

The O'Malley Scoop

WHERE INSPIRATION HAPPENS !



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Hello O'Malley Families!

We are off to a terrific start for the school year! Please join us for Open House on Thursday, August 30th from 6 – 7:30. This will be your opportunity to meet teachers, hear grade level expectations, standards and what your child/ren will be learning this year. We believe parents are our partners, and are looking forward to working with you! Please meet in the gym first, where I will introduce out staff and hear a quick word from PTA, then you'll be off to classrooms.

Attendance, Absences & Tardies:

The School Board goal for students is 95%, this is considered good attendance. We are currently waiting on the Administrative Regulations that will give clarity the policy. I'll update you as it becomes available. Until that time, the policy and procedure is as follows:

School Board Policy 5112.1 reads: *The Superintendent or designee may excuse student absences for health reasons, family emergencies and participation in religious activities, or other reasons the Superintendent or designee determines constitutes good cause.*

Absences such as vacations, trips and sports activity, unrelated to district sponsored events will be coded as unexcused for state reporting purposes only. All unexcused absences will receive the automated attendance call, from the School Messenger System, on the first day of the unexcused absence if there are multiple days. This is a shift from the previously used pre-arranged absence forms. Please continue to let your child's teacher and our secretary, Renee Smith, know of any absences and call the attendance line at 566-2323.

Elementary Attendance Cutoff Times

Morning:

Tardy - will be recorded up to 60 minutes after school starts

Absence - will be recorded as a half day absent - if student misses more than 60 minutes of class.

Afternoon:

Tardy - arrives at or before 1:15

Absence - will be recorded as half day absent - if student misses more than 60 minutes of class.

Thanks for entrusting your children in our care,

Hope to see you at Open House!

Kelly Eagleton



NEW THIS YEAR!

Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pick Up

Please use our large drop off/pick up loop around the hockey rink that is supervised and very efficient. Morning drop off and supervision begins at 8:40 a.m. School hours are 9-3:30. Students need to be seated and ready to learn at 9 a.m.



Due to safety concerns drop offs/ pick-ups at the front door, will no longer be allowed. It is too congested and we are worried about students darting into traffic, we had several close calls with unaccompanied children last year. Yikes! You are



French Immersion

If you are interested in a French program for O'Malley and have children that will be entering Kindergarten or First grade next year, please take this super short survey from the French Language Advocates. We are gauging interest and looking to see how many students we have in the O'Malley attendance area, who will be interested in Immersion.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxCX8NAEpa/>



WHATS HAPPENING THIS MONTH AT O'MALLEY

FROM THE PE CORNER:

Welcome to another year in the gym. Grades K-2 will continue this year to have 90 minutes weekly of PE spread out over 3 days, while students in grades 3-6 meet twice a week for a total of 90 minutes.

This fall students in grades 3-6 started out the year in social emotional activities. Ask your student if "silent ball" was really silent? We will be going outside to work on football and soccer skills before moving on to fitness activities. Students in grades K-2 have been doing a lot of cooperative games and activities, and will learn all about spatial awareness and movement skills.

After school sports is starting up this month with students in grades 1-6 participating in cross-country running on Mondays and Thursdays, and students in grades 4-6 participating in soccer on Fridays. Flag football will be starting up after Labor Day.

Healthy Futures will again be offered this year, with students writing down their daily movement numbers on their Healthy Futures exercise logs. Students in the older classes will fill out their logs at school, while students in the younger grades will fill them out at home.

Please feel free to stop by the gym anytime.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Konkler



FROM THE LIBRARY

SAVE the DATE: O'Malley and Bowman Elementary schools are joining to present an eye-opening viewing of **"SCREENAGERS—Growing Up in the Digital Age."** Please attend this event at Bowman Elementary multipurpose room at **6:00 on Thursday, October 11th.** You will not regret it! Visit screenagersmovie.com for more information. All O'Malley families and staff are invited.

Book Repairs: If an O'Malley library book becomes damaged, please send it in for the librarian to repair. There is no need to try to fix or glue an item at home, because special materials are needed.

Thank you to the Woods, Rogers, and Simpson for your donations of books and stuffed animals to our Library!

Join us for a special screening of

SCREEN AGERS



GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

BY: O'Malley & Bowman Elementary
WHEN: 10/11/18 6:00PM
WHERE: Bowman Elementary MPR
TICKETS: \$Free

screenagersmovie.com



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