



# Olympia South Elementary School Newsletter

November - 2006

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## NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 03 Report Cards
- 06 Vision & Hearing Screenings  
P/T Conf. 3:00-7:00
- 07 Vision & Hearing Screenings  
P/T Cong. 3:00-7:00  
Beich's Candy Orders delivered to school
- 08 Vision & Hearing Screenings
- 10 NO SCHOOL
- 13 PTO Meeting – Library – 6:30 pm
- 16 Family Reading Night
- 18 Market Day
- 20 Re Screening for Vision & Hearing
- 23 NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Day
- 24 NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving vacation

**PLANNING FOR OLYMPIA DISTRICT'S FUTURE** – On Thursday, November 2, the district will hold the next session to gather input from community members. This will be the first meeting of the Citizen's Facility Planning Committee. The membership in this group is open to all interested community members. This will be an opportunity to hear about the meeting that took place over the last month in the elementary and middle/high school buildings. Information and input from this meeting will be presented to the School Board at its November meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Become involved and join in the process to ultimately improve the education throughout the district. Hope you will join us at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to be held in the OHMS cafeteria area beginning at 7:00pm.

### **Mt. HOPE-FUNKS GROVE LIBRARY, MCLEAN**

November events at Mt. Hope-Funks Grove Library include:

- 11 - Popcorn and a Movie - 11:00 a.m.
  - 12-18 - National Children's Book Week  
Stop in during regular library hours to make a bookmark
  - 18 - Grandfather's Journey Storytime  
Includes fun with origami and snacks
  - 28 - Family Movie Night - 6:30 p.m.
- Everyone is invited to attend. For more information please call 309 874 2291.

**LIBRARY HOURS:** Mon. 9:30-1:00, Tues. 2:00-8:00, Wed. 3:30-8:00, Thurs. 2:00-8:00, Sat. 10:00-3:00.

**ADOPT-A-SOLDIER PROGRAM** – Let's support our current veterans and show respect for all veterans by working together to support this collection effort. Olympia South Elementary has teamed up with the Adopt-A-Soldier Program to show our support for U.S. troops. Below is a list of items that our soldiers would love to receive. Donated items can be sent with students or dropped off at Olympia South. The last day items will be accepted is **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you in advance for your support!

### **FOOD**

PEANUT BUTTER	POP TARTS	GRANOLA BARS
POWER BARS	CHEX MIX	TRAIL MIX
NUTS OR RAISINS	DRIED FRUIT	CANNED FRUIT
JELL-O SNACKS	HUNTS SNACKS	KRAFT EASY MAC
RAMEN NOODLES	SNACK CAKES	INSTANT OATMEAL
CANNED CHICKEN	SLIM JIMS	BEEF JERKY
LIFESAVERS	CERTS	TIC TACS
CHEWING GUM	TOOTSIE ROLLS	HARD CANDY
KOOLADE	LEMONADE	GATORADE
CRYSTAL LITE	INSTANT COFFEE	TEA
COCOA MIX	CUP OF SOUP	INDIVIDUAL SNACKS
KRAFT HANDI SNACK		RAGU EXPRESS
SNACK SIZE CHIPS, PRETZELS, POPCORN		TUNA IN A POUCH

### **MISC. ITEMS**

BATTERIES AA – AAA	DVD'S	AT&T CALLING CARDS
SMALL FANS (battery)	DISPOSABLE CAMERAS	TIMEX WATCHES
MUSIC CD'S / HOLDERS	MAGLITES	SHOWER SHOES
T-SHIRTS (WHITE/BLACK)	SOCKS (WHITE/BLACK)	SPORTS BRAS (M, L)
BOXERS (M, L, XL)	TOWELS	WASH CLOTHES
SUNGLASSES	STATIONARY	ENVELOPES
JOURNALS	SEWING KITS	PACKING TAPE
PLAYING CARDS	FRISBEES	TOILET PAPER
FOOT POWDER	ODOR EATERS	RAZORS
GLADE STICK UPS	SHAMPOO (TRAVEL)	KLEENEX (TRAVEL SIZE)
HAND SANITIZER	LOTION	SUNSCREEN
CHAPSTICK	TOOTHBRUSH/PASTE	MOUTHWASH
FLOSS	HAIRBRUSHES	HAIR BANDS
BANDAIDS	ASPIRIN/TYLENOL	CLOXOR WIPES
VITAMINS	LOTIONS	EYE DROPS
BABY WIPES (ANTIBACTERIAL)		DEODORANT (NON AEROSOL)
INSECT REPELLANT (NON-AEROSOL)		NEOSPORIN/CALAMINE LOTION

**NO CHOCOLATE CANDY THAT MELTS -**  
**NO AEROSOL CANS - NO PORK FOOD ITEMS**



**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES** –November 6 & 7 are the dates for Parent-Teacher Conferences, between 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This is an important time of the year. It is a chance for you to ask questions about the classroom or your child's progress. It is also a time for you and the teacher to work together as a team to discuss ways you both can help your son or daughter. Have you received your notice for the conference time? If not, call the school to find out what is your conference time, or if you need to change to a more convenient time. There are a couple of things you can do ahead of time that will help lay a foundation with the teacher for helping your student:

- **Talk to your child.** Find out what he thinks are his best subjects and what subjects he likes the least. Ask why. Also, ask your student if there is anything he would like you to talk about with his teacher. Make sure your child doesn't worry about the meeting. Help him understand that you and his teacher are meeting to help him.
- **Make a list.** Before you go to the meeting, it might help to write down the list of things you want to talk about with the teacher. For example:
  - Questions about your student's progress
  - How you, the teacher, and the school can work together to help your child
  - Questions about the school's programs or policies
  - Your student's home life, personality, concerns, habits and hobbies, and other things you feel the teacher should know about that might help in working with the student (e.g., religious holidays, music lessons, part-time jobs, a sick relative)

The questions you ask during the conference can help you express your hopes for the student's success in class and for the teacher. It's a good idea to ask the important questions first, in case time runs out. The teacher's answers should help you and the teacher work together to help your student.

**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK** - Parents and relatives are cordially invited to visit your child's classroom during **AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**. If you would like to eat lunch with your child the cost is \$2.35. LUNCH TIMES are: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 11:00 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 11:10 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 11:20 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 11: 30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 11:40 a.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 11:50 a.m.

Please notify the school office **before 9:00 a.m.** on the day that you would like to eat with your child so we can include you in our lunch count for that day.

When visiting your child's classroom, please come to the **office first and sign in.**

Come and Visit during **AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK!**

**FIRST GRADE "BUGGY" AT OLYMPIA SOUTH** - Mrs.

Walker and Miss O'Grady's 1st grade classes were given the assignment to create a bug at home with their families to conclude their study of insects. The students could use any objects from



home as long as their bug had the correct number of body parts. The students and parents did a great job working together to come up with very creative bugs. The



students and staff admired the bugs on display in the school. This project was a great way to assess students' understanding of insects while spending quality time with their families and teaching them all they learned about insects.

By Mrs. Walker and Miss O'Grady

**ZOO TO YOU** – Laura and Shannon from Miller Park



Zoo brought snakes, a tortoise, a chinchilla, an armadillo and a hissing cockroach to school. The animals and presentation captivated the attention and imagination of the children.

The presentations were 30 to 45 minutes of interesting facts about the animals, adaptations, habitats and environments. We thank



Miller Park



Zoo for offering these wonderful presentations and OSE's PTO for providing the resources to bring these assemblies to the school.

**RED RIBBON WEEK** – Last week was a time for the entire school to make a commitment to SAY NO TO DRUGS as we completed activities. We



drugs', 'sock it made a pledge to ourselves and

some interesting put a 'cap on to drugs' and take care of stay free of

drugs. I hope the message came home with the children – they sure enjoyed all of the dress up and activities to promote the awareness.

**BE LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ILLINOIS FAMILY READING NIGHT, NOVEMBER 16. WE WILL BE RACING INTO SOME GREAT BOOKS!**