

OB WEEKLY NEWS

Show Choir Fundraiser

The Old Bonhomme Show Choir will be singing at the 7th inning stretch of the St. Louis Cardinals Game on Monday, April 20 @ 6:45 p.m. Come out and support Old Bonhomme kids and enjoy a great night at the ballgame!

Tickets are \$20 each.

You can Venmo OBPTO and label Cards game or send a check payable to OBPTO addressed to Baleigh Swillinger in 4C.

Questions email Courtney Swillinger at cswillinger@hotmail.com

Six Flags Read to Succeed Correction:

We received feedback regarding difficulty registering for the Read To Succeed program after the Weekly Update was sent last week. The access code shared is an incorrect code tied to a Spoede Elementary account. Our librarian, Mrs. Kelley is the coordinator for Old Bonhomme's Read To Succeed program. You can register under her name using access code: **W9S1B** through the website sixflags.com/books. We apologize for any confusion, thank you!

Career Presenters Needed

Can you present the week of April 13-17?

We are looking for family members to come in and present about their career. We want our students to see lots of different types of careers and see people who look like them talking about their career.

Click here to sign up to present. For more information check out our past CareerPresenters. If you have any questions contact Hayley Arnold at harnold@ladueschools.net or Kristine Carey at kcarey@ladueschools.net.

PTO News

After School Class Enrollment closes tomorrow (Friday, March 13) at 6 p.m.!

Class descriptions have been communicated electronically and registration is being collected using MySchoolBucks. We still have some remaining spots, so please register online at: <http://bit.ly/OBSP20ASC> and contact Stephanie Dahl at stephanie.dahl@bayer.com if you have any questions.

If you are interested in learning about after school class scholarship opportunities, please contact Hayley Arnold at harnold@ladueschools.net.

March

12 Early Dismissal, 1:15 p.m.

Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences

13 NO SCHOOL- Conference Compensation Day

After-School Class Registration Closes

16-20 NO SCHOOL- Spring Break

23 School Resumes

27 Quarterly Newsletter goes home

30 After-School Classes begin

April

6 PTO Meeting @ LHWHS, 6-7:30 p.m.

7 NO SCHOOL- Professional Development Day

8 Walk in the Park (during PE)

4th Grade Photos Needed

ATTENTION 4th Grade parents!!

Please submit a baby picture (1-3 years old) to Courtney Swillinger at cswillinger@hotmail.com ASAP for the 4th Grade Transition Ceremony.

OB'S GOT TALENT!!!!

Show off your skills in the Old Bonhomme Talent Show during the Spring Fling on Friday, May 1! The Talent Show Registration Form is due TODAY. For more information, please contact Lizzie Berman lizzieberman1@gmail.com or Lauren Murov laurenmurov@gmail.com.

And save the date for the **Spring Fling on May 1!** Along with the Talent Show, we will have food trucks, bounce houses, a dunk tank and face painting. More details to follow!

The OBPTO Needs You!

Each year, the OBPTO must recruit new board members to fill positions of those members who have timed out in their role or moved on. We would love to hear from or chat with anyone in our community who is interested in joining our board for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have an interest or know someone who would be a great candidate for the OBPTO board, feel free to reach out to Sharon Parks at oldbonhommepto@gmail.com.

Spring 2020 Events

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

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| 4/3 | LEF Spring Gala - Innovation Celebration at Danforth Center 6:30 p.m. |
| 4/17 | Science and Innovation Night 6 - 8 p.m. |
| 5/4 - 5/8 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| 5/1 | Spring Fling 5 - 7:30 p.m. |

Old Bonhomme LEF Grants since 2007

The LEF is honored to have awarded more than \$580,000 for extraordinary ideas since 2007. The LEF is proud to help foster innovation, create meaningful change, and prepare students for a global economy through our LEF Grant Program. The LEF board members, volunteers, and donors view themselves as partners with district staff, working together to achieve our common goal: helping Ladue School District staff members advance the success of our children.

Physical Literacy with Dr. Amanda Stanec The district Health and Physical Education Department is eager to collaborate with Dr. Amanda Stanec, a local parent and international advocate for social justice and physical literacy through physical education and sport. We are interested in pursuing professional development opportunities as well as a community/parent speaking engagement.

Read. Lead Succeed. We can't empower our students to be passionate learners if we ourselves aren't passionate learners. This book study will empower our teachers to become passionate once again so that they can share their knowledge with others.

Innovation Celebration 2019 General PE Grants Funds raised at the 2019 Innovation Celebration: Sports Edition were used toward funding different needs at each school in the district, including climbing walls, strider bikes, helmets, indoor rowers, storage sheds, and other requested PE equipment.

Black History 101 Mobile Museum The Black History 101 Mobile Museum is a collection of over 7,000 original artifacts of Black memorabilia dating from the trans-Atlantic slave trade era to hip-hop culture, which has been personally collected over the past 26 years by mobile museum founder, Khalid el-Hakim. The current plan is for the museum to be at Ladue for 2 days. High school freshmen in US Studies, juniors in AP US History, students in African American studies, and 8th grade students will visit the museum during the school day and then it will be open to all other students and the community in the evening.

Making Math Matter Making Math Matter brought Greg Tang Jr. to four elementary schools as a means to educate students, staff, and parents on Singapore philosophy and to provide our school community with some fresh perspective on math. This grant was funded collaboratively by the LEF, the Ladue School District, Conway School Association, Old Bonhomme Parent Teacher Organization, Spoeede School Association and Reed School Association.

Knitting for Dr. King Day Loom knitting was incorporated into the fourth-grade curriculum to teach students both the knitting craft and the value of community service. Students' final projects are donated to local nursing homes as part of the Dr. King service project.

Mobile Science Lab Carts This grant provided carts designed for each of the four elementary schools to provide teachers with the proper equipment required to conduct scientific investigations. The carts are equipped with everything needed to make a typical elementary classroom capable of conducting inquiry-based labs, thus allowing teachers more time to focus on creative, engaging science activities for students.

Eagles Stepping to Success The Eagles Stepping to Success social skills program, focusing on empathy, emotion management and problem solving, was piloted to K-Grade 2 students at Old Bonhomme Elementary and K-Grade 1 students at Reed Elementary.

Play Counseling Room With play so critical for children's growth, development and communication skills, LEF awarded a grant for the purchase of play materials and the creation of an area in LECC for counselors to promote self-expression and development through play.

STEM Learning Library The STEM Learning Library was created to allow teachers to augment their classroom teaching with scalable activities, learning opportunities, and specialized equipment—supporting student learning at every grade level, without the need for expensive building-specific equipment or extensive planning by teachers.

Eclipse Eyewear Eclipse eyeglasses were purchased for all staff and for students in grades pre-K through 12 so they could safely observe the total eclipse in August 2017 and experience the coast-to-coast excitement created by this major scientific event.

Drumming For Diversity A REMO World Drumming 16-Piece Tubano Package was purchased and can be shared by the elementary schools to provide opportunities to participate in multicultural music experiences while improvising and composing with rhythms.

Studio 49 Metallophone Set Studio 49 Metallophone Set adding to Orff Instrumentation.

Classroom Set of Mallets Classroom Set of Mallets for Orff Ensemble and Daily Class Lessons.

Ten Orff Instrument Height-Adjustable Table Stands Ten Orff Instrument Height-Adjustable Table Stands.

Stand Up For Learning With research showing that our brains function at a higher level when our bodies are engaged, several types of standing desks and tables were piloted across all schools in the district to provide data for decisions about the types of desks that best promote learning.

Discovery Education STEM Leader Corps Collaborating with the Ladue School District, the LEF brought the Ladue STEM Leader Corps to the district's schools as part of the district's partnership with Discovery Education. This four-year commitment to professional learning and leadership was designed to build and sustain a culture of STEM teaching and learning throughout the district. Twenty-five teachers across grade levels and subject areas participated in high-quality professional development, classroom coaching and cross-curricular collaboration, preparing them to work with colleagues implement new STEM-based educational practices.

SORTing it Out in Ladue at OB This project included pre-activities, a play about acceptance and post-activities that complemented the district's character-education programming to help both students and parents learn about personal identity, belonging, acceptance and self-worth.

Amoco Clay Rollers Clay rollers purchased for Old Bonhomme Elementary allow students to emboss, texture and print into clay slabs.

Twelve 16 inch Wooden Drawing Mannequins These 12 mannequins were purchased to help students in art classes to draw the human figure with correct body proportions.

Ladue Explorers This program provides a fun and supportive atmosphere in which children can build and improve friendships, explore ways to cooperate in a group, solve problems in a positive manner, while celebrating and appreciating each child's personal strengths.

Recess: Real World Learning This opportunity at Old Bonhomme Elementary expanded the creative opportunities students have at recess by providing them with a stimulating variety of "loose parts" to be kept in a child-accessible storage facility.

Got GPS? Geo Cache This program provided GPS devices (that were successfully piloted at Spoeede Elementary School) for Conway, Reed, and Old Bonhomme Elementary Schools to use in enrichment activities.

CogMed Working Memory Training This computer-based program combined cognitive neuroscience with innovative computer game design to improve students' attention problems that are due to poor working memory.

Moving and Learning Lab A mobile Moving and Learning Lab was created at Old Bonhomme Elementary to provide opportunities for students to combine physical activity with mental stimulation and learning.

Building Literacy Staff members learned best practices in literary instruction so they could be more effective literacy coaches for students.

S'Cool Tools Robotics STEM instruction in and outside the classroom took middle-school students into the technological world of robotics.

Parent University The Ladue Education Foundation provided underwriting for a district-wide "Parent University" event, which focused on a variety of topics relevant for parents of children in kindergarten through twelfth.

Art in the Limelight Festival (Year 2) Efforts begun in 2007-08 to bring the best of available community and national arts into the lives of Ladue School students continued for a second academic year.

Leveled Literacy Intervention Fountas and Pinnell's literacy intervention materials were purchased to develop highly skilled reading teachers and independent, successful readers in kindergarten through grade 2.

On the B.A.L.L. - Balance, Activated Ladue Learners Ball chairs introduced in six classrooms promoted student learning through "active sitting," a well-documented learning approach.