HUSKY HEADLINES

OAK PARK-CARPENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Oak Park-Carpenter Motto

Oak Park-Carpenter students are on time, on task, and on a mission.

Our mission is: **LEARNING**!

https://oakparkcarpenter.smsd.org/



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December 2021

Wednesday, December 1st

3:30pm, Virtual Mathletics

Thursday, December 2nd

7:00, PTA Meeting, Virtual

Monday, December 6th thru Friday, December 10th PTA TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE

Tuesday, December 21st 9:40-10:10am, Winter Parties

12:30pm EARLY DISMISSAL

Wednesday, December 22nd thru Tuesday, January 4th
NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK

Wednesday, January 5th SCHOOL RESUMES FOR STUDENTS

Beginning of 3rd Quarter



Please click https://www.smsd.org/about/departments/food-service/menus for Menus and Food Service Information



From the Office of the Principal

- Classroom parties are on Wednesday, Dec. 21st. The teachers will let you know when the parties will be scheduled for your child's class. Using the early dismissal specials and lunch schedules, the parties will occur when it works for each classroom's schedule. The teacher will work with the room parent to plan activities and send you specific information about snack and drink. There will be no visitors allowed. The new elementary mitigation changes do not take effect until Jan. 5th, the first day back for students after the winter break.
- Early dismissal lunch schedule- We will be using the early dismissal schedule for lunch in order to get all grades through by 12:30pm. Some of the grade levels will be eating in their classrooms to accomplish this. Students can bring their lunch, or the school lunch will be provided in a paper lunch bag.
 - o 10:15-10:45 2nd Cafe
 - o 10:15-10:45 4th Classrooms
 - o 10:45-11:15 3rd Cafe
 - o 10:45-11:15 1st Classrooms
 - o 11:15-11:45 5th Cafe
 - 11:15-11:45 6th Classrooms
 - o 11:45-12:15 K Cafe

We are getting close to the end of our first semester. Please check the Skyward system, and with your child's teacher, to make sure your child's work has been completed.

End of the semester assessments have started. We will review the data to make adjustments in our teaching and student learning. The information we obtain from assessment results is very important for us to make sure we are providing each student with instruction that is meaningful and effective. Please encourage your child to do his or her best by making sure they get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast and are at school on time.

During winter break, your students will leave their iPads at school. Grades will be completed, and the chance of damage, loss, or misuse during the holidays is much greater.

We have a wonderful, supportive community, and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. Please continue to let me know when you or someone in our school community is in need of assistance; we are a family and stick together through it all.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Mrs. Morgan

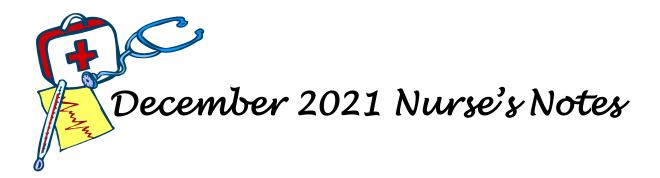
Our guest Husky made a special appearance during arrival on Friday before Thanksgiving Break!





Thank you to all our families who participated in the We Care, I Can Food drive benefitting the Johnson County Christmas Bureau!

OP-C collected approximately 476 items! Way to go, Huskies!



Illness Exclusion Policies

Per the Johnson County Health Department - Persons with a case of **influenza** should stay home for <u>five days from the time the illness begins</u> or until the individual is fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medications, **whichever is longer**.

To protect your child and to prevent illness from spreading, keep your child home if ANY of these contagious symptoms are present:

- Temperature of 100 degrees or higher
- Severe sore throat, headache, or cough
- Undiagnosed rash or skin lesions
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Red or discharging eyes
- **Students must be free of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea - WITHOUT MEDICINE - for 24 hours before returning to school.

Illness Info

In addition to COVID-19, influenza season is upon us. Please remember – and remind your children of – the following steps to help prevent the spread of illness:

- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly scrub with soap for 20 seconds, long enough to sing the Happy Birthday song 2 times
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow or a tissue
- STAY HOME when you are sick to prevent the spread of viruses & bacteria. Follow the exclusion policies for influenza and other illnesses
- Get a flu vaccine
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, mouth throughout the day

Great Gift Idea – Hydration!

Every student needs to bring a water bottle to school every day! Keeping hydrated is important for maintaining good health as well as recovering from illness and feeling better in general. Please help your child(ren) remember to bring their water bottle each and every day!

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Parents,

You do not have permission to come into the school or onto school property and take pictures of any child, except your own, unless it is used for our yearbook.

Please DO NOT Post or Share Pictures of Our Students on any Website or on ANY Social Media

REMINDER ABOUT ATTENDANCE REPORTING GUIDELINES

Parents, if your child is going to be late or absent, please call the 24/7 attendance hotline: the number is (913) 993-4188. Please try to do this by 8:30 a.m. the morning of the absence. Please note that the nurse does not do attendance or receive these messages. If you need to discuss a specific issue with her, first report the absence to the hotline, then call the nurse directly at (913) 993-4102. Alerting the teacher is appreciated, however we also require that you report the absence to the hotline. Thank you for your diligence in this matter. The safety and accountability for your children are of the utmost importance to us.

District Policy on Returned Checks

The district has a returned check policy that began June 1, 2007. All returned checks are processed by a collection agency and a \$30 fee is assessed for each returned item to cover the cost of these services. This is in addition to any charges assessed by your bank. Since the charge is being assessed by the agency for their service, the charge cannot be waived. You may want to ask your local bank about overdraft protection services.

A Request from the Office & Cashier-

Please make a note of your **child's name, grade level, and teacher** on ALL CHECKS BEING SENT TO THE SCHOOL. Thank you!

SKYWARD ONLINE VERIFICATION

Please complete your child's Skyward Online Verification. If you have not given permission for your child's photo release, they will not be able to appear in our yearbook. Please call the office at 913-993-4100 if you need any help with the Skyward Online Verification process. Thank you!



Two steps are now required to complete the MVP process:

1) Attend an in-person training-

Please visit https://www.smsd.org/families/volunteer-mvp

2) Visit Validity Screening to complete the online background screening process. This information will be provided at the training.

Thank you for completing the MVP process and volunteering at Oak Park-Carpenter!

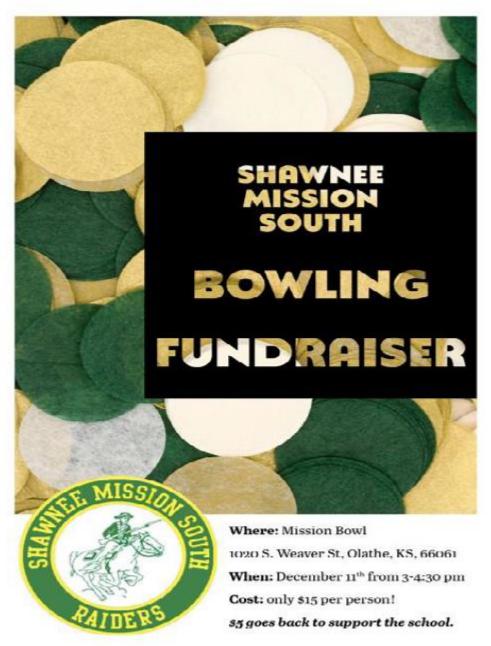
MVP process must be completed before attending ANY field trip



Thank you, PTA, for your generous support of field trips!

This monetary support enables Oak Park-Carpenter students to experience enhancement of their education through visits to museums and living history sites, science and social studies programs, and live theater and musical performances. Without the PTA's support, many of these field trips would not be possible. **Thank you to all PTA members!**

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