

School Board Report for OTES

November 2018

Respect at OTES

We've been talking to our students about what RESPECT for Self, RESPECT for Others, and RESPECT for Property looks like at OTES:

Respect for Self: Believe in yourself, have a growth mindset, positive self talk, self care

Respect for Others: Being on time, having materials ready, listen, be open minded, use respectful language

Respect for Property: Clean up after yourself, take care of your classroom, take care of the gardens, care for and return library books.

We are really trying to support this theme throughout the school year with activities, videos, and awards centered on the work above



PTC Meetings and Parent Involvement

This year we have focused on expanding our Parent Organization and getting more parent involvement in our school. The parents have responded in kind. As I reported at our last meeting, a new group called the D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) has been formed at OTES and will be meeting once a month at YAMAS to find ways to support school events and create new ideas to give students wonderful school experiences.

We also set a goal for our school and parents to contribute at least 10 hours of volunteer hours at OTES. These hours can take many shapes and forms, but already, we are seeing an increase in parent participation and support for many events at OTES. Finally, the PTC is trying to focus on expanding the enrollment to their monthly meetings with more discussion centered on student needs, activities, and curricular experiences. We have seen those monthly meetings increase in participation as well. We look forward to a strong school year with parents at our side supporting what we do each day.

Professional Development And Experiences Throughout NOVEMBER

The staff at OTES are always moving forward and promoting professional growth throughout the school year. In the past month, I have conducted over 15 summative reviews with classroom/special education teachers. The cycle usually involves updating administrators on their yearly goals, providing a reflection about their professional progress, and developing new goals for the upcoming evaluation cycle. Each year as these sessions come into focus, it amazes me the level of commitment and dedication our staff has to their own development. We will continue to meet with teachers throughout the months of December and January to complete all continuing contract teacher reviews.

There are so many other professional development experiences that have been highlighted in the month of November:

- Staff will start to examine the accreditation standards for Elementary Schools and begin the process of self-evaluation of OTES
- Several teachers are taking a graduate level Literacy Course taught by our Literacy Coach, Amy Cyr
- Sharon Greaney has been offering Running Record Assessment Seminars to all teachers needing or wanting a refresher
- Vicki Wilcox has been participating in Monday Evening Seminars on Childhood Trauma, Stress, and Depression to inform staff about potential signs in the classroom.
- 3-5 grade teachers are examining the NWEA Assessment Tools and Instructional Guides to make better use of assessment data.
- Several teachers participated in the annual technology state conference.
- Several teachers participated in the annual Gifted and Talented conference.

Upcoming Events at OTES

November 14: D.O.G.S Meeting at Yamas

November 26: Online Auction starts at OTES

November 27: Learners Are Leaders For Grades 3-5

November 30: Learners Are Leaders for Grade K-2

November 30: First Trimester Ends

December 1: Holiday Bazaar at OTES 9 am to 2 pm

December 7: Report Cards Go Home

December 14: K-Kids Caroling to several elderly housing facilities in OT

December 14: Walk to School Day At OTES