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Principal's Message

Bully Prevention Month

Parent Pointers

When adults respond quickly and consistently to bullying behavior they send the message that it is not acceptable. Parents, school staff, and other adults in the community can help kids prevent bullying by talking about it, and building a safe school environment. In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:

An Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.

Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.

Bullying may be physical, verbal, and relational or carried out via technology. However, parents and school staff also need to be diligent about teaching children the difference between being a bully, being mean, and being rude. Here are some simple definitions to help:

Rude = inadvertently saying or doing something that hurts someone else.

Mean = purposefully saying or doing something to hurt someone once (or maybe twice) but not consistently.

We have a new bully prevention tool for students called: **Stopping Routine**. It's designed for negative situations between students who are mean, rude, or bullying and their victims. Victims of any incident need to say **STOP!** It has no connotation and cannot be taken as a hostile phrase. The perpetrator

is to say **OK**. We have practiced it and posted signs around our school to remind students to use the strategy.

Remember, dealing with mean or rude people is a part of life that we learn to cope with. On the other hand, **bullying** is a different matter and it needs to be addressed immediately! We will be rolling out the **STOP it** app to support victims along with an assembly and parent meetings about cyber-safety. Look for the information this month.

Renee Henderson

Principal, Ishi Hills Middle School

Message from the Office

If you have a new address, phone number, or any new contact numbers, please update your changes in the Parent Portal. It's **VERY** important to have correct information on file in case of an emergency to ensure medical service won't be delayed.



Pay Attention to Attendance:

Keep Your Child on track in Middle School. Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

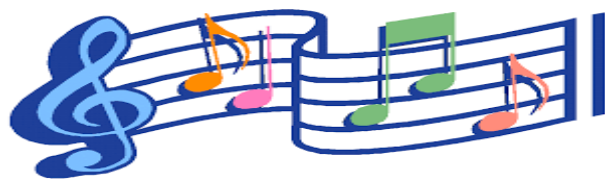
A "NOTE" FROM THE ATTENDANCE DESK

It is important that your student arrive to school on time each day. School begins at 8:20a.m. Students arriving later than 8:25a.m. will be marked tardy and need to come to the office for a pass to class. Health notes from the student's doctor, dentist or counselor will be required to excuse student for health appointments. It's important for students to be prompt to all classes during the day; classroom tardies are recorded and will result in a detention after three offenses. If your child is absent please call the office at 530-532-3078, extension 201 to leave a message with our Attendance Clerk, Becky Wilson. Please note the following attendance policy for excusing absences:

***Changes to absences must be made within five (5) school days according to AR5113(b). After this time elapses, the absence will remain unexcused.**

Breakfast Is Served

Ishi Hills School has a breakfast program. Serving begins daily at 8:00 a.m. **Please note that this is the earliest time students may arrive on campus; no supervision prior to that time.**



Band Is Success for Life!

All 6th grade band students should now be taking their instrument home and practicing at least 5 days per week. After school help is highly encouraged (Central Room 27). Students will be tested weekly and graded accordingly. Please find the Essential Elements app location on the back of your book that allows the student to 1) hear each

song in the book, 2) play along with each song, and 3) record themselves playing with the track.

The Advanced Band will be performing on the dates below. Students must have MOTAF (Marches of the Armed Forces) memorized by OCT. 11th in order to get a uniform. Please come by before band or after school to test. First year Adv. Band students should be practicing this at home daily until it is memorized. Donut rule is in effect – 3 days of perfect attendance by the whole band=donuts for everyone!

There is a lot more information on the official Advanced Band newsletter, so please email Mr. Wolcott to get that letter: rwolcott@ocesd.net

Parade Schedule

Veteran's Day Parade - Nov. 11th at 9:30-noon. Go to Central Band Room. We will go to the corner of 5th and Montgomery St. (uniform) ***Pick-up point will be at Montgomery and Downer Streets.***

Light Parade - Dec. 14th at 6-6:20pm
Municipal Auditorium (band t-shirt)

Winter Concert - Dec. 17th at 7:00-8pm
Central/Ishi (ALL bands) go to STATE THEATER (uniform)

Ron Wolcott
Music Teacher
Oroville City Elementary School District
rwolcott@ocesd.net





Ishi Parents, Guardians and Students!

As you probably know by now students are being issued textbooks and checking out library books. Library books can be kept for up to two weeks and text books for the duration of the year. I would like to remind you that all books must be returned.

We host a Fall and Spring Book Fair this year so please keep an eye out for upcoming announcements. Last spring we were able to add many new titles to our library thanks to the support of our Ishi families.

Cheers to a great 2019/2020 school year!

Library Aide
(530) 532-3078 ext. 133



Does your student need homework help? We also provide educational enriching activities for our students and a safe environment.



Basketball Tryouts will start on Wednesday Oct. 9th during ASP at 4pm for both 6th and 7th grade Girls and 7th & 8th grade Boys. All students must be signed up in ASP in order to try out. Please put Basketball on the top of form so I know that you're wanting to be on the team.



Washington, D.C. Trip

D.C. Students you have an opportunity to earn money! If you are interested in fundraising, please contact: Tupperware Representative Tracy Grimes at (530) 403-6545. 40% of your sales will go towards your fund! 7th and 8th graders interested in attending this year's field trip please contact: Laura Filbeck at lfilbeck@ocesd.net



- Oct. 2nd School Custodian Appreciation Day
- Oct. 7th Bully Prevention Month
- Oct. 9th Mini Day out at 1:15pm
- Oct. 10th SSC Meeting at 4:30pm
- Oct. 15th Rotary Student of the Month
- Oct. 23rd Mini Day out at 1:15pm
- Oct. 23rd PTC Meeting at 5:30pm at Shakey's Pizza Parlor
- Oct. 25th Spirit Assembly
- Oct. 25th School Dance at 4:40pm
- Oct. 30th Mini Day out at 1:15pm
- Oct. 31st Mini Day out at 1:15pm
- Oct. 31st Halloween

NOTE to Parents...

A friendly reminder from our Teacher Staff here at Ishi Hills Middle School.

It is highly recommended that you stay connected in the Parent Portal to keep track of your students' progress throughout the school year.

Ishi Hills Middle School is on Social Media



Follow us on Twitter

Join our Facebook Group

Note: you must have a Facebook account to access.



Please remind parents that student drop off and pick up is in the Round About, NOT in the top parking lot. Parents please be reminded that when they pull up they need to go all the way to the end, it makes the process smoother and allows for more room for picking up our kiddos.



September 2019

Noah Bundy

Taylen Regur

John Martin

Julie Cha

Kennedi Clingman

Cheyenne Neal

Lily Guerrero-Tovar

Ezekiel Mastel

Aaryan Patel

Yamahni Duncan

Cerenity Bruce

Evan Beall

Leonardo Gomez-Burgos

Bowen Ambrose

Isaiah Vaughan

Kolbee Dunn

Kristina Northrup



Take the National Red Ribbon Campaign Pledge now and be a part of the creation of a drug free America.

PARENT PLEDGE

1. As parents and citizens, we will talk to our children and the children in our lives about the dangers of drug abuse.
2. We will set clear rules for our children about not using drugs.
3. We will set a good example for our children by not using illegal drugs or medicine without a prescription.
4. We will monitor our children's behavior and enforce appropriate consequences, so that our rules are respected.
5. We will encourage family and friends to follow the same guidelines to keep children safe from substance abuse.

I pledge to grow up safe, healthy and drug free by

YOUTH PLEDGE

1. Understanding the dangers of drug use and abuse.
2. Respecting myself and being drug free.
3. Spreading the word to family and friends about the importance of being healthy and drug free.

Did you know...

Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't, yet only a quarter of teens report having these conversations.



We have black t-shirts and hoodies available in the office for purchase. T-shirt cost \$10 and hoodies are \$20.



Parent Teacher Conferences will be scheduled for November 1st.