

OB WEEKLY NEWS

Congratulations Mrs. Brown!

Congratulations to Patricia Brown who was accepted into the Apple Distinguished Educators (ADE) Class of 2019! In 1994, Apple created the ADE Program to recognize K-12 and higher education pioneers who are using Apple technology to transform teaching and learning in powerful ways. Celebrating 25 years, the program has grown into a worldwide community of over 2,800 visionary and innovative leaders in education, helping other educators rethink what's possible with iPad and Mac. Learn more about the contributions of ADEs worldwide at <https://www.apple.com/education/ade/> We are so lucky to have Mrs. Brown here at Old Bonhomme with us!

Cardinals Night

We are excited to announce our next Cardinal Game performance by the OB Show Choir of "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" during the 7th inning stretch of the game on Aug 19!

All current 2018-2019 Show Choir participants (Third & Fourth graders) will be eligible to participate even though it's the next school year!

We are now selling tickets to the Old Bonhomme section till the end of the school year for \$20/ticket. Please send a check payable to Ladue School District, with your child's name/class, as well as a contact email, to the office with **Attn: Baleigh Swillinger 3D!**

Planning for 2019-20

The Old Bonhomme staff has begun discussions on master scheduling for next year. We currently have 24 classrooms and are using all 24 rooms this year. With transitioning four classes of current fourth graders to the Fifth Grade Center next year, we only have physical space for four incoming kindergarten classes at this time. Due to this, we are closely watching our current kindergarten and first grade enrollment. I want to share with you more information about how oversize classrooms might be addressed given our space issues.

The district class size policy for these grades is a maximum of 20 students per classroom. If we go over that number by one student before August 1, another teacher is hired if there is physical space and financial resources. If we go over after that date, or there is no physical space, teacher assistant support will be provided.

April

- 15-19** Scholastic Book Fair
- 16** 19-20 Kdg. Parent Mtg. 7p.m.
- 22** MAP Testing begins, Gr. 3 & 4
- 23** Art Show w/ 3rd Gr. Performance, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 26** Principal's Picnic @ Stacy Park (during lunches)

May

- 3** Spring Fling/Talent Show, 5-7:30p.m.

Currently in kindergarten, (future 1st grade) we are at 80 students, so we are currently, on paper, at 4 sections for next year. We need 81 to be at 5 sections in first grade for 2019-20, which I anticipate hitting in May/early June. Options have been discussed with Mrs. Stephanie Taggart (new Principal), Dr. Jim Wipke (new Superintendent), and Dr. Julie Helm (new Human Resources) in case we end up with oversize numbers in Kindergarten as well as First Grade next year.

There are no easy options, and some we don't control (a trailer) so we need to be creative. Typically Kindergarten doesn't go oversize to 5 sections until very near August 1 or after. August 1 is the district date for the decision to split, but since we don't have any physical space this may be an August decision for Mrs. Taggart to manage. If both grade levels get the oversize numbers around the first of August, the best option at this point is to consider a K/1 split classroom, which would have one teacher with about 10 first graders and 7 kindergarteners.

With so many unknowns and different numbers of classes needed at various grade levels there will be some teachers in new grades next year in kindergarten through fourth grade. If you know of families that have not registered for school (especially kindergarten or first grade), please remind them to start the process on-line or contact the school office at 993-0656. As soon as the picture is a little clearer we'll share all of that information with our families.

Kids' Heart Challenge

The **Kids' Heart Challenge** is happening NOW!

Help support the efforts of the American Heart Association by jumping with your child, signing up online, sending emails to family and friends to gather donations, and/or downloading the KHC app, and then go jump with your child some more!

Donations are due April 17. Join us during P.E. on Friday, April 19, for the Big JUMP!

PTO News

Positions open for the 2019-2020 OBPTO board- We need YOU!

Positions on the OBPTO board are still open... WE NEED YOU! We are still looking for a President, VP of Events, and 2nd Treasurer. Nomination forms are available on the OBPTO website and self-nominations are encouraged: <http://obpto.squarespace.com/resources>. If you would like more information, contact Alli Brose allibrose7@gmail.com or Kate Hellmann at ktpichon@yahoo.com.

Dad's Club Chairs Needed for Next Year

- **ATTENTION DADS!** The OBPTO is searching for someone to rally all the dads and male caregivers next year for various volunteer shifts at the Back-to-School Social and other big school-wide events. You can also organize casual meet-ups or social activities, it's up to you what you want to make of it! Reach out to Faryal Siddiqui faryal.siddiqui@gmail.com - this would be a great co-chair position if you want to team up with a friend.

OBPTO Science and Innovation Night 2019- Thank you!!!

A big thank you to our co-chairs Anna Molina and Patricia Brown for a successful event! We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make this possible: Tamar Shepherd, Shanti Priya Pulagam, Tu Le, Terra Barnes, Christy Wells, Manisha Singh, Hao Xhy, Daofeng Li, David Razafsky, Dontula Shantipriya, Katie Morris, Tammy Maclean, Leah Crawford, Lisa Roth, Andrea Boyle, Kristine Carey and Caroline McGee. We are so grateful to Mr. Wolfolk and the Friday night custodial crew! And finally, a big thanks to Mrs. K, Ms. Ladue and the OB science student groups!

Scholastic Book Fair- next week April 15-19

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open for business in the Old Bonhomme Library next week! **Don't forget about eWallet, the new digital payment option**--it's a handy option for those of us who rarely have cash on hand. You can sign up for eWallet right now by visiting the [OB book fair website](#) (scroll down on the website to find a link to eWallet). Be sure to join us for family shopping on Tuesday, 4/16, and Thursday, 4/18, from 4-7 p.m. And as we've done in the past, we'll be selling soft pretzels during both after-school shopping events, so be sure to bring a few extra dollars to buy a snack! We look forward to seeing everyone at the book fair!

Dine out at Fallon's on April 24

Save the date for April 24, and stop by Fallon's on Olive Blvd for after-school snacks or dinner! Between 3-8 p.m., Fallon's will donate 15% of your purchase to the OBPTO when you mention Old Bonhomme Elementary. Contact Sarah Miller with questions at sarahmiller0130@gmail.com

Auction Party Tickets Still Available!

It's not too late to buy a ticket to some great parent & family parties at www.myschoolbucks.com. Don't miss out! Contact Tessa Williams at tessamarie63@hotmail.com with questions.

Parent Parties with Tickets Remaining

- An Olive Ovation Tasting 4/25 - 6:30 p.m. - \$20
- Favorite Things Book Edition w/Mrs. Wallace 5/31 - 7 p.m. - \$25
- Ladies Night In 5/17 - 7 p.m. - \$20

Kid & Family Parties with Tickets Remaining

- PTO Movie Night 5/10 - 6:30-8:30 p.m. - \$15

Spring 2019 Events

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

- 4/15-4/19 Scholastic Book Fair
- 4/24 Dine out Fundraiser at Fallon's 3-8 p.m.
- 5/3 Spring Fling 5-7:30 p.m.