

# OB WEEKLY NEWS

## Winter Reading Club

St. Louis County Library's Winter Reading Club starts **December 1** and runs through **February 28, 2019**. Just like the summer reading club, participants can track their reading online or on a paper log available at any SLCL branch. Any OB student who participates in the SLCL winter reading club and shows Mrs. Kelley a copy of his/her reading log will receive a cool bookmark and will be recognized on the library bulletin board. To register, visit any county library branch or use [this link](#) to register online.

## Family Fund

Welcome to the 2018 Holiday Season! While this is a joyous time of year, we know it can be financially stressful for some. In order to make the holidays joyful for all, we are collecting money (cash only please) and gift cards (examples: Target, Schnucks, Aldis, Walmart, VISA, gas cards) to help our Ladue School District families who need assistance. Cash or gift card donations of all sizes are welcome and appreciated for the "Family Fund." If you are able to make a donation, please drop it off in the Old Bonhomme office or send it to school in an envelope marked "Family Fund" with instruction to turn it in to the office. We will be collecting now through Friday, December 14. We will send a receipt home with your child to confirm we received the gift. Thank you for considering and Happy Holidays!

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Avi Zucker and Aimee Dalton (4th grade) who won 3rd place for their entry in The Young Writers Awards at the St. Louis Writers Guild meeting on Saturday. This year there were almost 200 entries, in large part due to the partnership of the school districts with the Writers Guild. The competition was tough and the winners can be very proud of their accomplishment as only 12 entries were chosen for awards. There could not be a better example of schools working with private business/organizations to promote literacy!

## Lunch/Recess Reminder

Parents, just a friendly reminder, if you are joining your child for lunch, please remember to sign in at the office. Parents should not be joining the students at recess. Thank you for your cooperation!

## December

**7 Early Dismissal, 1:15p.m.**

**12 Walk in the Park (during PE)**

**21 Quarter 2 ends**

Winter Parties, 10-11 a.m.

Early Dismissal, 1:15 p.m.

**24 Winter Break begins**

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## Olivette Loss Update

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An unexpected and tragic event happened to the parents of one of our students at Old Bonhomme recently. The student is safe with her family and doing well. Our staff, students, and community have also been very supportive. Many of you have asked about how you can help the family during this difficult time. If you are interested, the family has set up a Go Fund Me page called Michele Laws & Igor Zhukov Funeral and Family Fund.

## Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.!

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It is an Old Bonhomme tradition to honor the memory of Dr. King Jr. through a service project every year. We will be making blankets this year to donate to various organizations. If you would like to contribute to our service project please feel free to purchase 1.5 yards (or more!) of fleece fabric. We will have a collection basket by the front office to leave your donations. Stay tuned for more details about the day of service on Monday, Jan. 21. Thank you for being part of our caring community.

## PTO News

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### **12/11 Community Meeting Cancelled**

The OBPTO Community Meeting scheduled for December 11 is cancelled. You can visit the OBPTO website at <http://obpto.squarespace.com/board-meeting-minutes/> to read OBPTO board meeting minutes and briefs from the Ladue Parent District Council meetings that have taken place so far this school year.

### **Support Staff Holiday Gift Collection**

**Today is the final day to contribute to the PTO's holiday gift collection for specialists and support staff at Old Bonhomme.** In addition to our wonderful homeroom teachers, there are 33 OB staff members and specialists that interact with our children on a daily basis making our school run smoothly and efficiently. Please help make the holiday season special for these individuals by contributing toward our collection to provide gift cards to each of these 33 staff members. You can still donate online through 9 p.m. tonight (December 7) at <http://obpto.squarespace.com/gift/>. Thank you for your support!

### **Thank You**

Please join us in expressing gratitude to our **GIVING ASSEMBLY** chair Suzette Weiss and to our entire community who donated items to the food pantry and the other charities: Crisis Nursery, Kidsmart, and Salvation Army. We surpassed our goal of 2,018 cans! Special THANK YOU to the wonderful volunteers who made this event such a success: Stacy Jurgiel, Shana Singer, Jenny Kissel, Faryal Siddiqui, Tessa Williams, Debbie Pflanz, Jyothi, Julie Horwitz, Joe Horwitz, Cinthia Larrew, Seema Jain, Bomi Choe, Kate Tuttle, Bhavisa Patel, Amber Specter, Anna Molina, Allison Brose, Kate Pichon, Lindsay Minton, Melissa Abrams, Diane Thames, and everyone else who took time out of their busy lives to help.

Thank you so much to Stephanie Afful and all of the host families for making **PASSPORT NIGHT** a great success, we had a great turn-out! Thank you to all the families who hosted a booth and a special shout-out to Sara Levine, who helped set up, Hellmann family who helped tear down, and Mrs. Roth who helped (big time) with technology! What a wonderful night to celebrate our diverse Old Bonhomme community!!