Staff News-Mrs. Harrison 4th Grade

My heart is happy yet heavy to say a bittersweet farewell to Old Bonhomme. After a lot of consideration and discernment, I will be resigning from my position as a classroom teacher at the end of this school year. I look forward to finishing out the end of the year with my awesome fourth-graders and fantastic co-workers/team here at OB. My husband and I have decided and are excited to take an opportunity to move our family closer to home (We are both from Montana). We will be moving to Denver, Colorado in July. This was an extremely difficult decision as we both have fallen in love with St.Louis, the people here, and our jobs. I will deeply miss my Old Bonhomme family and will hold a special place in my heart for all of the memories and friendships I have made while serving your children and families here. Thank you for the support and kindness as my family has grown and for me as a professional. Old Bonhomme is truly an amazing place. All my love and best wishes in the future. - Tiffany Harrison

Nurse News

There has been a lot of talk and fear about the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV). No cases have been identified in

Missouri and currently the risk of infection is low for the general public in the United States. Risk is based on exposure. We are in the middle of flu and respiratory disease season, and most of the population is at greater risk of contracting seasonal influenza than coronavirus.

When a new disease is circulating, it's natural for people to ask what they can do to protect themselves and their families. The best guidance at this point is to advise patients to take the same precautions recommended for during flu season:

- Staff and students should stay home when they are sick
- Teach students to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues, or to cough or sneeze into their inner elbow
- Practice good hand washing with soap and water as often as possible, and if soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers
- Encourage flu vaccination among both staff and students
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in classrooms.

March

6 Early Dismissal, 1:15 p.m. After-School Class Registration Opens, 6 p.m. Quarter 3 ends **10** Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences 11 Walk in the Park (during PE) 12 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

If your student or their family is planning on returning to school after traveling to China, please contact Nurse Lent at <u>slent@ladueschools.net</u>.

More information can be found at <u>https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/pdf/novel-coronavirus-factsheet.pdf</u>

Student Needs

Financial stress can create difficult situations and decisions. If you find yourself struggling to afford a need that your child has right now, resources are available to help. If you need assistance with food, clothes, school supplies, after school class tuition, or something else, please reach out to one of our school counselors (Hayley Arnold or Kristine Carey) and they will try to connect you with these resources.

PTO News

Special Teacher Experiences and Sign-Up Parties still open!

The deadline to sign up for the remaining Teacher Experiences open spots and other parties is **March 10**! Thank you to our teachers and families for so generously donating your time to create these fun sign-up parties. All sign-ups are \$20 and funds come directly back to the OBPTO. Just follow this Sign Up Genius link to reserve your spot today and read the top of the link for payment options! Questions ? Contact Jennifer Scissors at jscissors@gmail.com.

Spring After School Enrichment Classes

After School Class Enrollment begins tonight! Registration will be online only using MySchoolBucks and will start today at 6 p.m. and end on Friday, March 13 at 6 p.m. **In a new effort this year to save paper, the complete program list with class descriptions and dates was sent earlier this week via Peachjar and will not come home in backpacks.** Spaces fill quickly and registration is on a first come first served basis. MySchoolBucks limits registration to the maximum number of students allowed for each class. Therefore you will be unable to register once a class has reached capacity. Please register online at: <u>http://bit.ly/OBSP20ASC</u> 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 <u>harnold@ladueschools.net</u>.

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 no later than Thursday, March 12. For more information, please contact Lizzie Berman <u>lizzieberman1@gmail.com</u> or Lauren Murov <u>laurenmurov@ymail.com</u>. 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 <u>oldbonhommepto@gmail.com</u>.

Fill the Barrel

Our district is teaming up with Operation Food Search again this year to help our community. Our annual "Fill the Barrel" event runs from March 2 to March 12. We encourage you to watch this <u>short video</u> and have a family discussion about the importance of fighting hunger.

Our goal at Old Bonhomme is to fill at least eight barrels with food. There are blue barrels located at both of our entrances. When students donate a can of food, they can participate in our spirit day on **March 11**, students may choose from Crazy Hair Day or wear a hat for "Caps for a Cause".

Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community!

Read to Succeed

Your child can earn a free Six Flags ticket for reading 6 hours. See the link below for details. Parents can register for Read to Succeed using the details below:

- Register child at sixflags.com/books using code RF9ZG
- By April 17, complete the online reading log for your child.
- Expect a Six Flags St. Louis ticket for your child in May!

Once your child is registered, you will have access to your online account.

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