## Overbrook Attendance Center Principal's Building Report, September 2020

It is great being back in the building with our students! Kids are rocking their Charger Gear and masks and following all the new directions like veterans! Teachers have been very clever, setting up new spaces and routines.



## Who are we this year? 276 Strong!

Kindergarten	62 students	9 Remote	Ms. Crumpton, Mrs. Deines (Remote),
			Mrs. Gottschamer, Mrs. Stone
First Grade	76 students	10 Remote	Ms. Dahl, Mrs. Diggens, Mrs. Kirby
			(Remote), Ms. Olorunfemi
Second Grade	66 students	8 Remote	Mrs. Grienke (Remote), Ms. Koger, Mrs.
			Mercer, Mrs. Portlock
Third Grade	72 students	12 Remote	Mrs. Colvin (Remote), Mrs. Fawl, Mrs.
			Gomez, Mrs. Wells

<sup>\*</sup>Our remote teachers also have a smaller group of students in class.

What a wonderful message in our neighborhood! On the first day of school it was very touching to see the good wishes one of our neighbors has placed in their yard! This is why we love our community!!!

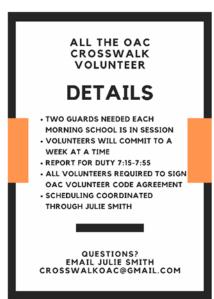
## THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU!

Our school communities are incredibly generous. We have had about 300 cloth masks donated, LOTS of playground games (we have 4 playgrounds now!), sanitizing supplies and buckets, clothes and snacks. We are overwhelmed with the generosity and how well you all take care of us! Blessings!!



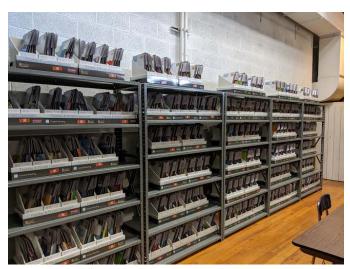
Another tremendous gift! Mrs. Julie Smith volunteered to create a morning crossing guard program for the corners of Ash and Elm. Volunteers will be at both corners to assist our students and families from 7:15-7:55 each school day. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Mrs. Smith or go to SignUpGenius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4FABA72BABF49-oaccrosswalk

**Our PTO** treated the teachers to a fabulous lunch on August 26. Teachers enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches, white cheddar mac and cheese, and coleslaw. We are blessed with a thoughtful and helpful PTO. New officers for this year are President Lanae Losson and Vice-



President Melissa Canon. Check out their Facebook page: Santa Fe Trails Attendance Center's PTO https://www.facebook.com/groups/SFTACPTOhttps://www.facebook.com/groups/SFTACPTO

The teachers gave two days in July and two days in August learning about our **new reading curriculum from Fountas and Pinnell.** Our trainer, Glenda Monachino, is a veteran primary teacher who offers experience, ideas, and tremendous support for the teachers. To complete the vision, our stage room has been transformed into a book room, where all the materials are stored. A system is in place for checking out what is needed in classrooms and then returned for others to check out. Special thanks goes to Melanie Wallace and Lorle Bolt. Mrs. Wallace has worked tirelessly to bring a coherent and organized curriculum to the primary level, and arranged for all of our training (which will continue throughtout the school year). Mrs. Bolt is assisting the teaching teams and helping them to organize their lessons and match resources. She also given gently used and new materials from the Auburn Washburn district worth nearly \$7000. We could not be more ready for reading instruction at its best!





To be able to put **technology devices** in the hands of every student is a huge plus for our learners. We are excited for this age of blended learning, namely because it is the world our students are already familiar with and the world in which they will eventually work. They already know to "Google that" and are not afraid to problem solve with technology. Our technology specials teacher, Mr. Newton, is working collaboratively with teachers, to teach application skills that they will be using in class. Being able to bring home those devices is an even bigger privilege. We know that bringing home devices is going to be helpful for at least three reasons:

- We are teaching the students that technology is a tool, not a toy, that can be used successfully and efficiently to aid their education.
- We will be able to serve homebound children or those who have been absent.
- We will be prepared should we encounter any quarantines, and school may continue on schedule.

Though we are still learning and adjusting, the new management software on all student devices is making life so much easier! *Class Link* is a dashboard which houses all applications needed for a grade level, and it requires just ONE log-in. We owe our technology director Sean Nelson and curriculum directors Faith Flory and Melanie Wallace HUGE thank yous for the countless hours they have spent preparing this amazing opportunity.

When one curriculum is moved in, there are always some books we must move out. We have leveled readers available to anyone in our school community, including those who are homeschooling, who would like to drop by and pick out some. We also have many children's books that are gently loved that we'd be happy to make your forever friends! Please use our front entrance, wear a mask and check into the office. One of us will help you get started!

## **Upcoming activities at OAC**

September 4 – School Pictures for onsite students October 15 – School Pictures for remote students and retakes