

Osseo Middle School

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DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Destination Imagination (DI) is a worldwide creative problem solving competition for kids. Students build leadership, performing, writing, technical, building, and teamwork skills as they develop creative solutions.

This year we had 4 teams compete in 3 different challenges at the regional tournament on February 19th at Maple Grove Senior High School.

The 6th grade team of Hadley Sarkela, Jessica Savage, and Emilia Schmidt are the DIdea Makers and they took on the Technical Challenge.

Taking on the Scientific Challenge and coming in 2nd was the 8th/6th grade Sleep Deprivation team of Olivia Novak, Nya Ramsey, Cody Kostelecky, Dapree Christlieb-Peterson, Emily Anose, and Ruby Miller.

Calling themselves The Cornbreads, the 7th grade team of Reese Plaude, Grace Heinecke, Gabe Perkins, Maddie Dehn, and Evan Molinaro took on the Technical Challenge and came in 2nd.

The 7th grade team of Tabi Fiedler, Hannah Schmeling, Michael Heim, and Philena Porte; also known as Code Blue, competed in the Engineering Challenge and received 1st place.

Sleep Deprivation, The Cornbreads, and Code Blue all advanced to the state tournament, which will be held at Jackson Middle School in Anoka on April 22nd.

OMS MATHLETES

WE have a great group of students excited for math and problem solving! We meet and work on team building, strategies and math problems. We have had several building math competitions and a MathCounts competition on February 11th. We hope to compete at the St. Cloud Math competition April 6th.

CONGRATULATIONS OMS MATHLETES!



Osseo Middle School placed 3rd at the MATHCOUNTS Regional Competition, Saturday, February 11th. Peter Campbell tied for third in the individual competition, earning a trip to the state contest as an individual (state competition is March 10-11 in Plymouth).

Regional team members Peter Campbell, Tyler Hansen, Jack Tiede, Tyler Tutt, placed 3rd in the team competition. Other students participating at the regional meet in the individual competition were Katelyn Hathaway, Austin Kolden, Thai Nguyen, Thien-y Nguyen, and Nicole Yang.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- MARCH 10.....Mark Reporting (No School)
- MARCH 13.....Tri III Begins
- MARCH 24.....Last Day of School Before Spring Break
- APRIL 3First Day of School After Spring Break
- APRIL 14Conference Release Day—No School
- APRIL 24Licensed Staff Workshop (No School)
- APRIL 25Conferences 3:30-7:30 PM
- MAY 13Spring 8th Grade Gala at MGMS
- MAY 29Memorial Day (No School)
- JUNE 8Last Day of School for Students
- JUNE 9Mark Reporting Day (No School)



Students Entering 7th Grade Immunizations News

Letters will be send before the end of the year to sixth grade students who may Require additional immunizations. Minnesota Immunization Law requires all students entering the 7th grade to have:

Tdap—tetanus booster shot that also contains pertussis

Meningococcal—shot to protect against meningitis

Please send in documentation of your child's immunizations to the Middle School Health Office. If you have any questions, please call:



Kris Harrington, Building Nurse
Osseo Middle School



VOLUNTEERING AT OSSEO MIDDLE SCHOOL

I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all who have volunteered their time and talents to support Osseo Middle School through serving lunch, helping in a classroom, prepping projects, volunteering from home, serving on Principal's Roundtable, or being a part of our WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students) team. National information regarding WatchDOGS, can be found by visiting the "fathers.com" website. We appreciate your time and involvement and your help has made a tremendous difference! So far this year, Osseo Middle has almost 200 approved parent, community, and youth volunteers whom have donated over 1300 hours!

Third Trimester has just started and we have several volunteer opportunities coming up. Our annual "Red Out" event, on March 23rd (three-on-three after school basketball tournament,) MCA testing hall monitors, conference helpers, and classroom helpers are just some of the opportunities. If you are interested in becoming a new volunteer at OMS, please email Maureen Major at majorm@district279.org. Once the application is completed, returned, and processed, I will put you on the email list so that you can sign up for opportunities, as they become available.



OSSEO MIDDLE SCHOOL SOARING ORIOLES MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Osseo Middle School Soaring Orioles Mentorship Program is about building trusting and positive relationships with students. Mentors work with Mentees on goal setting and working towards those goals as they build a solid relationship. Mentors/Mentees meet at least 1 to 2 times a month to enjoy lunch together and may meet additional times. The one on one opportunity is beneficial to students and staff alike.

The mentorship program has been proven successful. This is the 4th year of the Soaring Orioles Mentorship Program, the first year we piloted the program and started with minimal participants this year there are nearly 100 mentors and mentees in the program.

To: Families of students enrolled at Garden City Elementary, Park Brook Elementary, Zanewood Community School and Osseo Middle School

From: Dale J. Carlstrom
Director of Facilities and Transportation Operations

Re: Asbestos abatement at your child's school

Date: March 8, 2017

I am writing to inform you that the school district will conduct asbestos abatement (removing materials that contain asbestos) at the schools listed above, beginning this spring. The asbestos removal is related to the district's work to update the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems at each of the affected schools as part of our Long-Term Facilities Maintenance program.

The majority of the work will take place over the summer, but some of it will need to begin this spring in order for the buildings to be ready by the start of school next fall. The work involves removing pipe insulation and taking out boilers and piping in the boiler rooms. In order to minimize disruption to teaching and learning during the remainder of this school year, work will take place in the evening.

Contractors who are specially licensed in asbestos abatement will do the removal, and a third-party asbestos abatement supervisor will be on site to ensure that workers follow proper containment practices. For example, during the boiler room work, the room will be sealed off and only the licensed asbestos abatement contractors will be allowed in that space. The supervisor will also conduct air tests throughout the process.

Asbestos abatement plans are submitted for approval to the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the work may be inspected by those authorities. In addition, two district staff members who are certified in both asbestos inspection and asbestos site supervision will monitor the project.

I want to assure you that the health and safety of our students and staff is our primary goal, and we will employ every measure to ensure the safe removal of asbestos-containing materials.

If you have questions about the asbestos abatement project at your school, please contact Coordinator of Risk Management Rachel Koehler at 763-391-7191.

Trimester III Progress Reports—April 24, 2017
Available on-line through ParentVUE/Student VUE

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

OMS ATTENDANCE LINE (dial “1” for attendance).....(763) 391-8800
OMS Office(763) 391-8800

OMS Automated Phone System
Dial 763-391-8800 and select one of the following:

1	Student Absence/Late
2	Directions to OMS
3	Voicemail message to staff member
0	Main Office/Administration

OMS Web Page <http://schools.district279.org/oms/>
OMS Office FAX (763) 391-8801
First Student Bus Company (763) 421-5785
District Transportation (763) 391-7045
Educational Service Center (763) 391-7000
City of Maple Grove Parks & Recreation (763) 494-6500
(Maple Grove Park & Rec oversee the dances held at OMS and MGMS)