

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



Keep up-to-date on all events
@ <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 5.

At a glance for the 8th grade third quarter....

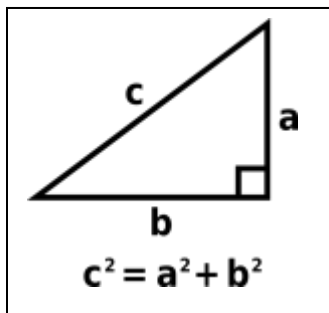
Help your child prepare for 3rd quarter. The following info provides an overview of what will be happening in their classrooms.

ELA:

Students will be moving into Novel Choices with a continued focus on comprehension/writing activities in small groups.

Students will create a formal paper/argumentative essay.

i-Ready: Students are expected to complete a lesson a week as well as 45 minutes.



Math 8:

Math 8 students will be solving systems of linear equations, working with functions and learning about scatterplots.

Math I:

Math 1 students will be exploring Scientific Notation and the Laws of Exponents, Exponential Functions, and the Pythagorean Theorem.

Science:

In the third quarter for 8th grade Science, students will be delving into oceans, ocean zones, and ecosystems.



Social Studies:

Our students will be studying the Civil War and its aftermath called Reconstruction. Students will evaluate court cases and study new amendments which promoted equality among the citizens of the United States at this time. American Industrialization and Progressive Era politics will also be covered as we merged into the 20th century.

Field Trip Reminder:

Last payment for the 8th Grade Field Trip is due March 1st, 2019. No refunds will be allowed after March 2nd. 8th Grade Mountain field trip is May 8th, 2019.

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

Exploring Business & Leadership is a new subject for Oak Grove 8th Graders this semester. Students will be exposed to many fun things in this curriculum that lets the students explore career possibilities as well as building a foundation for leadership in the classroom. *Supplies needed are pencils & a 2 pocket folder (no prongs).*

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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