



OEES TERROR TIMES

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025

Principal's Corner

Dear OE Families:

Time sure flies when you're having fun! September is moving quickly, and we are already looking ahead to October's events.

Please remember to stay up to date with your child's assignments, tests, and attendance through our parent portal at www.ottoeldred.org. If you need a username or password, please reach out to Mrs. Strait at sstrait@ottoeldred.org.

With the shift from summer to fall, colder temperatures are upon us. **Recess will continue to be held outside when temperatures are 35 degrees and above** and conditions are dry. We encourage outdoor play as much as possible, so please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

October is always a busy month at OEES! This month we will recognize **Fire Prevention, Bus Safety, and Red Ribbon Week**. And of course—we can't forget about Halloween! Our annual Halloween parade will take place on **Friday, October 31 at 1:30 p.m., weather permitting**. More details will be sent home as the date approaches.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for staying informed and for your continued support!

--Mrs. Nichole M. Garthwaite



UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Fire Prevention Week- 10/5-10/11
- Columbus Day/No School- 10/13
- Picture retakes- 10/16
- Bus Safety Week: 10/20-10/24
- PTO FALL FEST- 10/29 @ 5:30-6:30
- Red Ribbon Week: 10/27-10/31
- Halloween celebration/parade- 10/31 @ 1:30 pm, weather permitting
- Parent Teacher Conferences- 11/6 & 11/7, more info to come

Café' Corner:

FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH-
ALL students enrolled at our school can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at **NO CHARGE.**



BIRTHDAY TREAT INFO- To order birthday treats for your child's class on their special day, submit an order by going to the following link: <http://www.ottoeldred.org>. This service costs \$1.75 per child and includes a decorative bag filled with a snack, drink, and a small prize (pencils, stickers, novelties) for your child and classmates.

LUNCH ID: Does your child know their lunch ID? Practice makes perfect and also helps them and others get through the breakfast and lunch line quicker, allowing more time to eat!

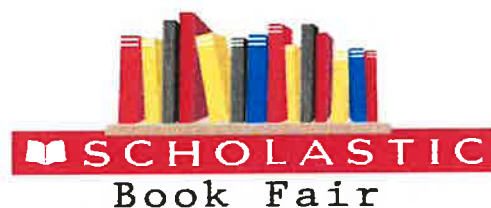
Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

-Mrs. Krott

ckrott@ottoeldred.org

Library Corner:

Happy September! The library has been a busy place. Children have been signing out books and library class is in full force!



The Fall Book Fair will be here before you know it! Our Fall Book Fair dates are 11/10/25-11/14/25. This is a regular book fair. Our annual Bingo for Books event will be held that same week. More information to come!

As always, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Burkhouse if you have any library or Book Fair questions!

-Mrs. Burkhouse

rburkhouse@ottoeldred.org

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 Mrs. Graham at sgraham@ottoeldred.org or Mrs. Beckham at bbeckham@ottoeldred.org or call 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.

Mrs. Graham, sgraham@ottoeldred.org & 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.

MAKE CONNECTIONS

PTO connects you with other parents within the school as well as teachers and staff, creating a community!

BENEFIT YOUR SCHOOL

PTO works closely with teachers and administration to create a positive school atmosphere.

BENEFIT YOUR CHILD Research shows that children's performance increases when parents are involved both at home and school.



READING CONNECTION

Do you want to spend time with your child, build his/her reading skills and help him/her develop a love of reading? You can do all three when you read aloud. Here are suggestions:

- **Read regularly**– Read to your child daily, aim for 10-15 minutes of bedtime reading or a time that is convenient for you.
- **Take turns choosing books**–
- **Let your child participate**– Ask your child to turn the pages while you read, finish sentences that rhyme or fill in words he/she knows.
- **Be playful**– Use different voices for different characters or substitute your child's name for the main character's name.

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