

# Words for the Wise!

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## Owen Elementary School

Academic Excellence Award

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YOUR ONLY  
LIMIT IS YOU!  
BE CARING!

**The best way to cheer yourself up  
is to try to cheer somebody else up!**

– Mark Twain



### Conversations About School

Instead of asking  
“How was school  
today?” or “What  
did you do in  
school today?”

Give these  
questions a try.

- What was the  
most creative  
thing you did?

-Pretend you are  
the teacher .

How would you  
describe your  
day?

-What was the  
coolest thing that  
happened? What  
wasn't so cool?

-How were you  
kind or helpful?  
How was some-  
one kind to you?

Dear Owen Families,

Earlier we sent a letter to you from Charles Sprandel, Executive Director of Research and Assessment, explaining the upcoming required State PARCC and DLM Assessments. At Owen we will be **administering the assessment to all students in grades 3-5 taking the PARCC starting Monday, March 5 through March 16th. Students taking the DLM will start March 14 and may take until May 9 to complete.** We request that you avoid pulling your student out of school during those weeks.

We take these assessments seriously and ask that you help your student do their best by making sure they **get a good night's sleep** during the testing window and **eat a good breakfast** each morning. These two factors can help them focus and perform to the best of their ability. We also ask you to **send in a cheap pair of ear buds in a clearly labeled baggie** for the testing. Portions of the test will require students to use them. If you are unable to do so please let Mr. Martin, the classroom teacher, or me know.

Kids First,

Mrs. Earlenbaugh

### 5Essentials Survey

Thank you for your participation! Forty percent of our parents/guardians completed the State 5Essentials Survey. We use the feedback for our continuous improvement. The results will be shared in next year's State Report Card.

Mrs. Bree's class had 85% of the students turn in the signed It's Easy as 1-2-3 form. This was the most in the school. They will enjoy a classroom pizza party donated by Aurelio's Pizza.

## Upcoming Events

Tues., Feb. 6th	Variety Show Practice	3:35-5:30 p.m.
	1st Grade 100th Day Curriculum Party	1:45 p.m.
	2nd Grade 100th Day Curriculum Party	1:30 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 7th	Variety Show Practice	3:35- 5:30 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 8th	2018 VARIETY SHOW	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (Students at 6:00 p.m.)
Wed., Feb. 14th	Happy Valentine's Day	
Mon., Feb. 19th	NO SCHOOL Observe President's Day	
Wed., Feb. 28th	2018 Owen Open House	6:30-7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Mar. 1st	Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences	1:00-8:00 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 2nd	NO SCHOOL District Institute	
Sat., Mar. 3rd	OWEN RESALE	7:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

## Owen Reflections Entries Advance to State!

Thank you for supporting your child while they participated in this year's Reflections project. Everyone turned in a wonderful project.

It is exciting to share we had, for the first time in several years, two Owen students advance from the Region to the State level.

**LEO CHEN**

**Photo— "Man Look Up!"**

**SHAILA PUNWANI**

**Dance— "Do Your Dream!"**



**Congratulations on your accomplishment!**



### CC! Bus of the Month

Each month the students on one of our bus routes is recognized for demonstrating the six pillars of CC! The students have shown respect and responsibility while at bus stops, riding the bus, in the hallway during dismissal, lining up in the gym, while loading the bus, and for following the CHAMPS expectations.

Congratulations to the students on BUS #1 who earned a week to choose where they would like to sit at lunch.

September	Bus #4	December	Bus #2
October	Bus #3	January	Bus #1
November	Bus # 1	February?????	

**Who will it be?**



## Bernie's Book Drive!

Thank you for donating your gently used or new books. Our goal was 1,500 books. Due to your and your child's contributions and effort we exceeded our goal by 23 books!

Owen students took charge of creating posters for school, created a bulletin board to display the grade level bar graphs to chart our progress daily. Students counted and packed the books daily and made daily announcements to report our results.

Congratulations everyone! Our fifth graders donated the most books. They have earned a grade level incentive!

The students who receive these books will enjoy having their very own books to keep at home. I wish everyone could see their smiles when they are delivered!

### CHARCHTER COUNTS! Weekly Words for the Wise

February 5th:	Compassion
February 12th:	Empathy
February 20th:	Friendliness
February 26th:	Generosity
March 5th:	Kindness

Focusing on the CC! Pillar of CARING

### Recess During Winter or Inclement Weather -Important Repeat-

During the winter months students need to bring or wear snow pants, boots, mittens/gloves, a hat, and a coat. We call them the Fab Five to help them remember what they need if they want to play in the field when there is snow.

Once the wood chips freeze on the playground area and we are not allowed to use the equipment until they thaw out. The District checks this in the Spring and will let us know when we can use it.

The blacktop area may also be used by all students, but students must have the appropriate outdoor winter clothing and boots. Tennis shoes are not appropriate for outdoor recess during the winter months. There is no traction or heat provided for the child.

When the outside temperature with wind chill reaches five (5) degrees or lower, the students are supervised in the gymnasium during recess. On occasion, we may stay indoors for recess regardless of the temperature if the blacktop area has not been cleared or has several patchy areas of ice.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Thursday, March 1st**

**1:00-3:00 p.m.**

**Teachers will contact you if one is needed.**

### Dismissal Procedures

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENT PICK UP WINDOW SIGN DISPLAYED DAILY. HAVE YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND GRADE WRITTEN ON IT.** This assists our staff to have the children prepared and ready to get in line for pick up. The sign should be placed daily **ON THE FRONT PASSENGER SIDE DASHBOARD** when you enter the parking lot for dismissal. If you need a new one, please ask.

Thank you!



## Positive Referrals

Congratulations to the following Owl-Standing Owls for earning a Positive Referral since our last newsletter for demonstrating exceptional character. Any staff member may acknowledge a student who exemplifies great character on a regular basis. We encourage you to celebrate this with your child. We recognize each student during morning announcements. They sign our Kids for Character Book and place a personal Owl-Standing Owl of Character on our Kids for Character Tree in the main hallway. Please join me in recognizing the following students:

**Hareem Fatima (2)**

**Ayera Alikhan**

**Devan Draughon**

**Sophie Winters**

**Mithil Shah**

**Carson Deverney**

**Ishanvi Gupta**

**Camila Medina**

**Sadeepya Nandigana**

**Aryan Hari**

**Benny Switt**

**Evan Rater**

**Tai'La Pryor**

**Will Wachter**

**Khanak Parikh**

**Katy Daruwala**

**Abubakar Koreshee**

**Anwita Kasturi**

**Desmond Stribley**

**Jackson Mills**

**Jacob Switt**

**Anair Levasseur**

**Josh Young**

**Donovan Green**

**Addison Black**

**Perla Ramonas**

**Esa Khan**

**Daniel Adegoke**

**Jake Bens (3)**

**Armani Sanchez**

**Maisie Carr**

**Sam Switt**

Parent Response Rates

