

OMMS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to November!

The really big and exciting news is that we have gone 1:1 with Chromebooks! Remember, students are responsible to bring Chromebooks to school, fully charged, daily. It is important they treat the chromebooks with respect and remember that the Chromebooks are property of D51. During Advisory class students went over the responsibilities that go along with having Chromebooks, I also sent a copy of the handbook out to you in an email. If you haven't already done so please take a moment to take a look at the D51 Handbook, just click this link, [D51 Chromebook Handbook](#). If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out. We have had several folks ask that their student not bring the Chromebook home, we will have a charging station available in the office for any student who needs to leave their Chromebook at school to be charged overnight.

With the Safer at Home restrictions in place, we are still having to limit access to our building. We are trying to find creative ways to include you in the happenings at OMMS. Thanks to our fantastic music teachers Mr. Rabito and Ms. Flick for still holding concerts. They have recorded those concerts and they will be sharing with the appropriate families soon.

We are following the same guidelines that we have all year regarding disinfecting, cleaning, etc. It is important for students to complete the symptom tracker daily. Our great COVID health clerk, Ms. Kendra is a great resource if you have any questions about your student and their health related to COVID. These are stressful times for many and we really appreciate how well our students are handling the added restrictions.

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Part of the COVID restrictions are that we have had to turn off the water fountains. The water bottle fill stations still work but the water fountains are not operating. Please make sure your student has a water bottle for use at school. We have tried many different ways to support students with this however it is becoming more of a distraction for students. We appreciate your help in making sure they have a refillable water bottle for school. We are happy to help with solutions if you are not able to do so, just contact the office and we will work something out.

The weather is definitely getting colder! Please ensure your students are dressed for the weather. We generally go out to lunch recess, we follow the district guidance on temperature and wind chill factor, so please make sure your student has a coat to wear outside at recess.

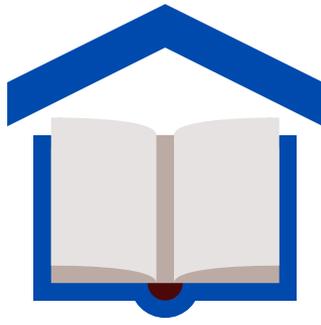
We would like to welcome Ms. Strobel to the OMMS Family. Ms. Strobel is taking over as the 6th Grade Blue Core Science teacher! Ms. Strobel comes to us with a great deal of high school and middle school experience. We are thrilled to have her with us at OMMS!

A big thank you to Vineyard Community Church. Due to COVID restrictions they could not hold their annual Fall Harvest event so instead they provided individually bagged treats for each of our students. It was a big job for them and our students and staff really appreciated the surprise!

Remember that students have off the week of November 23rd - November 27th. Enjoy the time.

Finally, thank you for sharing your students with us. We are grateful to have the honor of working with them everyday. At OMMS we have an outstanding team with staff, students and community. We appreciate the kindness and support we receive from you as well as the confidence you show in us by allowing us to be a part of your students lives! As always, feel free to reach out anytime!

Dr. Susan Birdsey
Principal, OMMS



School Absences

Absences: If your child is ill or you have an emergency that will keep him/her from attending school. Please contact the attendance office by 8:30 am or as soon as possible to report all absences: 970-254-6320. Unreported absences will be marked as unexcused. If a child misses any amount of time from school due to medical appointments, doctor/dental notes are required to excuse the absence.

Tardies: Nearly all tardiness is avoidable. Students who arrive late must have a parent call or present a written note signed by a parent/guardian. Excessive or repeated tardiness may not be excused, even if a parent even if a parent note has been communicated. Habitual tardiness will result in disciplinary action.

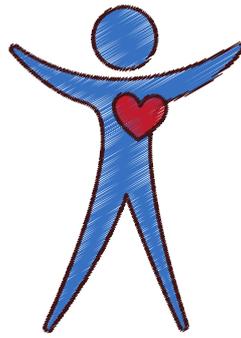


Health Office

First thank you for all your understanding and cooperation as we are all continuing to navigate these times and adjust to our new workflows. We are still performing our health services as we always have.

You might have received your child's immunization notifications if your child is non compliant. Per Colorado State, exemptions need to be renewed yearly. Please return these at your soonest convenience.

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Medications and Medication Carry Agreements are done on an annual basis; and medications must be provided to the school yearly. Please contact us if you are interested in these services so we can get you the required forms. These are required for cough drops, acute pain or other acute symptom control medications, and prescriptions.

Please encourage your student to eat, pack a lunch and snack otherwise we have free breakfast and lunch all semester. We see a lot of students for hunger issues which makes learning so much more difficult and breaks down the immune system.

We are working closely with Mesa County Health Dept and are tracking illnesses on a daily, sometimes hourly basis. We are making calls home in an effort to better track illness in this school with the intention of catching increases as soon as they occur and to answer questions, clarify concerns or explain next steps to return to campus.

Just a few reminders: -Please do the COVID tracker online and at home before coming to school when possible. This is accessed on Parent or Student vue.

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