

**March
2020**

Orange City Elementary Newsletter

The candy sale orders will be sent home with students on Monday, April 6th. Large orders can be picked up that day or the day after in the office.

Thank you!

Kindergarten Screening

The screening for next year's kindergarten class will take place on Friday, April 3rd. Sign up will be done at our Kindergarten Round-Up held on March 2nd. If you are unable to attend and need a screening time please call the office at 737-4606.

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TK & Kindergarten Roundups To Be Held

On Monday, March 2nd the parents of approximately 60 new kindergartners will attend our Kindergarten Roundup at 7 PM in the cafeteria. Information on curriculum, immunizations, and readiness testing will be presented. If you or someone you know has a child that will (or may) enter our kindergarten next year they should contact our office for important information. We look forward to these new students joining our family here at Orange City Elementary next fall. We expect Roundup for our Transitional Kindergarten will be well attended in the school library at 6:30 PM on Monday, the 2nd. We are fortunate to have such a program here at our school for those students who are of age to attend kindergarten but may need another year to gain more skills and maturity.



Kindergarten Screening

Each year O.C. Elementary offers a kindergarten screening, given by our kindergarten staff. Many parents want an indication of their child's growth and developmental levels. This year's screening is on Friday, April 3rd. If you are planning or thinking about enrolling your child in our kindergarten program next fall please contact our office (737-4606). We will have a screening sign up at the Round-Up on March 2nd. If you are unable to attend please call the office at 737-4606 to sign up.

CANDY SALES ARE STARTING SOON!

Each year Orange City Elementary students, headed by our Orange City Elementary School Parents Group, sell candy. This is our only scheduled school-wide fund raiser. Profits are used to purchase equipment and supplies for our school. Past purchases have included playground equipment, the Accelerated Reader Program, library books, and other items that add depth and enjoyment to the educational experience of our students.

If you wish to support these efforts we encourage you to purchase some candy from your child. Children are not required to sell the candy. The candy sales kickoff will be held on Friday, March 6th. Students can sell candy from the 6th until Monday, March 16th. All candy sales must be turned in to your child's teacher on Monday, March 16th. Be sure to read the letter that will come home with your child on March 6th so you understand how the sales work. Candy will be sent home with students on Monday, April 6th. Larger orders can be picked up that day or the day after.

Parent nominations for GOALS for next school year are due by March 26th. A parent nomination form is available in our school office. The program is for 4th and 5th graders so nominations are for students currently in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade.

We look for a good imagination, advanced vocabulary, long attention spans, originality, and creativity. Current GOALS students do not need to be re-nominated. Remember a parent nomination is for POSSIBLE inclusion into the GOALS program. If you have further questions please contact the school office.

Outdoor Education 2020 is Approaching!

Parents of 5th graders are invited to an informational meeting on Monday, March 30th at 7:00 PM in the O.C. Elementary library. This year's trip is Thursday, May 7th and Friday, May 8th. Important information will be shared regarding costs, schedules, and activities of the trip.

Each year we take many parent volunteers along. They spend time with their child and his/her friends, learn a thing or two, and experience fifth grade in a way they probably do not remember it. Please give strong consideration to this opportunity. Hope to see you there!

Important Dates

March 2nd	TK Roundup -6:30 pm; Kindergarten Round-Up -7 pm
March 6th	Candy Sales Start, Early Dismissal 1:15 PM
March 16th	Candy Orders due
March 20th	Early Dismissal 1:15 PM
March 23rd	Parent-Teacher Conferences - 4:00-8:00 pm
March 24th	Parent-Teacher Conferences - 4:00-8:00 pm
March 26th	Marsville- 4th grade
March 27th	No school
March 30th	5th grade parents-Outdoor Education meeting – 7 pm
April 3rd	2020-2021 Kindergarten Screening Day
April 24th	TK & Kindergarten Visitation Day- (No school for current TK or Kindergarten students) Early Dismissal- 1:15 pm- Teacher In-service Day

Reading Strategy of the Month

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Determining Importance

Determining Importance is our fifth reading strategy of the month. As readers, we use determining importance to identify key events in a book or passage. Determining importance helps us to recognize (as we read) when the meaning is unclear. It is also a skill that is used throughout life.

Reading and determining importance together provide an opportunity for you to spend time sharing literature with your child. You can help your child practice summarizing by doing the following as you read together:

1. Read one or two pages from a book together. Stop and share your summary with your child. This will help them see the things you feel are important about the text. Ask your child to do the same. Continue reading and sharing your summaries. The more like a conversation this is, and the less like a test, the more enjoyable it will be for you and your child.
2. Read an article or couple of paragraphs from a magazine or newspaper. As you read, decide together what information is important and what is redundant or trivial. Your child will learn from your modeling how to separate the important ideas from the extra information.
3. To extend your child's thinking beyond just the summary, ask him/her to summarize while adding his/her reaction to the writing (i.e. including themes or moral of the story). As you and your child summarize what you are reading, you may find yourself also recalling tricks or strategies you use as a reader to help remember key ideas. These are helpful tips to share with your child to uncover the mysteries of reading.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Day 1 2020-21 TK & Kindergarten Parent Roundup 6:30 & 7:00 PM	3 Day 2 School Bond Vote	4 Day 3	5 Day 4 Mrs. Sharar's Birthday	6 Day 5 Early Dismissal 1:15 PM Candy Sale Kickoff	7
8	9 Day 6	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 3 Mrs. Lambert's Birthday	13 Day 4	14
15	16 Day 5 Candy Sale Orders Due	17 Day 6	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3 Early Dismissal 1:15 PM	21
22	23 Day 4 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8 PM	24 Day 5 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8 PM	25 Day 6	26 Day 1 4th Grade Marsville	27 No School	28
29	30 Day 2 5th Grade Outdoor Ed Parent Meeting 7 PM	31 Day 3	1 April Day 4	2 Day 5	3 Day 6 2020-21 Kindergarten Screening Day 2nd Gr Circus Trip	4