

OB WEEKLY NEWS

Author Visit for Kdg. and First Grade

New York Times bestselling author and illustrator **Ryan T. Higgins** (www.ryanhiggins.com) will visit kindergarten and first grade students on **Monday, October 8**, to talk about his books and career. At the end of his appearance, he will sign books for any students who wish to purchase them. This author visit is made possible by Webster Groves' independent bookstore, THE NOVEL NEIGHBOR, and the books (discounted, no tax) are available for this visit only through them. Please return the form attached **here** to school with payment, (cash OR check) by Monday, October 1. Books will be available on and after visit day in limited quantities only. **Checks must be made payable to The Novel Neighbor**, and must include your phone number. If you want your books personalized (example: To Sam), please write the name that the book should be signed to in the space provided.

C.U.R.E

Community, Understanding, Respect, Education

A committee of parents/guardians of African-American students meets four times a year on Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m.

Kick-Off Meeting for the 2018-19 school year, Tuesday, October 9, 6:30-8 p.m. in the LHWHS Multipurpose Room.

Dinner and childcare will be provided, please RSVP to Cassie Johnston at (314) 983-5302 or cjohnston@ladueschools.net if you plan to attend. Join these invaluable conversations on topics related to student achievement, parent networking, and district programming.

Remaining 2018-2019 Meeting Dates*: December 4, March 5, May 7

* Meeting dates are subject to change; always check the district website.

Contact Cassie Johnston at cjohnston@ladueschools.net or 314-983-5302 if you would like to receive reminders of these meetings.

Traffic Reminders

Parents, just a reminder that you cannot make a u-turn on Old Bonhomme road or park on Stoneyside street for student drop-off or pick-up. You will run the risk of receiving a ticket from Olivette PD. Thank you for your cooperation in helping the traffic flow run smoothly.

October

6 3rd Gr. Social @ Stacy Park, 4:30-5:30p.m.

9 It's a Small World Event, 6:30-8 p.m.

10 Walk in the Park (during PE)

12 Early Dismissal, 1:15 p.m.

Quarter 1 ends

13 2nd Gr. Social @ Stacy Park, 3-4 p.m.

20 Trunk or Treat @ OB, 3-4 p.m.

Picture Retakes

If your child was absent on picture day or needs a picture retake, please send your child's picture packet in with them, or complete the order form (extra copies are available in the office) on Thursday, October 24.

Volunteer Process

"Volunteers are defined as any individual assisting staff and/or students in the school setting that follows a regular schedule or will be left unsupervised with students. Examples include but are not limited to the following: regularly assisting in a library/office/classroom, tutoring students, assisting/chaperoning with a class/ activity field trip, or supporting an extracurricular activity." To clarify, if you would like to attend a field trip with your child, you will need to complete the process to become a volunteer. To start the process, you will fill out the volunteer form available at ladueschools.net, under the "For Parents" tab, and turn it in to the school office. You will then be contacted by the Human Resources department to schedule the background screening. (please allow a few days for processing).

Counselor News

The week of October 15, all of our students will be participating in Safe Touch classes facilitated by Jewish Family and Children Services instructors, with the student's teacher in the room. We are afforded this wonderful service through the [St. Louis Children's Service Fund](#). You can learn more about the program and learn how to talk to your child about this important topic by clicking [here](#). Opt out forms will be coming home today (Friday, October 5). You **only** need to return the forms if you **do not** want your child to participate. If you have questions, please contact Hayley Arnold or Kristine Carey, our school counselors.

PTO News

Dance-A-Thon News

Thank you! \$25,754 was raised during the 2018 Dance-A-Thon! We are blown away by your support. These donations will go a long way in funding so many of the events and programs that are planned for this school year. Passport Night, Science & Innovation Night, teacher appreciation, fine arts field trips, teacher grants, and other community-building and enrichment opportunities would not be possible without the donations from our amazing families.

Congratulations to 1M for raising \$2,130.28 and winning the picnic lunch and class trophy!

A HUGE thank you to our DAT chair, Jen Soshnik, who worked like crazy all month long to plan and execute this record-breaking fundraiser, and to Coach Jander, Coach Prange, and Ms. Ladue for their time and support working with our students. Thank you as well to Lindsay Suk, Jillian Thomadsen, Nikki Addison, and the others on the DAT committee who ran the weekly prize patrol and volunteered during the event!

Fall After School Enrichment Classes - registration opens 10/5

SAVE THE DATE for Fall After School Enrichment Classes! The six-week program will begin the week of OCT 29, and run on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays after school. Please look for a registration packet to come home in your student's folder TODAY, Oct 5. This semester is very exciting as we have a great selection of classes with a good mix of previously popular and new topics! For more details about being a parent volunteer and earning credit toward a free class for your child or if you have any other questions about the After-School Enrichment Program, contact Stephanie Dahl at stephanie.dahl@bayer.com.

3rd Grade Social on 10/6

3rd grade families - join us THIS SATURDAY (October 6) at Stacy Park at 3 p.m. for a casual get-together. Siblings welcome! Questions, contact Dawn Rossetti at dawngeil@yahoo.com

"It's A Small World" Event 10/9: Metro Theater presents "Frida Libre"

This is an event you won't want to miss! Please join us on Tuesday, October 9, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the gym, as we welcome Metro Theater to present their new production 'Frida Libre.' Inspired by the childhood of legendary Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, the show is an uplifting story of young Frida and her new friend Alex, who go on a delightful journey in a musical performance that features original songs and explores the meaning of transformation, bravery, understanding and acceptance. This event is free of charge and open to all families.

Please click [here](#) to RSVP to help us plan accordingly.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJSi71H6zJVigbE81i_rm27AVo2W3ceO397-aYHfSQcU7oNA/viewform

The purpose of 'It's a Small World' is to celebrate diversity and the many cultures at Old Bonhomme. We provide a forum for children and their parents to learn about different cultures and work toward bringing us closer together. If you have any questions please contact Cynthia Wachtel at cwachtel@racestl.com or Sandra Calvo at Sandra.calvo7@gmail.com

2nd Grade Social on 10/13

The 2nd Grade Social is on Saturday, October 13, from 3-4 p.m. in Stacy Park! Please join Second Grade families for a fall activity! Donations of gently used early reader books and stuffed animals will be collected and delivered to the Little Bit Foundation. For more information, please contact Omar Malik omarmalik@gmail.com.

Trunk or Treat on 10/20

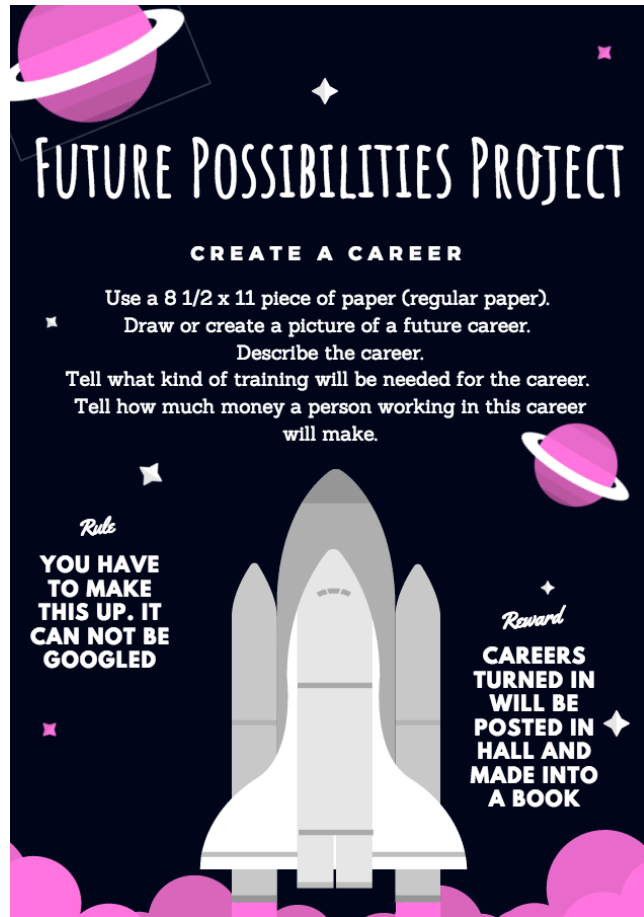
Our trunk-or-treat family event is a few weeks away! If you would like to decorate a trunk, please go to the link below to sign up. The OBPTO will provide you with treats to hand out, so all you have to do is show up with your decorated vehicle. One of our trunks will be collecting items for St. Louis County Animal shelter in Olivette, so please save your old blankets, towels, and any other pet-related items to drop off at the event. More info to come!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F44AAA622A1F58-trunk1>

Questions, contact Ben Levine at ben.levine@bullhorn.com

Thank You!

Please join us in saying thank you to Melissa Lu for planning a great 1st Grade Social this past Tuesday!



For more information and examples click [here](#). If you have questions contact Hayley Arnold, school counselor at 314-983-5546 or harnold@ladeschools.net.



We would like to thank Tessa Williams, Rylan's (1F) mom for putting up the bulletin board in the main hallway. It looks awesome!