



O'Loughlin Eagles News

February 2018

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Happy Valentines Day!

O'Loughlin Kindergarten Round-Up

O'Loughlin staff members have begun to prepare for the 2018-2019 Kindergarten classes. We have many openings for new students and look forward to meeting parents of Kindergarten students on Thursday, March 1st at Hays High School at 6:30 p.m.

February is National Children's Dental Health month! Oral health significantly impacts both overall body health and wellness.

Tooth decay is one of the most common childhood diseases...five times as common as asthma and seven times as common as hay



fever in five to seventeen year olds. Children miss school because of pain from cavities. Prevention is the key to good oral health. The American Dental Association recommends having the first dental visit before age two and then at least twice a year there after.

Teacher Requests

The deadline for submitting parent requests will be April 15. Please remember that parent requests will be considered when making class rosters, but the final decisions will be made by our educational teams. The educational teams look at a student's achievement, ability, and temperament; and then we work to make the best fit with a teacher and classmates. If you choose to write a letter, you must include an educational reason for the request. For example, you may have information on your child's learning style or personality that may come into play as we build our groups. Please submit your request to Mrs. Vicki Gile, Principal at O'Loughlin Elementary, at vgile@usd489.com



No School USD 489 Monday, February 19th

Attendance, Absences, and Tardies

We hope parents will help their children develop responsibility by assisting their child in maintaining good attendance. Children are counted absent when they are not in school for any reason. We ask that parents call the office if their child will be absent. Our secretary will telephone the

parent if a child is absent and we have not heard from a parent. Students are encouraged to be in school on time each day in order to begin develop-

ing good work habits.

At certain times it may become necessary to pick up your child before school dismissal time. For your child's safety, we request that all students be picked up inside the building at the office.

**"Always remember:
You're braver than you believe,
Stronger than you seem,
And smarter than you think"**

Important Reminders

If your phone number changes, please let the office know as soon as possible. We have encountered a rather large amount of phone numbers that have been disconnected when we have tried to contact either one or both of a student's parents. It is imperative we have a working phone number so if a student is in need of medical care, we can contact a parent immediately.

Make sure those fingers and ears are covered!! Frostbite can happen quickly when our cold temperatures are combined with wind and uncovered skin.



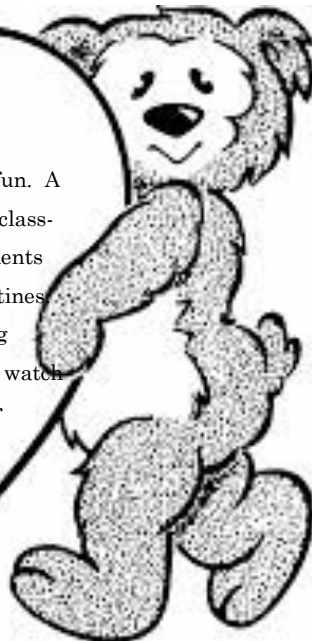
Parents, please remember when you send a check to school with your child, write on the memo line what the check is for. We receive checks for a number of different things and sometimes the checks get posted to the wrong account. When you send a check for lunch, include the student/students names.

Casual Spring/ Group Picture Day, February 22, 2018

Valentine Party

February brings many opportunities for fun. A favorite February activity is the annual classroom Valentine party. O'Loughlin students always enjoy giving and receiving valentines.

Valentines will be exchanged during parties held in the classrooms. Please watch your child's classroom newsletter for further information concerning your child's party.



Congratulations!

O'Loughlin Spelling Bee Representatives

Cooper L. Johnson

Kynleigh Maab

Drew Stivers

John Walters

Dominic Hernandez—alternate

PTA Notes

By Co-Presidents Brianna Day and Hayley Bieker ☐☐ Our Chili Feed was changed up a little bit this year with a Reading around the world theme! It was a success. We loved hearing all the feedback on the food choices and stations that were placed around the school. The kids loved visiting all the different continents and filling out their passports. We had an increase in attendance again this year, which is always a plus. Thank you to all the volunteers, parents, teachers, and staff that made this event a huge success again this year.

We will be discussing our Family Fun Night at the next meeting. Please join us to help plan our biggest event of the year. We will also set the date at our next meeting! We are excited to hear some new ideas!

Have you signed up to receive important O'Loughlin updates? If not, join the "Remind" app by texting @olough to the number 81010. The app is free, safe and easy to use.

We also ask that you enroll or renew your Dillon's Community rewards. You can go to www.dillons.com and click on the community rewards link. From there you can create an account or simply sign in to an existing account. Once you have logged in or created an account you can add a group to your community rewards. Simply type in O'Loughlin and click search. It will bring up our school. This is just another way you can support your children and their school by simply shopping for your everyday groceries. Dillon's donates back a portion of your bill to the school.

We are thankful to have so many families joining us with PTA memberships. PTA membership does not commit you to any specific event. It simply means you are investing in our children through your support. It is your desire as to how involved you become. You can submit these to your child's teacher. Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday, February 12th from 5:30-6:30p in the Media Center. We pride ourselves on working together to provide more for our students. We look forward to another fabulous year!! Please feel free to contact us at OLoughlinPTA@gmail.com.

Congratulations Mrs. Haskell's Fifth grade class for collecting the most Box Top\$ in December/January!!!

2018 Fall Pre-Enrollment

O'Loughlin teachers are beginning to prepare for the 2018 fall semester. To help them prepare we are asking for current students to let us know what your plans are for next year. Please return the pre-enrollment form to the office by February 9, 2018. These forms were sent home with your child on February 1st.

HAYS MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade Information Night

Date: March 6, 2018

School Open for Tours 6:30—6:50

Parent Information 7:00—8:15

Location: Hays Middle School

