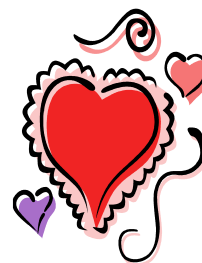


# February 2012

**Oatville Elementary**  
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**Shane Dent, Principal**



## Upcoming Events



**2nd**—Ground Hog Day and Papa John's Pizza Day  
**3rd**— Wear RED for Women Heart Health Month. Popcorn Day. 5th grade D.A.R.E.  
**8**—PTA Sonic Night  
**10th**—Muffins with Mom in commons  
**6th-10th** Nat. School Counselor Week— Thank You Mrs. Engstrand!  
**13th -17th** Parent/Teacher Conferences.  
**14th**—Oatville Valentine's Day Parties 10:15 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.  
**16th** —No School Parent/Teacher Conferences.  
**17th**—No School— Release day for Parent/Teacher Conferences.  
**20th**— No School Presidents Day  
**21st**—Jump Rope for Heart  
**23rd**—PTA Skate Party at Roller City 4:15– 6:00  
**24th**— 4th grade to Young People's Concert-Century II 10:00-12:00

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feb. 28th—March 17th— 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades take State Assessments**  
**March 9th—No School End of 3rd Nine Weeks.**

## Muffins with Mom



Plan now to join us for Muffins with Mom on Friday, February 10th. Students can bring Mom or Grandma (or a special guest) for a breakfast of muffins, coffee and juice from 7:30 to 8:15. Guests are invited to stay until school begins and to visit the library to help your child choose a RIF book, and stop by the computer lab, music, PE and also your child's classroom. Take time to visit with your child and enjoy sharing special time with them. Please join us!

## Which Parent Are You?

"I got two A's," the small boy cried. His voice was filled with glee. His father very bluntly asked, "Why didn't you get three?"  
"Mom, I've got the dishes done." The girl called from the door. Her mother very calmly said, "Did you sweep the floor?"  
"I've mowed the grass," the tall boy said. "And put the mower away." His father asked him, with a shrug, "Did you clean off the clay?"  
The children in the house next door seemed happy and content. The same things happen over there, but this is how it went:  
"I got two A's", the small boy cried. His voice was filled with glee. His father very proudly said, "That's great; I'm glad you belong to me."  
"Mom, I've got the dishes done." The girl called from the door. Her mother smiled and softly said, "Each day I love you more."  
"I've mowed the grass," the tall boy said, "And put the mower away." His father answered with much joy. "You've made my happy day."  
Children deserve a little praise for tasks they're asked to do. If they're to lead a happy life, so much depends on you.

By: Badger Legionnaire

## PTA SPRING CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT

*CLEAN OUT CLOSETS, KEEP 100% OF YOUR PROFIT and FIND GREAT BARGAINS!!*



**What:** Oatville PTA Consignment Sale

**Where:** Oatville Elementary

**When:** April 21, 2012

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$20.00 CASH DUE WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR CONSIGNOR NUMBER

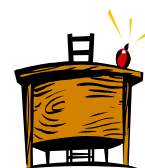
**Items:** Clothes Sizes Newborn – Youth 14, Maternity Clothes, Toys, Baby Items, etc...

For more information contact: Jennifer Henry 516-1337



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Please note that there is no school on February 16th & 17th. Teachers will be conducting Parent/Teacher conferences February 13th thru 16th with Friday being a release day. The teachers will be contacting all parents to schedule a conference. To accommodate working parents' schedules, conferences will be held before and after school (until 7 pm) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of conference week. Conferences will be held on Thursday from 8:00 am until noon. Please notify your child's teacher if you have a day and time preference for your child's conference. Some of the teachers are inviting students to also attend the conference.



USD261 does not discriminate on there basis of race, color, national, origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquires regarding the non discrimination policies:

**Dr. Michael Clagg, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, 1745 W. Grand, Haysville KS 67060, 316-554-2200.**



### Proper Winter Attire

The Oatville Staff is very concerned about students who come to school on cold and frigid days without proper attire. Students need to have warm shoes, gloves, hats and coats daily, as we go outside almost everyday. Oatville is fortunate to have our weather station so we can keep an accurate account of the current temperature and the wind chill factor. Again, please be sure your child is dressed warmly for outdoor recess.

### Valentine's Day Parties—Feb. 14th

Please make note that room parties to celebrate Valentine's Day will be held on Tuesday, February 14th from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. The morning Kindergarten and Pre-K party will be at 10:15 a.m. Room parents will be contacting parents within the next few days to solicit volunteers to supply treats for the students and to help with the party. If you would like to help, please contact the room parents chairperson for your child's classroom. Be sure to contact your child's teacher and include them in the details as you are making plans.



### STAR STUDENTS

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized in January for their good citizenship and other outstanding personal qualities. Students are recognized on morning announcements and given special tokens of appreciation from the staff. Congratulations to: Savannah Talbert, Ava Ramsey, Abby Adkins, Nabaa Al-Amood, Madison Jones, Mariah Scott, Ethan Fowlkes, Armond Rossow, Evelyn Ochoa, Allena Kates, Seth Falley, Mackinzie Hall, Ethan Denning, Makayla Catron, Jillian Jenkins, Damian Burnett, Lillian Barker, Grace Seiwert, Britany Myers, Skyy Ivey, Ethan Engberg, Brooke Snell, Alaa Al-Amood.



### INCLEMENT WEATHER NO SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

When inclement weather causes the school to close, **parents and staff will be called using the district's REACH automated calling program.** It will also be announced on local radio and television stations. Listen to the following stations:

**TV:** KAKE, KSNW, KWCH, and KSAS

**RADIO:** KFDI, KEYN, KZSN, KRBB, THE WOLF.

Please pass the word to others and do not call the school.

### Bully Prevention Program (OLWEUS)

The Olweus Bully Prevention program continues at Oatville through Class Meetings. These meetings provide a forum for teachers to begin passing along important concepts about bullying and positive relationships. Through classroom meetings, students begin to learn how to communicate thoughts and feelings about peer relationships and have an opportunity to gain understanding about how others think and feel ... in other words ... to gain empathy; a sensitivity to feel what others feel. Classroom meetings are different than a simple class discussion. Teachers attempt to create a relaxed conversational setting in which students are active participants. In addition to discussing bullying and relationships, the classroom meeting may also be used to address any number of other relevant topics. Ask your child about their classroom meetings and what is being discussed. If you want an OLWEUS parent handbook, contact Mrs. Engstrand or Mr. Dent.



### Volunteers Needed

Oatville is seeking parents and community members who would like to serve as tutors and mentors for some of our students. Please call the school if interested.



### Student Testing

During the month of March and the first week of April, the Third, Fourth and Fifth grade classes will be taking the Kansas State Assessments. Please be sure that your child gets plenty of rest during these weeks and that they eat a nutritious breakfast each morning. It is also very important that the children are present each day during this time. Performance scores will be sent home in May. Oatville students received the Governor's Award for Excellence for 2010 and 2011. We have set this as our goal for this year too!



### Oatville STOP Bullying Rules

1. We will not bully others
2. We will try to help students who are bullied
3. We will try to include students who are left out
4. If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult

If your child has concerns about bullying, please encourage them to discuss their problems with an adult at school or call Mr. Dent or Mrs. Engstrand.

### Oatville PRIDE : INTEGRITY

#### February's Citizenship word of the month is Integrity.

The family is certainly an ideal place in which to model and teach the value of integrity. There are numerous times and occasions in our home settings when each of us has to show his or her skills of being honest and making good, moral decisions. Our children need our help in recognizing the value of integrity — learning the importance of honesty. **Integrity is our sense of what is right and wrong.** One way to think of it is like this: "Are my actions in sync with my words?" For example, if we say we are honest, our actions should show we are honest. So, how do we teach this to our children? To begin with, we must **model** appropriate behavior and show children that OUR words and actions are in sync and that we are true to our word. Second, we can **help our children** solve a real problem they are dealing with by talking about how to use integrity to solve the problem. Third, we can **play** board games at home and discuss why it is important to be honest when playing games with others.

