

November BOE Newsletter

OVERBROOK ATTENDANCE CENTER



PRINCIPAL - MRS. LORLE BOLT

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Charger Families,

Our building goal is that OAC will reduce the chronic absenteeism of 14.66% rate by 5% for students during the 2023-2024 school year. Chronic absenteeism factors both excused and unexcused absences. Any student missing 10 percent or more of the days that school has been in session at any point in the school year is considered chronically absent. This means if a student is absent more than 16 days during the school year they count as chronically absent for state reporting. Please review the attached fact sheet from the Kansas State Department of Education.



Please celebrate that OAC had 70 students achieving perfect attendance for quarter one. Students with less than 90% attendance will receive an attendance letter. ***This is an awareness letter for parents as we continue to make gains towards maintaining our building attendance goal.***



Chronic Absenteeism Fact Sheet KSDE.pdf

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188.3 KB

**A whole year has 365 days, while a school year only has 163 days.
We love to have our students in school as much as possible.**

0-8 Absences	9-17 Absences	18+ Absences
100-95% Attendance	94-90% Attendance	Less than 90% Attendance
Best chance of success for your child.	Makes it harder for your child to make progress and stay on grade level.	Your child will have a potential to struggle with their academics, peers, and enjoying school.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

This month we worked on what bullying is and what can be done if a student feels like they have been bullied. This is something that school's all over the nation participate in. Also, the end of October is Red Ribbon Week. At the elementary level we focus on making healthy choices. We do talk about safety when it comes to medicines, household chemicals and substances. This month we will be discussing anger and what happens in our body and brain when we feel anger. This will lead us into calming strategies to help when those warning signs pop up for anger.

UPCOMING DATES:

11/1/23

Sign ups due for K/1 Thanksgiving meal

11/3/23

Veteran's Day forms due to office

11/6/23

No School - professional development day

11/10/23

Veteran's Day Parade @ 2:15pm

11/15/23

6pm OAC Site Council

11/16/23

Kindergarten & First grade Thanksgiving meal

These are approximate times as it will depend on number of patrons in attendance and how long it takes to serve.

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Thompson: 11:00am

Massoth: 11:05am

Morris: 11:10am

Austin: 11:15am

1st:

Olorunfemi: 11:20am

Koger: 11:25am

Davidson: 11:30am

Dahl: 11:35am

11/20/23

Rock Your School Celebration

11/22/23 - 11/24/23

No School - Thanksgiving Break

CHARGER OF THE MONTH

Join me in congratulating Ann Fawl and Emily Morris 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.

BOE GOAL #1

The Board of Education Goal #1 is to improve communication with all stakeholders. We have addressed this in our building through the following means:

- Our goal is to strengthen authentic family partnerships by increasing positive communication. Families and school staff have regular and meaningful opportunities to build positive relationships to support students' social, emotional, and academic development. 100% of teachers will communicate with their families 5 times throughout the year, the first two being in quarter 1. (outside of school conferences and weekly academic communication). These may be any form of communication. PE, Music, Admin, STREAM, and Counselor will make 20 positive contacts each quarter. SPED and Title will make 1 positive contact with their assigned students per quarter.

To ensure this is being completed the following action steps are taken:

- Track communication in the quarterly log document
- Review data quarterly and share communication ideas as a staff
- Use the OAC communication folder to house different forms of communication ideas

HARVESTERS

Harvesters BackSnacks are now being sent home with students. The BackSnack program provides a weekly backpack filled with nutritious, child-friendly food for schoolchildren. If your child is receiving a BackSnack and you prefer this to not continue please send a note with your child or notify the front office. If you would like to take part in this program please email our school counselor, Erin Metsker, emetsker@usd434.us

VETERAN'S DAY

Please notify the office if you would like to take part in our Veteran's Day parade. Use the provided form below if you would like your child to ride with their Veteran.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
ANNUAL
VETERANS DAY
PARADE**

NOVEMBER 10, 2023 @ 2:15PM

Meet your student escorts at Kansas State Bank. Parade will progress up Maple Street and turn left at the pool to parade in front of Overbrook Attendance Center.

If you would like your child to ride with their Veteran please return the bottom portion by November 3rd.

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Student Name

Student Teacher & Grade

Veteran's Name

REMINDER: THANKSGIVING MEAL

Overbrook Attendance Center will be serving its Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 16, 2023. Kindergarten and 1st grade students are welcome to invite guests to eat with them. (*Second and Third grade will host guests for the Christmas dinner.*) The menu will be roast turkey with the following sides: mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, peaches, a hot roll and a dessert. Sign up is due Nov. 1st to the office.

* Turkey is subject to change based on availability from the warehouse.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Overbrook students will be participating in a food drive to help local families have a Thanksgiving meal. Our goal is to provide four families with a full holiday meal. If you would like to participate please send listed items to school with your child. Thank you in advance.



PLEASE HELP OAC WITH A

THANKSGIVING DINNER FOOD DRIVE

HELP BY DONATING THE ITEMS
LISTED FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL
STARTING OCTOBER 23, 2023

KINDER	1ST
Canned Green Beans	Canned Corn
Evaporated Milk	Turkey Gravy Mix
Boxed Corn Bread Mix	Box Stuffing
Non-Perishable Pie Crust	Granulated Sugar
SECOND	THIRD
Canned Yams	Cream of Mushroom
Pumpkin Pie Filling	Chicken Broth
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Crispy Fried Onions
Cranberry Sauce	Boxed Mac & Cheese

LET'S BE THANKFUL TOGETHER!

A NOTE FROM OUR SPECIALS TEACHERS



SPECIALS AT OAC



NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

Art- My name is Stephanie Lynch, I am so excited to be teaching Art. This is my 4th year in education. I love getting our creative minds working. This month we are working on Elements of Art.

Explore- In Explore we will begin learning about the Solar System and all our Universe has to offer. We have the opportunity to team up with Starbase which will allow us to learn about buoyancy, rockets, life on Mars and how astronauts need to train in order to go into space.

Music: Parents and family members that would like to share music experiences with their child may plan with me for that special time during music class. Kindergarteners (6:00 p.m.) and first grade (7:00 p.m.) will be performing Thursday, Dec. 7th at SFTHS. Come enjoy their rhythm and beat entertainment. Attached are two posters to see what kindergarten and 1st grade students are learning.

P.E.- During the month of November we are going to be practicing our striking and volleying skills. Listed below are some fun activities that can be done at home.

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EVERY CHARGER EVERY DAY

WHAT WE LEARN IN KINDERGARTEN MUSIC

Elements of Music: Pitch

I can

- show high, medium or low sounds.
- show how melodies go up, down or stay the same.



Elements of Music: Beat and Rhythm

I can

- tell when there's a beat and when there's no beat.
- I can move to and play a steady beat.



Elements of Music: Timbre

I can identify and use

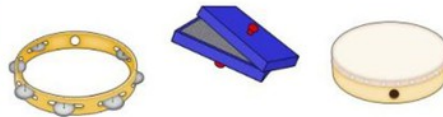
- speaking, whispering, calling, and singing voices.
- many classroom instruments when I see them or hear them.
- woods, metals, shakes/scrapes, drums.



Elements of Music: Form

I can

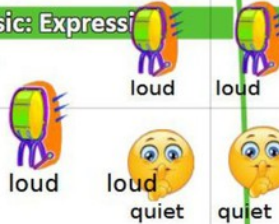
- show phrases.
- tell if phrases are the same or different.
- move to show different sections of the music.



Elements of Music: Expression

I can identify and perform

- loud and quiet
- fast and slow
- smooth or separated



Vocabulary

beat
rhythm
high/low
loud/quiet
fast/slow
smooth/separated

woods
metals
shakes/scrapes
drums
solo
repeat

Create

I can

- create and play patterns using loud/quiet or picture word rhythms.
- improvise melodies (Q/A, Melody Elephant).

Perform

I can

- sing, move, and play instruments.

As an Audience I can

- be a good listener.

Respond

I can

- tell or show with movement how music makes me feel.

Connect

I can

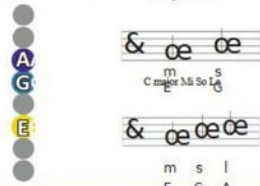
- listen to music and sing songs and tell about the places they're from.

WHAT WE LEARN IN GRADE 1 MUSIC

Elements of Music: Pitch

I can

- show high, medium or low sounds
- show how melodies go up, down or stay the same
- sing, read, and write these notes: mi so and la



Elements of Music: Beat and Rhythm

I can

- tell when there's a beat and when there's no beat.
- move to and play a steady beat.
- tell when there is



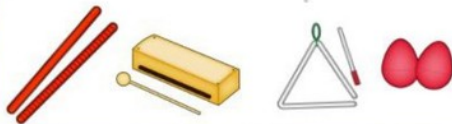
q one sound on a beat
qr two sounds on a beat
Q no sound on a beat

- read these rhythms: q qr Q

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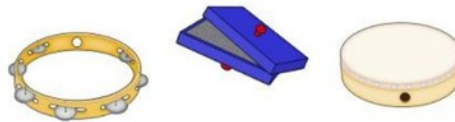
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Striking and Volleying at Home Resources

Video Links

- [Volley and Striking games at home](#)



- [Striking and volleying with short handle implement](#)



RECESS

If the temperature is 20 degrees or higher (temperature or wind chill) and the weather is not inclement, students will ordinarily go outside for recess. Please remember to send a coat with your child to school.