

The Rocky Reader

Every Child, Every Day



January/February 2019 Newsletter

A Message from Principal Discher

Hello OME Families,

I want to thank-you again for your continued support of your children and our school. Attendance for Student Led Conferences was outstanding and it is evident by the smile on our student's faces, how proud they are when they can sit down with you and share what they are learning and how they are performing. It was heartwarming to hear the students be so honest about their performance and to feel comfortable enough to share their struggles and ask for help in choosing goals for improvement. We are excited to see them display a Growth Mind Set about their abilities and embrace the power of "yet". Each day we encourage them to do a little better than the day before and at the end of a 180 day journey...we know they will be so proud of their efforts and accomplishments. We believe our students are bound for greatness and it is our job to help them realize and access their full potential. Thank you for all you do to help support this process!



Sincerely,

Mrs. Discher - Proud Principal of Old Mill Elementary

Calendar of Events

- Feb 4 - Literacy Month Kick-Off
- Feb 4-8 - National School Counseling Week
- Feb 12 - District PTA Meeting
- Feb 14 - OME PTA Meeting/ Valentine's Day Celebrations
- Feb. 18 - President's Day No School
- Feb.20 - Box Top collection deadline
- Feb. 22-4th Grade Mountain Man Rendezvous
- Feb. 25-5th grade rotations- Reaction Time

Digital Citizenship- Our students here at Old Mill have been given the opportunity to use computers as tools and resources to deepen their educational learning. Along with teaching them how to use the computers and how to navigate safely to the school approved sites, we want them to be good digital citizens. The digital citizenship lessons teach students about what kinds of information they can safely share on the internet and how they should treat others while on the internet. Grades 1-3 are learning about Digital Footprints and Personal vs. Private information. Grades 4-5 are learning about Rings of Responsibility and keeping their own information private.

Counselor's Corner -Mr. Mangum

The year is half over and I am having a great time with your students and sharing lessons each month. I just wanted to say thank you for your support and kind words throughout the year. I thought it might be helpful to remind you of each of the months lessons to date:

September: Greetings, October: Kindness: Kindness is Cooler, November: Gratitude: Attitude of Gratitude, December: Self-Advocate: Stand Tall, January: Honesty/Integrity: Always Honest, February: Empathy: Compassion Counts

I love to hear your students come up and tell me the little "tag line" that we discuss. Please continue to reinforce and have discussions about these topics. We have also spent time throughout the year discussing the importance of taking deep breaths when we need a break. Ask your student about it and remind them at home when they may need a "time-out". Thanks, Mr. Mangum

A message from PTA

PTA Message:

LOOKING BACK...Late January was a busy time for PTA with our second round of Book Fair and Student Led Conferences (SLC's)! We had a fun Winter Book Fair "Experiencing the Magic of Reading!" Harry Potter was in the library welcoming our Old Mill Owls at the door. We exceeded our sales goal and sold over 1350 books!! Thank you to all our families that stopped by and supported our school. Of course, thank you to all our volunteers that really make the magic happen! **Save the date for the BOGO Book fair April 15-19th, the week before Easter!**

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR BOOK FAIR CHAIRS! Amber Overton & Amber Peterson These rock stars organize 3 book fairs per school year and have made a significant contribution to literacy resources in our extended school community including our school library, classroom libraries, and books for our students to call their own. PTA also wants to thank our book fair volunteers who collectively donated over 100 hours to our school community in 1 week! Every hour helps! We could not do it without you!

Fun Fact: Did you know that 2 volunteer hours at book fair earns you a \$5 Scholastic reward...not to mention a preview of the book selection!

During conferences, PTA organizes and provides dinner for our wonderful teachers. A special thank you to our chair, Heidi Koberlein, for making sure our teachers are well fed and all the volunteers who brought in food items.

LOOKING FORWARD...February is Literacy Month! We are excited to kick off Literacy Month during the month of February. Our theme this year is, **"Experience the Magic of Reading"**. J. K. Rowling once said "I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book." We want our students at OME to find that book that brings out that magic and helps them gain a love to read! Encourage your students to participate and turn in their reading logs. There are lots of prizes to give away just for reading!! The Ministry of magic will be watching for readers!!

*Are you looking for
a really good
book?*

*Go to the Old Mill Website
and look under
Announcements to see the
Brag Tag Bookmarks. (you
can also look under
Student Resources)*

*When you finish reading
all of the books on the
bookmark you will get a
brag tag from Principal
Discher!*

Reading at the Book Fair

