

# OCTOBER BOE NEWSLETTER

OVERBROOK ATTENDANCE CENTER



**PRINCIPAL – MRS. LORLE BOLT**

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

Dear Charger Families,

This year you will be hearing a lot about our new Open Court reading curriculum that supports the Science of Reading in the classroom. The Science of Reading refers to research that has been conducted over the past twenty years by reading experts and cognitive scientists. This research has shown us some of the best methods for teaching students to read.



Below are some terms you may encounter in your child's reading instruction this year.

- **Phoneme** - the smallest unit of sound represented by a letter or letters. There are 44 phonemes in the English language.
- **Grapheme** - the letter or letters that represent a phoneme
- **Phonemic awareness** - the ability to identify, hear and manipulate sounds in the spoken language.
- **Word Mapping** - the process of breaking a word down into its phonemes and writing the graphemes that represent phonemes. This process is used in the classroom to practice their spelling words.

Throughout the year I will be sharing some of the instructional strategies that are teachers are using to help our students with explicit phonics instruction.

INSTRUCTIONAL  
ROUTINE



## Sound-by-Sound Blending

*When first doing Sound-by-Sound Blending, ask for the sound as you point to each spelling. Once students are comfortable with the routine, drop the verbal cues, point to the spellings, and have students give the sounds.*

- Write or display the spelling for the first sound.
- Have students say the sound.
- Write the spelling for the second sound.
- Have students say the sound.
- If the second sound is a vowel, blend through the vowel by making a blending motion with your hand.
- Write the spelling of the next sound.
- Have students say the sound.
- If it is the last sound in the word, make the blending motion as students blend and read the word. If it is not the last sound, continue writing the spellings and asking students for each remaining sound.
- Have students reread the word naturally as they would say it.
- Complete a line, and have students reread the words in the line naturally.
- Continue through each word in the remaining lines until all words have been blended.
- Have students use selected words in sentences and extend the sentences.
- Review the blended words using the Developing Oral Language activities.

## COUNSELORS CORNER

What we are learning?

In our classes we are finishing up learning about our emotions and some strategies to regulate them. It is important to be able to regulate your own emotions and that is one of our goals at this level.

We are moving into our lessons about bullying. This is required among all schools. Our kids will focus on what bullying is and how they can handle conflict. We talk about Stop. Walk and

Talk. Being able to tell someone to stop being unkind, walk away from them and tell or talk to an adult. We will practice this in class as well.

October/November also brings about Red Ribbon Week. At this age, sometimes it is hard for kids to completely understand what Red Ribbon Week means and why we talk about it. They will get lessons on safe choices, staying away from drugs, etc. but also we will focus on making healthy choices.

We will have a spirit week from October 23rd - October 27th that will focus on a healthy choice each day with some fun theme days to go with it. As always, let me know if you have any questions or if I can help you or your child!

**HEALTHY CHOICES WEEK!**  
**OCTOBER 23TH-27TH**

<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p><u>Get Plenty of Rest</u></p> <p>Sleep is so important to staying healthy. Wear your PJ's to school!</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p><u>Stay Active!!</u></p> <p>Exercise keeps our bodies strong and healthy. Wear your favorite workout gear or your favorite team jersey.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><u>Unity Day</u></p> <p>Unity Day – This is a Nationally Celebrated Day to help encourage everyone to be kind to each other and stop bullying!! This supports positive friendships. Wear orange!!</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p><u>Hat's off to Healthy Foods!</u></p> <p>Healthy foods not only help our minds but also our bodies, physically. It is what charges us each day. Wear your favorite hat! We will learn about nutrition and foods that are good for us!</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p><u>Charge on!</u></p> <p>Wear your favorite Charger gear and "charge" someone's emotional bank account! We will be doing random acts of kindness today!</p>	

## A NOTE FROM THE SOCIAL WORKER

When we send our children off to school we hope that wonderful experiences and people await them. That may not always be the case, of course. It can be upsetting to find our children involved in bullying- either as the perpetrator or on the receiving end. Please click the link to read helpful information and tips on how to deal with bullying situations. Also included with the information are some really good resources for families.



Updated\_Bullying\_What\_You\_Need\_to\_Know.pdf

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1.2 MB

## FALL FESTIVAL

We will host our annual fall festival on October 5, 2023 from 4-6pm. Crafts will be open to all students and their family members.



**UPCOMING DATES:**

10/13/23

No School

10/20/23

No School

10/18/23

Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7pm

Picture Day

10/19/23

Parent Teacher Conferences 8am-7pm

**Please note this is a different approach than in the past. This will allow our teachers more time to meet with our families to discuss needs and address questions.**

10/31/23

1:30pm Halloween Parade Downtown Overbrook

## PICTURE DAY

Picture Day is coming up on 10/18/2023! Order before Picture Day to receive free shipping to the school. Order online at <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/78384TF>.

## HALLOWEEN PARADE & DETAILS

Overbrook Attendance Center is excited to share our students will parade downtown Overbrook on October 31, 2023 for our annual Halloween festivities. Students will be leaving the school about 1:30pm, stopping at local businesses to share their costumes and spread some spooky fun!

## BOOK FAIR

# WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!

## OVERBROOK ATTENDANCE CTR

202 WEST 7TH STREET, OVERBROOK, KS 66524

FAIR DATES

Oct 16 - Oct 20

All purchases through the Book Fair benefit our school.  
Thanks for supporting our kids! Happy reading!

## BOOK FAIR E-WALLET

<https://account.scholastic.com/my-scholastic/profile/create-ewallet.html?fairID=5411816>

To access the e-wallet parents will need to create a scholastic account.



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**BOOK FAIR**

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This year, say *goodbye* to giving your kids crumpled bills and loose change...and *hello* to **eWallet**, a super-convenient, secure digital payment account, for the Scholastic Book Fair. Setting up an eWallet for your child empowers them to choose their own books and effortlessly check out during the Best. Week. Ever. at their school. And any leftover funds can be saved for future Fairs. Now, that's a win-win!

      

**Create Account**      **Add Funds**      **Share with Family and Friends**      **Shop**

 **Visit our school's Book Fair homepage to get started:** 

## BOO GRAMS

The Student Lighthouse Team will be selling Boo Grams in October. Boo Grams will be 50 cents each and can be delivered to anyone at OAC. The money raised will continue to support

the new clubs being added to OAC.

Sales will start October 18th at Parent Teacher Conferences and run through October 27th.  
Boo Grams will be delivered on Halloween Day.

## CHARGER OF THE MONTH

Join me in congratulating Nicole Graham and Kaitlyn Mercer for being recognized as Charger of the Month at OAC. They meet the following criteria and were nominated by their colleagues for this award.

### Criteria for Nomination

1. Inspires and empowers students and staff regularly throughout the school and campus.
2. Puts forth extra effort and is dependable.
3. Asks for little and gives a lot.
4. Demonstrates a positive and enthusiastic attitude.
5. Is a loyal supporter of USD 434 students and staff.