

School Board Report for OTES

May 2019

Beauty and the Beast

The fifth grade will be performing Beauty and the Beast on June 5th at 6 pm at OTES. This is the second year in a row we have been able to pull together a major production with our 5th Grade students and we are amazed at their talents.

Last year we tried to find times throughout the winter and spring season to gather our students together to support the musical theater and it was difficult. This year we built it into our school schedule on Day 6 at 1 pm and found having a scheduled time helped to make the production more accessible to all students.

We still have had a lot of after school practices to ready ourselves for the production, but students have been really engaged in the play and have had a lot of fun. Mrs. Marquis and Mrs. St. Peter have been the leaders of this production and deserve a lot of credit for their efforts and talents.

End of the Year Celebrations

This is a busy time of year with the end of the year celebrations for each of the grade levels. We started offering evening events for our parents before April vacation to fit in all the grade level nights. The parents are pleased with hearing about what the students are learning and hearing a few songs performed by the grade level students. We are especially pleased when the parents can see the displays of writing, reading notebooks, and other activities students have experienced throughout the school year. Over the course of the next few weeks, we will have several more evenings of music performances and grade level celebrations.

World of Work Day at OTES

We hosted our annual World of Work day at OTES on May 3rd and were pleased with the exciting careers we were able to expose our students to during this day. Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. Lunn organized a tremendous morning of various presenters to help our students think about possible career choices they may consider as part of their development. We know our age group is young to be thinking about possible careers, but we know exposure and inspiration is a major part of our students' development. Getting our students to think about these careers and asking presenters to talk about the education

they needed in their careers helps to build the students' aspirations toward schooling. Here are some of the presenters we were able to have at our school last week:

Coast Guard
Vet Tech
Dance Instructors
Forestry
TV anchor person
Chef
Police officers
Engineers
Dental Health
Theater
Electrician
Heavy Equipment
Boat Builder
Occupational Therapist
EMTs

Run Hard, Be Happy 1K Fun Run/5K Run/Walk May 18th

Our annual family and community run will be on May 18th. This is our 6th year offering this event at our school and all the proceeds go to our playground maintenance. We are amazed at the participation at this event and enjoy offering a healthy experience for our families.

Here's the link to the sign up if you want to participate or have a friend you'd like to invite:

<http://www.active.com/old-town-me/running/6th-annual-run-hard-be-happy-5k-1k-fun-run-2019>

Start and School Times at OTES

We have met with our staff about the start and ending day at OTES. We surveyed the staff about some options about the beginning of the day and how to best support our students at the end of the day.

Although we have not finalized our complete plans, I believe we have some great ways to support our students and their needs with this slight change to the bus schedule and day. We are going to work this summer to develop some of our thinking and to communicate those changes to our families. We know we will have lots of students take advantage of after-school offerings if transportation can be part of the plan.

I am in complete support of this change and know it will mean more options for our students and their education.

Upcoming Events at OTES

May 15: LMS Parent Meeting for our 5th Graders
May 15: Band Concert
May 17: Leonard's Mills (3rd grade)
May 18: Run Hard, Be Happy
May 20: Grade 5 Kayaking
May 23: Parent Appreciation Day at OTES 7:30 to 8:30 am
May 23: Kindergarten Celebration

May 24: 2nd Graders Field Trip to the Sarah's House

May 27: Holiday, no school

May 29: Musical Rehearsal for all students from 2 pm to 4:30 pm

