



OEES Terror Times

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SEPTEMBER 2026



Principal's Corner

Greetings, OE Families!

A brand-new school year is here! I hope your summer was filled with rest, joy, and meaningful moments that refreshed and recharged you. As we open our doors for another exciting year, we look forward to new opportunities, continued growth, and many shared successes.

This year, we will strive for academic excellence while continuing to build a strong school community rooted in kindness, respect, curiosity, and connection. Together, we can create a place where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to learn and grow.

To our families, thank you for your continued partnership and support. Your involvement plays a key role in creating a positive and successful experience for every student.

To our dedicated staff—thank you for your creativity, hard work, and unwavering commitment to our school's mission. The floors are shining, technology has been updated, and the classrooms are ready for another incredible school year.

Let's make this a year filled with connection, discovery, learning, and success. I'm excited to see all that we will accomplish together.

Here's to a wonderful school year ahead!

Nichole M. Garthwaite



OEES Picture Day- Sept. 3rd

Labor Day- Sept. 7th



Please remember to use the side parking lot for student drop-off and parent pick-up.

Our buses use the front circle, and they are on a tight schedule. Keeping the front circle clear helps them arrive and depart safely and on time.

Thank you for helping us keep arrival and dismissal running smoothly!



As a parent or guardian of an OEES student, you are automatically a PTO member! As a member, we welcome you to attend meetings and participate in PTO events.

Please join us on **September 14th @ 5:30 pm** in the elementary cafeteria for our next PTO MEETING.

Café Corner

GREAT NEWS!!



ALL students enrolled at our school can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at **NO CHARGE**. No application or further information is needed due to the school participating in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP).

BIRTHDAY TREAT INFO!!



To order birthday treats for your child's class on their special day, submit your order from the district webpage or through the link that was previously e-mailed to households. This service costs \$1.75 per classroom child and includes a decorative bag filled with a snack, a drink and a small prize (pencils, stickers, novelties) for your child and each of their classmates.

Nurses Nook:

Vision screenings will be completed over the next month or so for all students. If your student has been prescribed glasses, please ensure that they are wearing them on a consistent basis as uncorrected vision disorders can affect learning. If a referral is sent home for your child, please see an eye care specialist as soon as possible. If you do not have vision coverage, contact the nurse's office by calling 814-817-1380, as there are programs to assist you.

A friendly reminder to please keep your children home if you notice any of the following:

- ✓ red, swollen eyes with drainage
- ✓ fever/**must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school**
- ✓ vomited during the night or in the morning
- ✓ severe, persistent cough

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 814-817-1380, or email Miss Brown, hbrown@ottoeldred.org and Mrs. Beckham, bbeckham@ottoeldred.org

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Did you know...

- Poor school attendance can influence whether a child can read proficiently by the third grade?
- When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve, even among those students who are struggling in school.

REMINDER: If your child does need to miss a day of school, please provide a note from either a doctor or yourself upon their return. It is also important to remember that vacations and out-of-town trips must be preapproved by the superintendent.

READING CONNECTION

Student A

- * 20 minutes of reading a day
- * 3600 minutes per school year
- * 1800000 words per year
- * scores in the top 10% in standardized tests



Student B

- * 5 minutes of reading a day
- * 900 minutes per school year
- * 282000 words per year
- * scores average 50% in standardized tests



Student C

- * 1 minute of reading a day
- * 180 minutes per school year
- * 8000 words per year
- * scores in the bottom 10% in standardized tests



If a child starts reading 20 minutes per night in kindergarten, by the end of year 8, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

Want to be a better reader? GOOD! START READING!!!

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