

# 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends
- April 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> at WFU, the Robotics team continue to practice on Thursdays for RoboDavidson on April 6<sup>th</sup> at OGHS. The Battle of the Books team is preparing for competition each Monday afternoon to get ready for the 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!



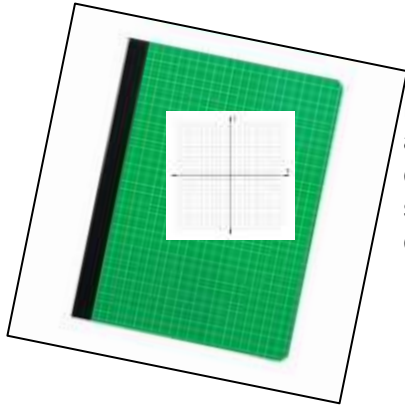
Our basketball teams and cheerleaders completed successful seasons. Our Lady Grizzlies finished as Conference Champs!! Please continue to show your school spirit and support our student athletes with the start of baseball and volleyball. The first baseball game is February 25 and the first volleyball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

# At a glance for the 6<sup>th</sup> 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:

ELA's 3rd quarter focus is informational text. We will be exploring concepts such as: central idea with support, author's craft, and determining the meaning of unknown words using context clues. Homework will also change with the study of these concepts. The core of homework will continue to be vocabulary building, but look for activities using excerpts of text. Please continue to work on iReady lessons, making sure to get 45 minutes of instruction for Reading and Math per week. Students should also be recording those lessons on an "iReady Google Form" located in their Google ELA Classroom.

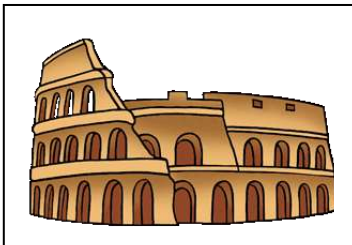


## Math:

Math will focus on making sense of the coordinate plane, along with reasoning with algebraic expressions and equations during the 3rd nine weeks. We will also continue to spiral back to revisit and review 1st and 2nd nine weeks skills. Students should continue to bring home ISNs (Interactive Student Notebooks) each night to complete homework.

## Science:

Science is finishing up with Ecosystems and Biomes. We are excited about starting Matter, Sound, Light, Electromagnetic Spectrum, and Heat this quarter. We are also planning an exciting **field trip** coming up in the 4th quarter to the **Charlotte Motor Speedway**. We will be participating in their STEM program they conduct for students. Please have students continue to study their interactive science notebooks and our websites daily.



## Social Studies:

Social Studies will be finishing up with ancient China. We will next be exploring the histories of the Greeks, Romans, and Vikings. In each of these civilizations, we will look at how the five themes of geography relate to their historical impact. We will discover major events, various aspects of their cultures, inventions or lasting contributions of these civilizations. Students should bring home their notebooks to review new information every other night.

***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**

6th Grade: Students will understand and make the connection between their interests, values, personality and career choices. Students will begin matching careers to who they are and will understand the world of work, skills needed to be successful employees, and how to search and make a career plan. As time allows, students will also be exposed to basic cooking skills, 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.

By the end of the 3rd quarter, our 6th Grade Beginner Band will have full instrumentation! Students have already switched to percussion and alto saxophone, and more students are looking to explore a variety of other instruments based on their interests and unique skill sets. We will showcase this fully stocked instrumentation in our Spring Concert at the end of the year.

### **Chorus**

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

6th grade General Music is exploring music standards through project based learning. In third quarter, we explore concepts of rhythm and composition, music of ancient civilizations, and vocal health and wellness issues. In fourth quarter, we will dive into singing technique, pitch, music literacy, basics of keyboarding, music history, Broadway, and popular music.

