



Tiger Tracks



Oakdale Elementary School Newsletter

May 5, 2017

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Oakdale School Improvement Goal

All students will improve reading comprehension.

Oakdale Expectations

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Wednesday Dismissal

Don't forget, students will be dismissed **every Wednesday at 3:00**. Please be prompt as teachers are scheduled to leave the building each week to participate in professional learning communities.

Web Page

Check out Oakdale's web page on the Westside website at www.westside66.org. Select Oakdale and you will find the announcements, newsletter and our calendar. Please check it out!

New Address

You can find us at our temporary address, 3534 So. 108th St., 68144

Spring has Sprung!

We are finally seeing the sun peek out from the rain clouds that have been dominating the sky lately. Flowers are blooming and the grass is turning green! With nicer weather comes the end of another school year. As we prepare to close out this year, I wanted to communicate any changes we will have in staffing for the 2017-2018 school year.

We are sad to say goodbye to a few of our staff as they venture off to new locations and assignments. Mrs. Carlstrom will be moving to Washington state with her family. Ms. Chambers will be moving elsewhere in Nebraska now that she is engaged to be married. Our guidance counselor, Ms. Lottinville, is moving back to New Jersey to be closer to family. Lastly, our school psychologist, Mrs. Biegler, will be taking a position at Westside Middle School as their psychologist.

I am happy to say that we are already at full staff for next year, even with these phenomenal teachers leaving Oakdale. Mrs. Carlstrom's position will not be filled as this is our 3rd grade bubble class and we will be combining three classes into two for next year. Mrs. Martha Di Lorenzo, instructional coach at Westbrook Elementary is transferring to Oakdale to take our open 5th grade position. Also joining us from Westbrook (and returning to Oakdale where she began her career) is Mrs. Mary McPadden, school psychologist. Mrs. McPadden will be piloting a new position where we will combine the guidance counselor and school psychologist positions into one to be with us full time. We are excited about this hybrid position and the possibilities that will come with it. Please welcome these new staff as we say goodbye to the others.

The end of a school year always puts me in a melancholy mood as I reflect upon the year. However, it also brings excitement as I think about next year and the transition we will be making to our new building mid year. This is the last newsletter for the 2016-2017 school year. Please be on the lookout for the summer newsletter in July and class list letters in August.

Have a great summer!

~ Mr. Jagels



Calendar Reminders

May 8 Comm. Club Mtg. 5:30p

May 8 Board of Ed. Mtg. 6:30p

May 10 Kindergarten to Zoo

May 11 WMS Show Choir & Jazz Band Tour

May 11 Don and Millie's Night

May 16 Planet Sub Night

May 23 Triple Be Celebration

May 24 Last Day of School

1:00 Dismissal

Westside Early Childhood Centers
Now Hiring: Part Time Early Childhood
Teaching and Support Staff Positions
Morning and/or Afternoon positions
available.

For more information regarding these positions
 please contact Beth Caruso, HR Manager at
 402.390.2260 or caruso.elizabeth@westside66.net



Severe Weather Procedures

Severe weather season is coming. Your child's safety is always our first concern. If school is in session at the time a tornado warning is issued, students and staff will immediately relocate to their designated shelter. Should a tornado warning occur after school has dismissed and children are still on the school grounds, staff are instructed to bring students inside and to a designated shelter. If students are on a bus, bus drivers are instructed to return the students to school or take them to the nearest school building. We strongly encourage parents not to pick up their children from school if a warning is in effect as students have already taken shelter.

If you have questions, please contact the office at 390-6460.

Please double check the **dates** on the following schedule.

Oakdale Safety Patrol Schedule

May 8 - May 24

Morning: 8:20-8:45 a.m.

Captain Jessie A
 Driveway 1. Elaina K
 2. Amelia W
 Parking Lot 1. Hagen W
 2. Elise T
 Alternate Josiah M

After School: 3:25-3:45 p.m.

Captain Lauren H
 Driveway 1. Dominic V
 2. Evan S
 Parking Lot 1. Bijan I
 2. Ellerie K
 Alternate Kane W

- O Wednesday afternoon patrol reports from 2:55-3:10 p.m.
- O Winter Weather conditions: Safety Patrol will be cancelled if the temperature or wind chill is below zero. Please check the KMTV website (KMTV.com) for weather information.
- O If you are unable to report to your post, please contact Miss Chambers as soon as possible.
- O Alternates should also report at the same time(s).



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Jeans Days

Have you ever wondered why you see teachers wearing jeans on Fridays? At the beginning of every year, teachers pay a set amount of money to wear jeans every Friday. This money is then used to assist families at Oakdale who might need a little extra monetary help here and there. This year, we were able to donate \$200 to the Westside Clothing Closet and another \$200 to the Westside Food Bank to assist families in the Westside community. Thank you teachers!

#Thatjusthappened!

We wanted to show you some of the awesome things that happen at Oakdale when you're not here. Each month, we will focus on different areas in the building. This month, we are everywhere, starting with Mrs. Bintz, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Pontious's classes at a bonus recess! They saved the most box tops, so they got to play with our new recess equipment purchased with box top money before anyone else! We have 4th grade at Schramm Park releasing trout, 6th grade during Junior Achievement and with parent visitors and our beautiful kitchen staff being celebrated during National School Nutrition Employee Week. They are truly our heroes!



#Thatjusthappened!



Westside Middle School's Westside Edge Show Choir Camp

Monday-Friday, June 5-9, 2017

What: Westside Middle School's show choir staff presents an opportunity to get an edge on your middle school try out. This week long camp will be a chance for students to be a part of a show choir that will put together a performance show as well as have opportunities to participate in other music interests workshops.

When: The camp will run daily from 9am until 4pm with a public performance at 3pm on Friday, June 9th.

Who: All boys and girls grades 6-7-8 for 2017-18 school year. It is first come – first serve, and there are a limited number of spots available!

Cost: \$200.00 (contact Mr. Djernes for need-based reduced tuition) – This includes a box lunch, water and snacks, and a t-shirt.

Other Info:

- Please come to the WMS Performing Arts Entrance for check in.
- The performance will take place on Friday, June 9th at 3:30 P.M. in the Westside Middle School Performing Arts Center. Family and friends are encouraged to come watch the performance free of charge.
- Students should wear appropriate comfortable clothing throughout the week.
- Staff includes Westside Middle School director Nick Djernes, Millard North director Megan Tantillo along with additional qualified, experienced show choir staff.
- Questions should be emailed to djernes.nicholas@westside66.net

Please complete and send registration along with a \$200.00 check by **May 12** to:

Mr. Nicholas Djernes
Show Choir Camp
Westside Middle School
8601 Arbor St.
Omaha, NE 68124 (Makes checks payable to POMMs)

NAME _____ AGE _____ GRADE _____
MALE _____ FEMALE _____ SCHOOL _____
STUDENT'S ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
PHONE _____ EMERGENCY PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

(a confirmation of registration and other information will be communicated via email)

T-SHIRT SIZE: **YOUTH M (10-12) YOUTH L (14-16) ADULT: S M L XL**

Parent release: I request that you accept the application of _____ in the 2017 WMS Show Choir Camp. I hereby release the Westside Schools and its employees and agents from all claims on the account of any injuries sustained by my child while attending the clinic.

Parent Signature: _____



Westside Girls Soccer Clinic

Tuesday, May 30 - Friday, June 2

***For Girls Entering Grades 5-9



This camp is designed for girls with plans of playing soccer at the highest levels. Fundamentals to advance skills presented for individual development on offense and defense. Team tactics taught through drills, small sided games, and scrimmage with high school players.

Instructors: Westside Head Coach Nathan Moseley, Assistant Coaches and Varsity players.

Cost: \$50 for residents, \$60 for non-residents

Location: Westside High School
Phelps Field (Stadium)

Time: 9:00 - 10:30 (girls entering grades 5-7)
10:30 - noon (girls entering grades 8-9)

Sign up in the Main Office at Westside High School by Friday, May 26.

Questions? Email Coach Moseley at moseley.nathan@westside66.net.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Thank you to the 48 teams who participated in this spring's Battle of the Books. In addition, a huge thank you to the many parents and teachers who volunteered to help make the event a celebration of reading for our students.

The Westside Community Council will once again organize a traditional-format Battle of the Books event for the 2017-2018 school year. This event is open to all 4th through 6th grade students in the District. To participate, students will form teams of three or four students. Teams may have five students, but at most four students may compete in any round.

This is a **tentative** list for the 2017-2018 competition. The final list will consist of 10-12 books and will be finalized by September 1, 2017. Registration will begin in October, and the battle will be held March 24, 2018 at Westside Middle School.

1. *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George
2. *Redwall* by Brian Jacques
3. *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* by Kelly Jones
4. *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman
5. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
6. *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine
7. *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
8. *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio
9. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
10. *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
11. *On the Banks of Plum Creek* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
12. *Love, Ruby Lavender* by Deborah Wiles
13. *The Castle in the Attic* by Elizabeth Winthrop

All of these books are available to borrow from the Omaha Public Library (including many as e-books). If you would like to purchase books, check out The Bookworm, Half Price Books, Amazon.com, or Half.com. Mention the Battle of the Books at The Bookworm for an extra 20% off!

Questions? Contact: westsidebattleofthebooks@gmail.com

K-6 ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT IS ENRICHMENT?

Enrichment is defined as learning opportunities and activities that engage students in developing essential knowledge, skills, values, and relationships. Enrichment is also a vehicle for inspiring learning and encouraging academic and life success.



WHAT ARE ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES LIKE?

Enrichment activities are choice activities that challenge students to go beyond their academic pursuits and the normal requirements. It can take place in all different subject areas and they appeal to different learning styles. Enrichment activities encourage students to stretch their learning and grow as independent learners.

HOW CAN MY STUDENT PARTICIPATE IN ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES?

Westside Community Schools provides enrichment for all students. Many of these opportunities take place in the classroom, but they can also take place in small groups and at home. If you are looking at ways to continue school work or participate in enrichment activities at home, check out Westside's Excellence in Youth Blog @

<http://ey.westside66.org>

Join the Team!



What is a TeamMates Mentor?

A TeamMates Mentor is someone who provides a young person with support, friendship, and a positive example. TeamMates Mentors want to help young people reach their full potential.

Positive Impact



- ✔ Students report greater engagement with their school when mentors focus on strengths in their mentoring relationship.
- ✔ Peer and parent relationships improve as well as resiliency to the pressures of drug and alcohol use.
- ✔ Not only does TeamMates increase students grades, attendance, and behavior, but most importantly their sense of hope.



What do I do during mentor time?

Matches meet at school once a week so you have a safe place to meet and are surrounded by resources.

- Take time to talk
- Play a game
- Share a hobby
- Work on a puzzle
- Surf the net

To learn more, go to teammates.org!

Board Members

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| Dani Bradford | Jacquie Estee |
| Li Quaites | Patty Landen |
| Irv Dana | Ruby Larsen |
| Bob Danenhauer | Sue Seline |
| Sherri Hoffman | Denny Walker |
| Dan Egermayer | Jackie Kroeger |
| Chris Harry | |

What are the benefits?

Both youth and mentors benefit from the mentoring relationship. Youth benefit by receiving encouragement and guidance from a caring adult. Mentors report building a sense of morale, teamwork and productivity.

Coordinators

- Jessica Lowe**
lowe.jessica@westside66.net
- Quinn McGuire**
mcguire.quinn@westside66.net
402-408-8670



How Can I Help make a difference?

- Please contact me about becoming a TeamMates Mentor.
- Please accept my donation to TeamMates at the level indicated below.
- My Business/Organization/Faith Group would like a presentation about TeamMates.

Please accept my gift at the indicated level below.

- \$450 - Support a Match for 1 Year** \$100 \$50 \$25 Other
- I would like to give this amount: One-Time Monthly Quarterly Other
- I will make my donation online at teammates.org. Check or cash enclosed - checks payable to TeamMates Mentoring Program

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

Please send to:
TeamMates of Westside Community Schools, 8601 Arbor Street, Omaha, NE 68124