team will compete in the regional competition on February 16th at WFU, the Robotics team continue to practice on Thursdays for RoboDavidson on April 6th at OGHS. The Battle of the Books team is preparing for competition each Monday afternoon to get ready for their district competition.

N – Nurturing to the needs of others – The Grizzly Pantry continues to provide for our students in need. Thank you to those that have provided items for our students. These donations are much appreciated.



OGMS Athletics

Congratulations to our OGMS athletes!



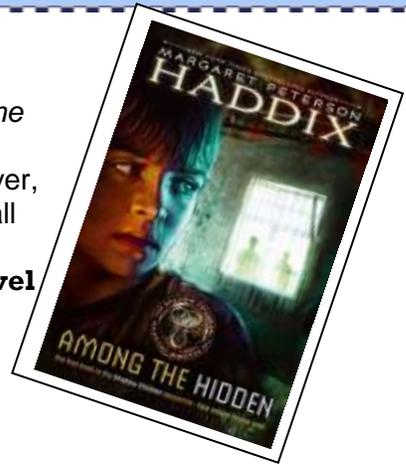
Our basketball teams and cheerleaders completed successful seasons. Our Lady Grizzlies finished as Conference Champs!! Please continue to show your school spirit and support our student athletes with the start of baseball and volleyball. The first baseball game is February 25 and the first volleyball match will be March 5th.

At a glance for the 7th grade third quarter....

Help your child prepare for 3rd quarter. The following info provides an overview of what will be happening in their classrooms.

ELA:

This quarter in ELA, students will be reading a whole class novel, *Among the Hidden*, tying in nonfiction articles and topics to further explore topics presented in the novel. We do have copies of the novel for students; however, many have been “loved” by students for several years and are starting to fall apart and/or are missing pages. **7th Grade ELA teachers would gladly accept and appreciate donations of this wonderful, high-interest novel for our students to enjoy.** We will also continue to explore figurative language, and begin examining how author’s use it in poetry.



Math:

We will be spending the first part of the 3rd quarter finishing our unit on probability. Next we move back to the expressions and equations portion of the curriculum to talk about inequalities. The second half of the quarter will revolve around geometry and making connections to other strands of the curriculum such as Ratios and Proportions and Expressions and Equations. We will focus on topics that include angles, area and perimeter of polygons, circles, and volume and surface area of prisms.



Science:

We will be studying the human body for the entire 3rd quarter. We will be starting with body organization and homeostasis and then move to learning the following organ systems: skeletal, muscular, integumentary (skin), digestive, immune, excretory, respiratory, and cardiovascular. Review assignments called “Throwback Thursdays” will begin soon.



Social Studies:

We begin our study of **imperialism – the domination by one country of the political, economic, and cultural life of another country.** Our focus with this big concept will be in the areas of Asia and Africa. We also find out how this concept led to the Great War/World War I and World War II. Finally, we will be studying the wars! Please continue to encourage your child to bring home his/her SS notebook to study these “new” items. Social Studies will also begin review assignments called “Flashback Fridays”, information will be posted on our websites and google classroom.



The 2018-19 Yearbook is now available for pre-order.

The price of a yearbook is \$45

The Grizzly Package

1 yearbook, 1 name stamp, 1 icon - \$48

Visit the Oak Grove Website >Parents>Students>Clubs>Yearbook for ordering information





ENCORE:

Art

With the new semester students will begin creating many different projects that they can be proud of while simultaneously learning valuable aspects of creativity and art. The course curriculum will focus on the basic elements of design including; line, value, space, shape, and texture. The students in this class will explore different art mediums, progress their artistic ability, and have a firm understanding of what art class has to offer them. *Supplies needed for second-semester students:*

- Pencils
- Journal/Sketch Pad
- Eraser

First semester students can collect their work off the hallway walls. All artwork will be returned by the end of the year.

Family and Consumer Science

7th & 8th: Students will learn about nutrition, wellness, as well as basic childcare needs. Students will be exposed to kitchen basics, safety and meal planning. They will learn the factors that influence their nutrition and wellness. Students will also learn the basics of how to care for young children. If time allows, students will be exposed to other life skill concepts such as basic sewing and design. *Supplies needed for this class include: pencils, 1 folder (no prongs needed)*

Exploring Technology and Engineering

Second semester students will begin “Exploring Technology and Design” with a paper airplane project that introduces them to the engineering design process. Students will then begin working on the PITSCO modules where they might build a balsa wood tower, create a bottle rocket, wire a series and parallel circuit, or program the LEGO robot. I would say, students really enjoy the hands-on, real world projects we do in the STEM lab here at OGMS!

Business and Technology

Keyboarding & Basis Word Processing:

Keyboarding is a one-semester course designed to help students develop speed and accuracy by learning the touch operation of alphanumeric/keyboard characters. Emphasis is placed on the following: Mastery of the keyboard with desirable keyboarding techniques; development of speed and accuracy; and proper care of the equipment. In addition, throughout the semester we will be talking about Cyber Safety and Cyber Ethics. Students will gain an understanding of computer ethics/safety and will become aware of what is appropriate and what is NOT appropriate in today's fast paced world. *No supplies needed at this time.*

PE/Health

Health Classes have been studying the effects of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco on the body and how to avoid getting involved with dangerous substances, including JUUL's and E-Cigarettes. The Health Classes will begin a Personal Health/First Aid/ CPR unit toward the end of February.

The Physical Education Classes have been involved with a basketball unit, basic skills, and rules leading to a tournament in class. Our next unit will be learning the basics of lacrosse, utilizing a range of motion not common for many of our students.

Band

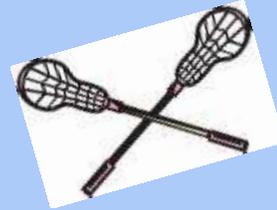
The OGMS Band Program has had a successful first half to our year! With two concerts in the books, we are now looking forward to our MPA in March and a trip to Carowinds to perform in the Festival of Music in April. Both of these events are adjudicated, and we are hoping to bring a great score and rating back to OGMS for both events! In order to prepare for these events, a few guest clinicians will be visiting us at OGMS to provide some live critiques and help in our preparation for our performances.

The Northwest All-District Honor Band auditions were held on January 19th. Seven students from OGMS qualified to participate in this group, with three scoring high enough to qualify for All-State auditions in March! The All-District Clinic will be held on February 15-16 at Appalachian State University.

Chorus

Oak Grove Chorus and General Music has had a fun and productive first half of the year!

7th and 8th Grade Chorus put on a successful winter concert in December, as well as singing at many community events. In 3rd quarter, the chorus is exploring music standards through a variety of pop choral music in preparation for a spring concert, as well as studying classical choral repertoire and sight-reading for MPA (Music Performance Adjudication) in March. For the spring concert, students will explore the historical context of pop music, challenging harmonies, and best performance practices. For MPA, students will work on rhythmic and melodic music literacy, singing two contrasting pieces with high levels of accuracy and expression, and rubric-based performance evaluation. They will also get to work with a guest clinician in an MPA workshop to receive live feedback and critique on these pieces. We look forward to a busy and productive semester of singing, performing, and musical learning.



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