OB WEEKLY NEWS

Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Ms. McKenna (Old Bonhomme Kindergarten Teacher) for being named Teacher of the Year! This is well deserved and we are so lucky to have her here with us at Old Bonhomme!

Mindful Matters

We have many cars that are using Stoneyside to park and pick up their student or to turn around. This is a huge safety concern and we have had several concerned parents report this to the principal and Olivette as well. There have been many close calls for walkers as well. Please help keep our kids safe and turn around at the island on Old Bonhomme Road.

February

21 Ladue Chili Supper @
LHWHS Cafeteria, 5-7 p.m.
22 PTO Parent Social @ Fallons6-9 p.m.

March

2 PTO Meeting 6-7:30 p.m.6 Early Dismissal, 1:15 p.m.Quarter 3 ends

In addition, if you are parking on Old Bonhomme property to wait for the bus, please do not block the entrance to the Upper Blacktop or Front Circle Drive as teachers need to be able to get in and park to get their day started. Thanks for your cooperation.

Intervention Letters

District Reading, Math Assessments and Social Emotional Behavior Screenings have recently been completed for all students in K-4. Our MTSS-PLC Team, which includes the grade level classroom teachers, counselors, principals and reading, math, and ESL specialists, have begun meeting to look at a collection of data for each of our students. These meetings occur over the course of three weeks and involve a deep level of thought, analysis, and strategizing by the team to determine the best way to meet the needs of all of our students, utilizing all of the resources we are fortunate to have at Old Bonhomme.

Based on the outcome of these meetings, a letter will be sent home to parents/caregivers to notify you if any changes in your child's daily instructional plan were recommended at this Data Review Meeting. If you have questions or concerns after reading the letter, please contact your child's teacher, or the Specialist who will deliver your child's instruction. We will be happy to discuss this change with you.

Please note, you will only receive a letter if there has been a **change** recommended in your child's instructional plan.

Science Innovation Night Help Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Science and Innovation Night on April 17, from 6-8 p.m. If you are available to help, please email Mrs. Brown at pbrown@ladueschools.net.

Report Card Mailing

We have had a few reports of parents not receiving the second quarter report card for their child(ren). If you have not received your child's report card in the mail, please let Mrs. Dunkle in the office know. You can email her at <u>cdunkle@ladueschools.net</u>.

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.

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-</u> coronavirus/pdf/novel-coronavirus-factsheet.pdf

PTO News

MINGLE & MUNCH WITH THE OB BUNCH!

February 22, from 6 - 9 p.m. at Fallons on Olive

Join us tomorrow night!

Tickets include one drink and appetizers.

Here is a sneak peak at some of the special teacher experiences you can purchase for your child:

- "Bowling with the Bosses" Meet Dr.'s Taggert and Riesenmy at Olivette Lanes
- "Ride bikes with Coach Jander" Meet Coach Jander to ride bikes at Stacy Park...during the school day!
- "Book Fair Grand Marshalls" Help Mrs. Kelley make recommendations for the display table, make bingo selection announcements and be the first to pick a free book at the Book Fair!
- "Clay Choice Bonus Day" Stay after school one day with Mrs. Roth to create a clay piece of your choice!

Click here for a complete list of teacher experiences, sign-up parties and to purchase your ticket!

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. More information and nomination forms will go home in the upcoming weeks, but if you have an interest or know someone who would be a great candidate for the OBPTO board, feel free to reach out to the PTO at <u>oldbonhommepto@gmail.com</u>.

Thank you!

Thank you to all of the room parents who organized our Valentines' Day parties and to all of the volunteers who helped out. We couldn't do it without you!





Arrival & Dismissal

Our safety record with kids is outstanding and we want to keep it that way! We safely exit a building of 440 students in about 15 minutes! As always your patience is appreciated. Please pass along these notes to everyone who participates in student transportation (grandparents, childcare providers, older siblings, neighbors, other relatives). Even one car not following the rules can really throw things off.

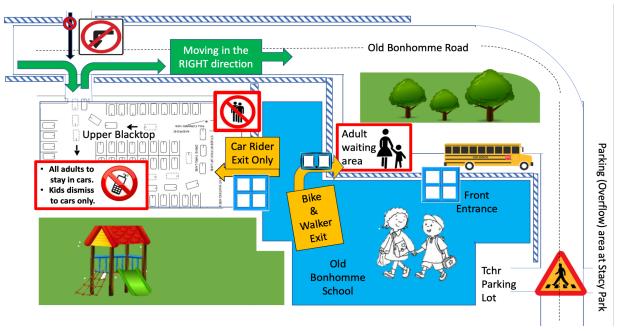
- 1. The front circle drive is reserved for **Buses ONLY**.
- 2. No one should be dropped off or picked up from the staff parking lot.
- 3. No cell phones.

Drop Off (in the morning)

- 1. Student supervision is provided on the upper blacktop beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- 2. Prior to 8:40 a.m. there is no carpool congestion and you can quickly be on your way!
- 3. Show Choir and Fourth Grade Strings students should enter through the music room door only.

Pick Up (in the afternoon)

- 1. All walkers and car riders are dismissed at the 3:50 bell.
- 2. Walkers will dismiss from the front of the school at the walker door (#10).
- 3. Entry and exit into the upper blacktop is right turn only. Cars may enter the lot only from the westbound lane and only exit heading west. The eastbound lane will not have access to the upper blacktop.
- 4. The parking places along the fence and in the middle of the blacktop need to be filled. Back into spaces along the fences. If there is an open spot, you will be directed by a staff member to park in the space. No cars should be in the traffic lane on the upper blacktop until all parking spaces are filled.
- 5. Drivers may not exit their cars on the upper blacktop to pick up students. Students are released only to vehicles. Once parked in a space wait there until you see that your child has exited the building and then you can circle around to where your child is waiting by pulling forward and joining the counter clockwise traffic circle. Cars in parking spaces will be given priority to pick up students before additional cars are allowed onto the lot.
- 6. Students must stay in the assigned waiting area supervised by a grade level teacher until a teacher can escort the student to the car.



Thanks for your help with keeping our students safe!