

OB WEEKLY NEWS

Class Lists

Later this Spring we will begin working on class lists and teacher assignments. We anticipate four sections each in all grade levels except for six sections in second grade and five sections in fourth grade. It is also likely we'll have 5 sections in 1st grade as well. If you know of anyone who hasn't yet registered for any grade level it is helpful to remind them we need to have that information sooner rather than later for staffing and planning. Staffing decisions have not yet been finalized so teachers may be changing grade levels.

The staff and principal build the class lists together, in a series of meetings, considering each student's achievement level, motivation level, special program needs, strengths/talents, and learning style. Our goal is a balanced classroom that will enable a teacher to meet the needs of all the students in the classroom. If you wish to provide input to the process with your perspective of a child's learning preferences and learning style, or previous school experiences a letter or email to Mrs. Kirchgessner must be submitted no later than March 29th. Input that requests specific teachers is not accepted and input based on a teacher's reputation, or other parents' opinions will not be considered since each child's learning profile and school adjustment is unique.

If you choose to provide input, send your letter to the office before

March 29th. Your input will be taken into consideration when the final decision is made; however, it is not possible to honor specific input.

Hopefully this explains how your input will be made a part of the process. As you can see from the many things considered when class lists are built, it is not a process done quickly. For this reason, it is not possible to honor parent input as the sole determiner of a classroom assignment. It is a thoughtful process that balances classrooms, considers the needs of all students, and provides a successful learning experience for each of them.

Upper Blacktop/Student Pick-up

Parents, please note that due to PE classes not ending until 3:30 p.m. the Upper Blacktop gate will not be opened until 3:40 p.m. at the latest for our 3:50 p.m. dismissal. Please do not block traffic on Old Bonhomme Road waiting for the gate to be open per the Olivette Police Department.

March

- 1** Enrollment for After School Classes begins
Quarter 3 ends
- Early Dismissal, 1:15 p.m.**
- 5** OBPTO Community Mtg.
7-8 p.m.
- 12** Parent/Teacher Conferences- 4-8 p.m. (sign-up required, no students)
- 13** Walk in the Park (during PE)
- 14** Parent/Teacher Conferences- 4-7 p.m. (sign-up required, no students)
- Early Dismissal, 1:15 p.m.**
- 15** NO SCHOOL- Conference Compensation
- 18-22** NO SCHOOL- Spring Break
- 29** Quarterly Newsletter goes home

Counselor News

Presenters Needed

Parents can you present the week of April 22 - April 26? Elementary is a time for children to be exposed to different career opportunities. We are looking for parents and/or grandparents to come in and present about their career. During the thirty minute presentation, we would like for the following points to be addressed:

- Describe your career
- What subjects should you be good at to have this career
- Some of the things you did as an elementary student that led you to this career
- What character traits are important to have in this career field
- Discuss what kind of training you received to be in this career

Click [here](#) to sign up to present. If it doesn't work out for you to present in your child's classroom, we welcome you to present in another classroom. For more information check out our [2019 Career Presenters](#) in action and visit our [blog](#). If you have any questions contact Hayley Arnold at harnold@ladueschools.net or Kristine Carey at kcarey@ladueschools.net

Library News

Attention fans of *The 13-Story Treehouse* series:

One of the more popular chapter book series in the OB library is *The 13-Story Treehouse* series by author Andy Griffiths. He has a new book coming out, *The 104-Story Treehouse*, and he'll be in St. Louis on Friday, March 15 to talk to fans of the series! Check out the [St. Louis County Library website](#) to find out more information. If you happen to go, snap a picture of you at the event and Mrs. Kelley will display it in library!

School Hours Reminder

Parents, just a friendly reminder that school hours are 8:50 a.m.-3:50 p.m. Students are let into the building at 8:40 a.m. and are considered tardy if they arrive in the classroom after the 8:50 a.m. bell. Please also be prompt in picking up your child on time. If you are not able to be at the school by the 3:50 bell, please sign your child up for BASK (the before and after school program). Thank you for your consideration in getting your student to school on time, and picking them up promptly at the end of the day.

PTO News

"Lights, Camera, Auction!" - OBPTO Online Auction closes tonight at 7 p.m.!

This year's event includes an incredible line-up of online auction items, Saint Louis activities, teacher hosted sign-up parties for kids and parent-hosted parties! Visit <https://www.biddingowl.com/OBPTO> to place your last-minute bids. You must register with Bidding Owl in order to place bids. Any questions, email Tessa Williams at tessamarie63@hotmail.com or Nikki Addison at nicole.addison04@gmail.com.

Last Call for Yearbook Orders!

The deadline to submit your yearbook order is today, March 1. You may order and pay online using Wagner's site: www.yearbookmarket.com and type in "Old Bonhomme" in the search bar. All fourth grade students will receive a yearbook courtesy of the OBPTO - so please DO NOT order a yearbook for your fourth grader. Contact Courtney Swillinger at cswillinger@hotmail.com.

After-School Class parent volunteers needed!

We are in need of parent volunteers for 1 hour each week (3:45-5 p.m. from April 1-May 9) on Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Thursdays to assist with the spring After School Classes. Volunteers will be asked to assist with class attendance and dismissal and must become a registered volunteer per district guidelines. **All volunteers will earn a \$60 credit towards a free class for your child!** For more details about being a parent volunteer, please contact Stephanie Dahl at stephanie.dahl@bayer.com.

OBPTO Community Meeting on 3/5- Share your feedback with us

The next OBPTO Community Meeting is coming up on March 5. To help us plan the agenda, we would like to hear feedback from parents and teachers. Please click [here](#) to submit your questions, thoughts, discussion topics, or ideas you'd like to share with the OBPTO. Thank you!

Wednesday, 3/13 - Dine-Out Fundraiser with Fredbird at Cardinals Nation

Mark your calendar! Meet Fredbird, play games and raise money for OBPTO and 15% of your bill will be donated back to the school. Old Bonhomme's School Night Out is on 3/13, with a visit from Fredbird from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kids eat free! Make reservations at cardinalsnation.com. Please contact Sarah Miller at sarahmiller0130@gmail.com with any questions.

The OBPTO Needs You!

Each year, the Old Bonhomme Parent and Teacher Organization recruits new board members to fill open board positions. WE NEED YOU! Positions are open for President, VP of Events, and 2 Treasurer positions. Nomination forms and more information are going home with your child's folder today. If you are interested in the OBPTO or would like more information, contact Alli Brose allibrose7@gmail.com or Kate Hellmann at ktpichon@yahoo.com.

Spring 2019 Events

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

3/1	Lights, Camera, Auction! Online fundraiser closes
3/1	Enrollment begins for spring After School Classes
3/5	OBPTO Community Meeting 7-8 p.m.
3/13	Family Night with Fredbird Dine-Out Fundraiser @ Cardinals Nation
4/2	Fundraiser @ Flying Spider 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
4/5	Science and Innovation Night 6-8 p.m.
4/15-4/19	Scholastic Book Fair
5/3	Spring Fling 5-7:30 p.m.

2019 INNOVATION CELEBRATION: SPORTS EDITION

The Ladue Education Foundation & Alumni Association (LEF) invites alumni, parents and the community to celebrate and support innovation in Ladue schools. This year, we highlight sports and physical education at our annual spring gala, themed “Innovation Celebration: Sports Edition.”

Friday, April 12, 2019, 6:30-11 p.m.
Jewish Community Center Sports Arena
2 Millstone Campus Dr., Creve Coeur, MO 63146

FEATURING

- Drinks and Dinner
- Games and Entertainment, featuring the LHWHS Pep Band and the Laduettes
- Nutritious Smoothie Tasting with the LHWHS Catering Club
- Pop-up Shop with State Championship Football and Just 'Due It Gear.
- Silent Auction
- Live Auction, Assisted by Ladue Schools Athletes

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ben Newman, Ladue School District alumnus ('97), a highly regarded Performance Coach, International Speaker and Best-Selling Author, whose clients include Fortune 500 companies and professional athletes in the NFL, PGA, NBA, MLB, UFC and NCAA.

Dress Code: Cocktail or Creative Sports Attire (anything from dresses to jerseys!)

Mailed invitations will be sent in March, but you can register now on our website at www.laduefoundation.org. Sponsorship opportunities available!