

OB WEEKLY NEWS

Health Update

We continue to see lots of illness at Old Bonhomme, including Influenza B and strep throat. We are running low on disinfecting wipes in the classrooms. If you can donate some wipes, we would greatly appreciate it! Donations can be dropped off in the office, or sent in your child's backpack. Thank you for helping us keep Old Bonhomme germ free!

OB Dismissal Traffic Update

Please review the dismissal procedures below, especially on the upper blacktop. Some of the procedures that have been put in place are not being followed and it is making our PM dismissal difficult and at times unsafe. In addition to reading these, please be courteous to other drivers as well as staying off your cell phone when dismissal begins and cars are moving. We are asking that you review these and ask questions if clarification is needed. Dr. Taggart or Dr. Riesenmy will be on the Upper Blacktop to help enforce these procedures as well. Thank you!

The Front Circle Drive

The front circle drive is one way only and not available when buses are present. Please do not use this for student drop off when the chain is pulled. It should also not be used for student pick up as we need the entire circle for our buses in the PM.

The Upper Blacktop

The parking places along the fence and in the middle of the blacktop need to be filled. If there is an open parking spot, you will be directed by a staff member to park in the space.

- *Back into spaces along the fences.*
- *All cars parked in center spaces should be facing Old Bonhomme Road which means the cars on the playground side pull in and cars on the road side back in. No one should back into any traffic lanes. There must be forward motion only on the blacktop for student safety!*
- *Kindergarten car riders are not dismissed until 3:47. The rest of the students are not dismissed until the bell at 3:50. If the lot is full, please park at Stacy Park and walk over or wait until the traffic clears. The staff will wait with your child.*

Dismissal Map and Procedures

Share the Old Bonhomme Dismissal Map and Procedures in the Parent Handbook with others who help with student pick-up. There is nothing more upsetting to everyone than seeing a frustrated grandparent or relative trying to manage carpool. You might want to consider asking them to park at Stacy Park and walking over to pick up.

Thanks for helping us keep kids safe and traffic moving!

Questions or comments? Contact Dr. Taggart at staggert@ladueschool.net or 314-993-0656.

February

7 Passport Night, 6-8 p.m. (with 2nd Gr. performance)

12 Walk in the Park (during PE)

13 Valentines' Day Parties, 2:40-3:40 p.m.

14 NO SCHOOL- Prof. Dev. Day

17 NO SCHOOL- Presidents Day

22 PTO Parent Social @ Fallons- 6-9 p.m.

Career Presentation Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who was able to present about their career last week. Our presenters included Julie Hartell-DeNardo, Mimi Vo, Michael McCormick, Diane Thames, Ben Levine, Ben Turec, Alan Mandel, Brian Moore, Korah Spearmon, Maranda Schettler, Furqan Raja, Michal Grinstein-Weiss, Renee Phillips, Paulina Restrepo-Echavarria, Melissa Abrams, Jung-Tsung Shen, Patrick Crecelius, Scott Sifton, Chris Anthony, Ilana Rosman, Grace Johnson, and Darrell Hudson. You can click [here](#) to learn more about their presentations.

We will have another round of presentations the week of April 13. If you are interested in presenting, click [here](#) to sign up.

Valentines Day Mailbox

Dear Old Bonhomme Students and Parents,

Our annual Valentine mailbox is open for business! Please read all the information carefully to help us run it successfully! Parents - please check your child's cards before they bring them to school to be sure that they follow the guidelines.

In the spirit of community, kindergarten is once again be sponsoring a Valentine Post Office Service. This will be an opportunity to send Valentine cards to anybody in the school.

- Opening: **Wednesday morning, February 5.**
 - Last pick-up will be **Wednesday, February 12 at 12:00 p.m.** We need to close early in order to get all Valentines sorted and delivered!
 - **All Valentine cards must be in an envelope with only the "TO:" portion on it written in print writing.** (Kindergarten kids can't read cursive!)
 - **Cards must have the recipient's first and last name and class name (grade then teacher's initial)**
- Example:** To: John Doe - KW
- Print writing only - NO CURSIVE
 - No candy is allowed. This is true for all Valentine cards, both in the school mailbox and within your room.
 - The Post Office is for cards for children and teachers in **other** classrooms.

Parents, feel free to use the mailbox for your own personal Valentines. What could be more special than a Valentine from Mom or Dad, delivered to your son or daughter at school?

Please remember that Valentine's Day is for everyone! If your child brings Valentines on Thursday, February 13, please be sure that there is a valentine for each member of the class.

Classroom valentines will be distributed in the classroom - they should not go in the school mailbox. Thank you for your cooperation.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Mrs. Wallace's, Mrs. McGee's, Miss McKenna's, and Mrs. Mares' Kindergartners

PTO News

Passport Night:

Please join us for Passport Night **TONIGHT** from 6 - 8 p.m.

Old Bonhomme's annual Passport Night is a fun event celebrating our diverse community and featuring second grade musical performances, food, drink, music, and culture from around the world. Questions? Please contact Stephanie Afful at settle2afful@hotmail.com or 314-276-9467.

Valentine's Day Parties:

Join your child in their classroom party on Thursday, February 13 from 2:40-3:40 p.m. Please park at Stacy Park and sign in at the front. Siblings may not attend. Due to allergies, please do not bring any food to share unless you have coordinated with the class Room Parents.

MINGLE & MUNCH WITH THE OB BUNCH!

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

A casual adult social to hang out with friends old and new...and sign your kiddos up for special teacher experiences!

Click [here](#) for more information, tickets and payment.

Ads for Grads

Attention 4th grade parents...celebrate your student's final year at Old Bonhomme by purchasing an ad for your grad to be placed in a special section of the yearbook!

- \$15 per ad
- 1 picture per ad with text
- 1st come 1st serve for spaces - Deadline is **Friday, February 14** - no extensions!
- Ads won't be placed until payment and content are received
- If you want a proof please provide email address on check or ad info
- Limit to 4 ads per child unless extra space past deadline - will be waitlist for extra spots

Payment can be made using Venmo: @OldBonhomme-PTO (please include "Ad" and your student's name), or you can send a check made out to **OBPTO** to Courtney Swillinger either through backpack mail- BALEIGH SWILLINGER 4C- or postal mail 11 Glenmary Road, 63132

Send picture and content to Courtney Swillinger at cswillinger@hotmail.com.

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 Sharon Parks at parks_sharon@yahoo.com

Thank You!

Please join us in saying thank you to Sarah Miller and Natalie DiNicola for planning a great Third Grade Social this past week!

Ladue Middle School Disney Raffle

The LMS Parent Association is holding a Walt Disney World/Orlando Vacation Raffle! Win a 5-Day/4-Night Orlando vacation for just \$25! Enjoy Walt Disney World and stay in a luxury resort. Proceeds benefit Ladue Middle School Parent Association.

Raffle Ticket Details:

- Purchase raffle tickets for \$25 each, or 5 tickets for \$100, by **Tuesday, February 11** at <https://laduemspa.membershiptoolkit.com>
- You may also drop off a check at the LMS office, payable to LMSPA. Write your phone number and email in the memo line.
- Raffle tickets will not be provided. All raffle purchases will be tracked by LMSPA and included in the drawing.
- **The Raffle winner will be drawn on February 12.** Winner will be contacted by email or phone, and announced in the LMSPA newsletter.
- Open to Ladue School District families and staff only.
- Prize may not be sold. May be transferred to another Ladue School District family or donated back to the LMSPA only.
- Questions? Please contact LMSPA at laduemiddleschool@gmail.com

The Ladue School District's Annual Chili Supper and Basketball!

Friday, February 21, 2020, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Ladue Horton Watkins High School Cafeteria, Sponsored by LHWHS Parent Association and the Dads Club. All LECC, Elementary, Middle, and High School families are invited! Look forward to:

- Chili Supper (Food, Drinks, Dessert)
- Entrance to Girls Freshman, Junior Varsity, & Varsity basketball games,
- Activities, entertainment, and fun!

Wear your blue and white!

Please RSVP by February 19, 2020: reaganminkler@gmail.com 314-494-3158. Pay online at www.laduehighpa.com/chili-supper.