

OB WEEKLY NEWS

Hour of Code Family Night

Computers, tablets, smartphones, video games, apps, oh my! As technology plays such an important role in our lives, learning basic computer programming isn't just a smart idea, it's an essential skill for grown-ups and children alike.

Join us for a Family Code Night - a fun, interactive family event for students and their parents or guardians to experience computer programming for the first time - together! Playing in teams to complete puzzles and challenges at their own pace, families learn foundations of coding in just one hour. Instead of *watching* screens, parents and kids will learn to *create* what's on their screens!

Fun & Memorable Family Screen Time!

- No coding experience needed
- Bring your own laptop & earbuds, or use ours
- This is a family activity, no child drop-offs
- Bonus: Everyone goes home with a special **"Code On at Home"** guide with engaging activities for continued learning

Volunteers Welcome! Parents & kids with tech experience or kids who have participated in Hour of Code are encouraged to sign up as volunteer coaches, using the link above. We'll gather 15 minutes early for orientation.

To RSVP for the event go to: <http://bit.ly/OBCODENIGHT>

PE News

How about giving wrestling a try? The Jr. Rams Wrestling program for Kdg-5th grade begins Nov. 25. See the PeachJar flyer or email Coach Jander or Prange for more info. (It's a GREAT way for boys and girls to develop body awareness, core strength, and balance through sensory and neuromuscular involvement!)

Early Pick-up/Dismissal Messages

Parents, please remember if you need to make a change to your child's dismissal plans, to notify the office **before 3:15** to ensure the message gets delivered. Also, if you need to pick your child up early from school this will need to be done **prior to 3:30 p.m.** Any parents that arrive after 3:30 will be asked to wait until dismissal to pick up their child. Thank you for your cooperation.

November

19 1st Gr. Parent Social, 7-9p.m.

22 Quarterly Newsletter goes home

26 Giving Assembly, 9:30 a.m.

27-29 NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break

December

2 OBPTO Mtg. 7 p.m.

3 Hour of Code Family Night 6:30-8p.m. in OB Cafeteria

4 3rd Gr. Trip- Sheldon Concert Hall, 9-11:30 a.m.

Baby, It's Cold Outside!

Parents, just a friendly reminder, as the weather is turning colder out there, please make sure your child is dressed warmly before they leave the house. Students will go outside for PE and Recess as long as the "feels like" temp stays above 20 degrees. Gloves, Hats, Coats are strongly encouraged. Thanks for your help in keeping our students healthy and warm this coming Winter!

Is your child's coat missing? Be sure to check Lost and Found!

PTO NEWS

Giving Assembly 2019: We CAN lend a hand!

Collection of items begins next week, November 18-25 with collection boxes in your child's

classroom! Our goal this year is 2,019 canned goods! This OB tradition benefits multiple organizations, helps families in need, and shows our children the value of giving back to their community. Please bring donations of canned goods and boxed food in addition to gently-used clothing, books, household items and toys. We are in particular need of canned meat, stews, peanut butter, powdered milk, winter clothing, cleaning supplies and infant formula in all varieties. NO GLASS OR EXPIRED FOOD, PLEASE.

You can also help by volunteering your time. Parents are needed each morning from 8:45-9:30 a.m. in the gym, November 18-25, to help sort items. The Giving Assembly is on November 26. Sign up to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C49AEAD29A6FD0-giving>. For questions or to volunteer, please contact Suzette Weiss at suzettemartinez@hotmail.com.

First Grade Social (Parents Only) on Tuesday, November 19.

Hire a babysitter and join other first grade parents for GAME NIGHT, in the OB gym and cafeteria from 7-9 p.m. Come to see old friends and make new friends while playing board games, cards, Twister, corn hole, Jenga...and more! Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Nicole Ankele at nik.wilson@hotmail.com.

OB Specialists and Support Staff Holiday Gift Collection

Each year, the OBPTO collects donations from parents to provide holiday gift cards for our Old Bonhomme staff members and specialists (this does not include classroom teachers where such requests may come from the Room Parents). These staff members and specialists work alongside the classroom teachers and interact with our children on a daily basis, enriching their education and making our school run smoothly and efficiently. Please help make the holiday season special for these individuals by contributing toward our collection to provide gift cards to each of these staff members. Suggested donation of \$20, but any amount is greatly appreciated. **Please submit your donations by December 6.**

Any questions, please contact Bridget O'Neal at thefouroneals@gmail.com.

Donations may be made via:

- [MySchoolBucks](#)
- [Venmo \(@oldbonhomme-pto\)](#)
- [PayPal \(Email: obptotreasurer@gmail.com. NOTE: "Sending to friends and family"\)](#)
- [CashApp \(\\$OBPTO\).](#)
- [Cash or Check \(made out to OBPTO with "staff gift" in subject line\) accepted in the office.](#)

It's A Small World- Tuesday, December 10 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 10, from 6:30-8 p.m. We are excited to welcome Group Angola for a dynamic evening where we'll learn about the fascinating history of CAPOEIRA and learn some moves! Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines elements of dance, acrobatics and music. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and the program will begin in the OB gym promptly at 6:30 p.m. This event is free and open to all Old Bonhomme families (siblings welcome). Please come in comfortable clothing and shoes. Cookies and milk will be served after the event. Please click [here](#) to RSVP so we can plan accordingly.

If you have any questions please contact Cynthia Wachtel at cwachtel@racestl.com or Sandra Calvo at sandra.calvo7@gmail.com.

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. This event is sponsored by the OBPTO.

Volunteers needed to plan and organize a spring All School Parent Social!

The OBPTO would like to host an all-school parent social event in the Spring, but we need volunteers to chair the event and plan the details! This event would be a fun way for parents to get to know one another and build community. The date and the venue is TBD, and will be determined by the volunteers. We are open to any creative ideas!! **If we do not have enough volunteers by Dec. 13, we will not hold the event.** For more information, contact Jennifer Scissors at jscissors@gmail.com. To be a part of the planning committee, sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49aead29a6fd0-parent>

Check out the OBPTO Website: obpto.squarespace.com

There is a lot of great information on our OBPTO website! Learn about past and future events, see how your donations support teachers and students, find ways to get involved, and read the minutes of our previous PTO meetings. Check it out!! obpto.squarespace.com

Follow the OBPTO on Facebook and Instagram

Keep up with events and activities sponsored by OBPTO: Follow us on Facebook at Old Bonhomme PTO, and on Instagram @obpto.

Use Amazon Smile and support the OBPTO

The holidays are coming! Buy your gifts through Amazon Smile and support the OBPTO. Designate the OBPTO as your charity of choice and every time you buy something from Amazon Smile, .05% of sales will be donated to OBPTO. It is simple and easy!

Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-4310750> to get started today.

LEF News

Mark your calendars for Dec. 3, as the day to support families in our community! Giving Tuesday will be a little different this year because the LEF is directing all donations to the Ladue School District's Family Assistance Fund.

And... we have a matching gift! Nicky and Scott Stern ('86) will match all gifts up to \$5,000. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for the fund.

The Family Assistance Fund helps families experiencing short-term and/or unexpected financial issues that impact the ability of their students to be successful in school. These funds are managed by the district and

used discreetly at times when school counselors, psychologists or administrators identify a family in need. Donations are routed through the Ladue Education Foundation, making them tax deductible for those who generously choose to contribute.

In addition to funding grants that expand opportunities for student success, the LEF is committed to supporting the work of teachers and staff, as well as to strengthening our community. We are honored to help ensure the success of the Family Assistance Fund.

Thank you in advance for your support!

