NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

OVID-ELSIE MIDDLE SCHOOL



A NOTE FROM OEMS

Parents and 0-E Community,

The first quarter ended on October 23rd. Report cards will be sent home after the fall/winter semester ends in January. **Please check PowerSchool regularly for grade updates as we do not send paper copies home at the quarter break.** If you need help accessing PowerSchool as a parent, please reach out to Mrs. Bushard in the Information Center.

School attendance is the primary factor that impacts student success. The school day starts at 7:55am. Please help to ensure students are arriving to school on time. We are seeing an increase in the number of students marked tardy to class. Timeliness is critical to success and lost instruction due to student tardies interrupts the entire class. Thank you to staff and students for placing increased attention on tardiness.

The greatest behavior challenge we are seeing is minor classroom disruptions. Please see the "Student Challenges" section on the next page and engage your student in a conversation about appropriate classroom behavior.

Thank you,
Mr. Ormsbee
Principal

BE RESPECTFUL BE RESPONSIBLE BE YOUR BEST!

STUDENT CHALLENGES

The school staff is seeing a slight increase in student behavior from the beginning of the year. We ask that parents reinforce these goals at home.

Work Completion - In most cases, if a student is struggling with grades it directly relates to work completion. Incompletes and missing work are difficult to recover from. Work completion is critical to success.

Classroom Environment - All OEMS staff want learning to be fun and enjoyable. It is critical that students have a clear understanding of the expectations within each classroom to maximize achievement and provide flexibility for fun, engaging activities. Distracting behaviors, such as blurting out, can have a negative impact on peer performance, classroom culture and learning opportunities for all students in the classroom. These distractions need to be mitigated to maximize instructional time for all students. While a student might only 'distrupt' a class 2-3 times a class period, that can become well over 2 disruptions per minute within a classroom of 25 students. All students need to be accountable for high academic and classroom environment standards.

Hallway - We want to stress safety within our hallways. We are witnessing and working through some behaviors that, while seem innocent, frequently result in injury or damage to both school and student property. Running and horseplay are the 2 most common issues.

We have great students at OEMS and we want to hold them to the highest standards. Educating the whole child works most effectively with parent, school and community collaboration.

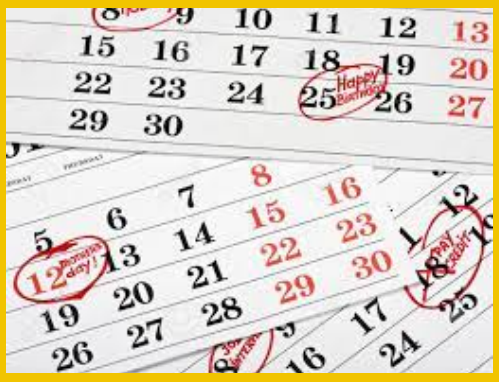
The middle school staff thanks you for your support.

BEFORE SCHOOL DROPOFF



Temperatures before school are dropping. Remember students are not permitted in the school until 7:20AM. Please do not drop off students before 7:20AM.

IMPORTANT DATES



November 4: 7th Grade Field Trip
November 5: 8th Grade Career Day
November 6: No School - Staff PD
November 25-27: Thanksgiving Break

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

These students are recognized for academic achievement and/or effort in the classroom.



8th Grade: Grant and Scout
7th Grade: Natalee and Colton
6th Grade: Josh and Lily

MARAUDERS OF THE MONTH

These students are recognized for the ideals of "Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Your Best."



8th Grade: Aubrey and Landon
7th Grade: Cameron and Makenna
6th Grade: Kohl and Addison



ATHLETICS

Wrestling and girls volleyball started in October.

Please check the OEAS athletics website for more information.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the high school athletic department.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Mrs. Collins' 8th grade Citizenship class organized a Monster Mile fundraiser to support the Marauder Needs Closet.









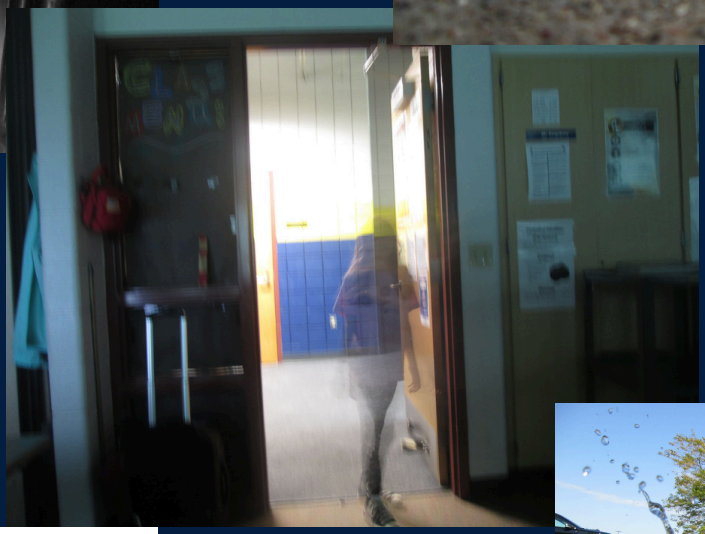




Project examples from Mr. Kingsbury's quarter 1 photography class.



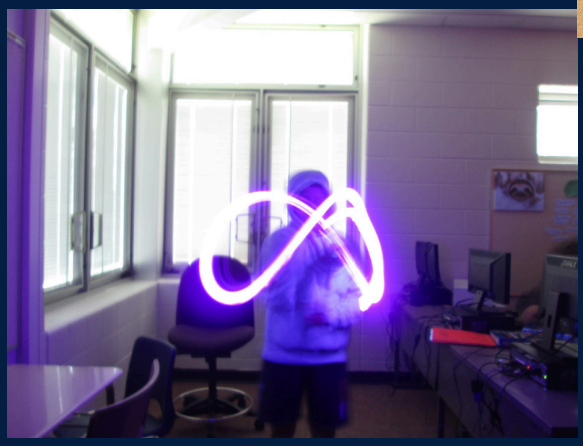














Samples of art from Mrs. Willbanks' 6th grade Intro to Creative Arts class.









Thank you to the 2026-2027 Student Council students and advisors for all of their efforts to make OEMS a great place. Advisors: Mrs. Garcia and Ms. Holley



6th Grade - Best Costume: Lily - Funniest Costume: Dominic





7th Grade - Best Costume: Chloe - Funniest Costume: Michael





8th Grade - Best Costume: Grace and Allison - Funniest Costume: TJ and Brantley





Schoolwide - Best Group: Lizzy, Paityn and Claire





















TOYS FOR TOTS

Please consider donating to Toys for Tots. A donation box is located in the Ovid-Elsie Middle School next to the main office entrance.



COAT DRIVE

give the gift of warmth!

Please consider donating coats to help support those in need. A donation box is located in the Ovid-Elsie Middle School next to the main office entrance.

HOLIDAY

ADOPT A FAMILY

Mrs. Collins' Citizenship class is adopting local families for the holidays. Please consider providing donations (money included) to help families during the holiday season.