

OB WEEKLY NEWS

Conference Reminder

We hope to see you at conferences next week! If you have not signed up yet please contact your child's teacher for an open time slot. Conferences will be on Tuesday 3/12 and Thursday 3/14 after school.

Fill the Barrel

Did you know that one in every six individuals lives in poverty and struggles with hunger in the greater St. Louis region, including 172,000 children? Each spring, the Ladue School District partners with Operation Food Search to help address this issue. Old Bonhomme is once again doing our part to contribute to this district-wide "Fill the Barrel" canned-food drive. Most needed items are canned meats, canned soups, canned chili, canned fruit, canned beans, and canned spaghetti sauce. Donations can be brought to school until March 14! Thanks for considering donating to this district-wide drive!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of the Equations teams, led by Mrs. MacLean and Ms. Modde, for their participation at the Equations tournament at UMSL on Tuesday, February 26! Big cheers to team Humongous Fungus Amongus team for their top score award & The Square Hoots for their creative name award! Way to go!

Counselor News

Parent Guide to Student Appraisal

Throughout the school year, and especially during parent-teacher conferences, we inadvertently throw a lot of different acronyms your way. To help you navigate the terminology we have created the [Parent Guide to Student Appraisal](#). In this guide, you will find names, acronyms, descriptions and the reason why students are given these assessments.

Resources

Check out our [Resource Page](#) to find information on a variety of topics like anxiety, death and grief, parenting, trauma, and more.

March

12 Parent/Teacher Conferences- 4-8 p.m. (sign-up required, no students)

13 Walk in the Park (during PE)

14 Parent/Teacher Conferences- 4-7 p.m. (sign-up required, no students)

Early Dismissal, 1:15 p.m.

15 NO SCHOOL- Conference Compensation

18-22 NO SCHOOL-

Spring Break

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April

2 NO SCHOOL- Professional Development Day

Flying Spider PTO Fundraiser- 10-12 p.m.

5 Science Innovation Night- 6 p.m.

OB Community Weekly Resource Tip

Together we can learn from each other by sharing our tips and resources. Please consider sharing a tip or resource that has helped you be a better person, caregiver, and/or partner. We will feature the tip(s) and/or resource(s) in our weekly OB News. If you don't want your name mentioned in the newsletter you don't have to complete the name portion of the survey. Click [here](#) to submit your tip.

I get up extra early each morning to run. I learned soon after we had our first of four daughters that I needed to take care of myself FIRST before I could take care of others. I never allow myself to feel guilty for leaving the girls for an hour+ in those wee hours ~ I know that I am a better and a happier mom/spouse/human when I take the time to take care of myself each and every day.

Heather Huewe, OB Parent

Presenters Needed

Can you present the week of April 15?

Elementary is a time for children to be exposed to different career opportunities. We are looking for parents and/or grandparents to come in and present about their career. During the thirty minute presentation, we would like for the following points to be addressed:

- Describe your career
- What subjects should you be good at to have this career
- Some of the things you did as an elementary student that led you to this career
- What character traits are important to have in this career field
- Discuss what kind of training you received to be in this career

Click [here](#) to sign up to present. If it doesn't work out for you to present in your child's classroom, we welcome you to present in another classroom. There will also be another opportunity to present in April. For more information check out our [2019 Career Presenters](#) in action and visit our [blog](#). If you have any questions contact Hayley Arnold at harnold@ladueschools.net or Kristine Carey at kcarey@ladueschools.net

Class Lists Reminder

The staff and principal will begin building the class lists for next year, in a series of meetings, considering each student's achievement level, motivation level, special program needs, strengths/talents, and learning style. Our goal is a balanced classroom that will enable a teacher to meet the needs of all the students in the classroom. **Reminder, if you wish to provide input to the process with your perspective of your child's learning preferences and learning style, or previous school experiences, a letter or email to Mrs. Kirchgessner must be submitted no later than March 29.** Input that requests specific teachers is not accepted and input based on a teacher's reputation, or other parents' opinions will not be considered since each child's learning profile and school adjustment is unique. Your input will be taken into consideration when the final decision is made; however, it is not possible to honor specific input. Hopefully this explains how your input will be made a part of the process. As you can see from the many things considered when class lists are built, it is not a process done quickly. For this reason, it is not possible to honor parent input as the sole determiner of a classroom assignment. It is a thoughtful process that balances classrooms, considers the needs of all students, and provides a successful learning experience for each of them.

PTO News

Fundraiser Auction Update

Thank you for your tremendous support of our online auction, which raised over **\$8000** - well over our \$5,000 goal! These funds help support field trips, events, class parties, teacher mini-grants and more. Please join us in sending so much gratitude to chairs Tessa and Michelle Williams and Nikki Addison for your many hours of work, and to all of the parents and teachers who donated experiences or items.

After School Classes - Registration Ends 3/13

Registration for the spring session of After-school Enrichment Classes is open at <http://obpto.squarespace.com/afterschool> Classes are filling up! Please submit your registration and payment by Wednesday, March 13. Questions, contact Stephanie Dahl at stephanie.dahl@bayer.com.

Spring Fling Talent Show Forms due 3/14

Talent show forms went home in folders last Friday. If your student would like to perform in the talent show, please submit the form for their individual or group by Thursday, March 14. Contact Lizzie Berman lizzieberman@gmail.com or Lauren Murov laurenmurov@ymail.com with questions.

Wednesday 3/13 - Dine-Out Fundraiser with Fredbird at Cardinals Nation

Mark your calendar! Meet Fredbird, play games and raise money for OBPTO when 15% of your bill is donated back to the school. Old Bonhomme's School Night Out on 3/13, with a visit from Fredbird from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kids eat free! Make reservations at cardinalsnation.com. Please contact Sarah Miller at sarahmiller0130@gmail.com with any questions.

The OBPTO Needs You!

Each year, the Old Bonhomme Parent and Teacher Organization recruits new board members to fill open board positions. WE NEED YOU! Positions are open for President, VP of Events, and 2 Treasurer positions. Nomination forms and more information are going home with your child's folder today. If you are interested in the OBPTO or would like more information, contact Alli Brose allibrose7@gmail.com or Kate Hellmann at ktpichon@yahoo.com.

Spring 2019 Events

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

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| 3/13 | Family Night with Fredbird Dine-Out Fundraiser @ Cardinals Nation |
| 4/2 | Fundraiser @ Flying Spider 10 a.m.-12 p.m. |
| 4/5 | Science and Innovation Night 6-8 p.m. |
| 4/15-4/19 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| 5/3 | Spring Fling 5-7:30 p.m. |