

# OB WEEKLY NEWS

## Dr. King Day of Service

Hello Families,

Please join us on Monday, January 21, from 9-10 a.m., to package and prepare donations for the local retirement communities, and crisis center.

**Here is an outline of the day of events:**

Meet at OB from 9-10 to package and prepare donations

10:30 arrive at donation centers

10:30-11:30 play games with seniors and/or get a tour of the crisis centers

If you would like to visit a retirement community or crisis center on Monday, January 21, please sign up for a slot. Each slot represents one child. Each facility will accept a limited amount of students. Sign-ups are on a first come first serve basis.

Just to clarify the Dr. King day of service begins at Old Bonhomme School at 9 a.m., to prepare donations and blankets. Visits will begin at 10:30 a.m.! And adult must stay with their child, this is not a student drop-off event.

Here is the link to [signup genius](#)

## Counselor News

### How to Help Your Child Deal With Trauma

We have all been affected by trauma in some way or another. Whether it is watching a tragedy unfold in another part of the world, in the United States, Missouri, St. Louis, or your own home.

Often these events make us feel uneasy and overwhelmed whether they have happened directly or indirectly to us. The presentation *How to Help Your Child Deal with Trauma* aims to increase our knowledge about trauma and learn how to help our children.

NCADA, in Olivette (located by Mobile on the Run), has a wonderful meeting space and has offered to host the event on Monday, January 28 from 7:00-8:00 P.M. The presenter Gail Knipshild is from FamilyForward, an organization that utilizes a comprehensive and respectful approach to understanding child development and the impact of trauma. This approach recognizes that each child brings unique biological and genetic traits, relational experiences, and personality characteristics into every interaction with parents and other caregivers.

## January

**18** Early Dismissal @ 1:15p.m.

**21** NO SCHOOL- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**25** Quarterly Newsletter goes home

Community Chili Supper, 5-7p.m. @ LHWHS

## February

**5** School Counseling Advisory, 6:30 p.m.

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When you [RSVP](#) there is a space to ask questions in advance. Mrs. Knipshild will work the answers to submitted questions into her presentation. There will also be a 10-15 minute question and answer session at the end of the presentation.

## Attendance Reminder

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Parents, we are noticing a long line of students checking in late in the mornings or being picked up late at the end of the day recently. Please remember that students are let into the building at 8:40 and the tardy bell rings at 8:50. It really helps students get their day off to a good start when they are able to begin their day in class with the rest of their friends and don't miss out on the morning routine. School also dismisses promptly at 3:50 and it is appreciated when students are not left waiting outside for long periods of time especially during this cold weather season. We understand that circumstances can come up beyond your control and appreciate your assistance in this matter.

## PTO News

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### **Upcoming Spring "Lights, Camera, Auction!"**

Mark your calendars for the 2019 OB Spring Fundraiser set to kick off on **FEBRUARY 23**. This year's event will include the "Bid It to Win It" online auction and parent/teacher hosted sign-up parties! Flyers were sent home last week asking parents to submit party ideas, events, and specialty products for auction items. Hosting and participating in the sign-up parties is a fantastic way to meet others and build community while raising funds for Old Bonhomme at the same time. Please submit your party ideas and auction items by January 25.

For questions, ideas, or to volunteer to help the auction committee, please reach out to Tessa Williams at [tessamarie63@hotmail.com](mailto:tessamarie63@hotmail.com).

### **'It's A Small World' event on 2/12**

We are excited to welcome Mama Lisa to headline our next event: Let's go on an adventure to Ghana! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 12. Program will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Mama Lisa, who regularly presents her programs at the History Museum, specializes in African, Caribbean and African American folklore. She will present an interactive folktale that takes place in Ghana and will teach the children Ghanaian dance moves.

This event is free and open to all Old Bonhomme families (siblings welcome). Cookies and milk will be served after the event. Please click [here](#) to RSVP so we can plan accordingly.

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](mailto:cwachtel@racestl.com) or Sandra Calvo at [sandra.calvo7@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.calvo7@gmail.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 2019-2020 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 Alli Brose [allibrose7@gmail.com](mailto:allibrose7@gmail.com) or Kate Hellmann at [ktpichon@yahoo.com](mailto:ktpichon@yahoo.com).

## **Spring 2019 Events**

With the start of the new semester, we want to draw your attention to the great events that we have planned for the next few months:

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| 2/12    | It's A Small World event 6:30-8 p.m.             |
| 2/23    | Lights, Camera, Auction! online fundraiser opens |
| 3/5     | OBPTO Community Meeting 7-8 p.m.                 |
| 4/1     | Spring Afterschool Enrichment Classes Start      |
| 4/2     | Fundraiser @ Flying Spider 10-12 p.m.            |
| 4/5     | Science and Innovation Night 6-8 p.m.            |
| 4/15-19 | Scholastic Book Fair                             |
| 5/3     | Spring Fling 5-7:30 p.m.                         |