



Oglesby News and Happenings



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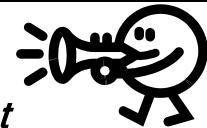
Junior High to Perform "Beauty & the Beast, Jr."

Oglesby Washington Junior High will step into a French provincial town with hosting its fifth musical, "Beauty & the Beast, Jr.!" The musical will take place on Friday, February 10 & Saturday, February 11, 2012 – with performances at 1:30 pm (Friday only) and 7:00 pm (Friday & Saturday). Auditions for the musical took place in October, and the students have been working on their parts already. Familiar songs such as "Be Our Guest" and "Beauty and the Beast" will be performed, along with many other songs. Please mark your calendars for this fun, music filled event! Tickets: \$3.00. (Available at the door)

- LP Band Festival - Tuesday, February 14 7:00 pm LP Auditorium (Concert Band Students)
- LP Chorus Festival - Thursday, February 16 7:00 pm LP Gymnasium (Chorus Students)



Valentines Parties will be held during class time on Tuesday, February 14. This is also a spirit day...Red-White-Pink Day.



ISAT Announcement

From March 6 until March 16 students across the State of Illinois will be participating in the ISAT Tests. Those students in District #125 who will be participating include students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8. Students in grades 3, 5, 6, & 8 will be tested in the areas of reading and math. Students in grades 4 & 7 will be tested in the areas of reading, math, and science.



The school has been careful not to schedule too many evening activities during this week. **The majority of testing in our District will take place on March 6, 7, 8, & 9. Make-up tests will be scheduled during the following week at each school as needed.** In addition, teachers will be sure not to schedule any major tests during this week to help students perform at their highest level.



Parents are asked to support this testing effort by making sure their children get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast. Breakfast is available at Lincoln and

Washington School. Also be sure to encourage your child/children to do the best he/she/they can on the tests taken. It is very important that the students are here on time each day that testing will take place. Together we can work to make sure the students do the best they can on these state assessments. We appreciate your help in this effort.

Congratulations!!!!

Bethany Black and Kaitlin Ernst placed 1 and 2 in Washington School's "You Be the Chemist" Challenge. Both will compete at Seneca Elementary South Campus February 13, 2012.



Congratulations!!!!

Marty Villalovos and, Cameron Dingerson are Champion and Runner up in Washington School's Annual Spelling Bee. Marty will be our representative to the LaSalle County Spelling Bee Saturday, February 18, 2011 at Ottawa Township High School.



➤ No student should be dropped off at school prior to 8:15. That is when students are able to enter the buildings. (unless arrangements have been made with your child's teacher)

➤ Any concerns about bus transportation should first be directed to Illinois Central Bus Company (815) 220-8800.

➤ Parents are asked to be sure that your children are dressed for the weather. Hats, gloves, boots, etc. during this time of year are very important to help reduce student absences.

➤ If students are not properly dressed they will not be able to go outside for recess. Children do not go outside for recess when the temperature or wind chill is below 20 degrees.



With the cold weather upon us, make sure your child has a warm coat, hat, gloves and boots. It is a good idea to send an extra set of clothing for your child to keep in

their locker, in the event they get damp or wet at recess.



To All Parents

Ref: General Reminders

As we begin the second half of the school year the school reminds parents of some general procedures to follow:

- Please be sure and call the school office when your child is going to miss school.
- At the end of the school day, parents should always allow the buses to board prior to picking up your children.

Looking Ahead....

- ❖ Parents' Night for Volleyball is February 21 when our teams play Holy Family Grade School.
- ❖ Presidents' Day February 20 – No School
- ❖ March 7 5:30pm Track Parent Meeting
- ❖ March 20 is the date for the Spring Concert.
- ❖ Spring Break begins with early dismissal on March 30. School resumes April 10th.
- ❖ *Those Who Excel Banquet is set for Tuesday, April 24th at Washington School (Junior High Students). *Date change.
- ❖ Sports and Awards Banquet is set for May 7th at the Elks Lodge.
- ❖ The St. Patrick's Day program will take place on March 16 in the morning at Lincoln school.

Please keep the school offices informed of any changes in phone numbers or emergency contact information. It is very important that we have some person we can reach should a child be sick or if there is some other emergency *situation*. If you change your Email address, please contact the school or Mrs. Valle at gvalle@ops125.net.

As we enter the final half of this school year, parents are asked to:

- Check your child's homework every day
- Sign the assignment notebook or assignment sheet each day so the teachers know you have checked the assignments.
- Set time aside each evening for quiet study time. If your child has no homework, he/she can always spend time reading a good book.
- Take time to review material with your child when they are preparing for tests.
- If you have any questions on student assignments or expectations call the teacher or email them through Teacher Ease.
- Parents who have new email addresses, please let the school know so that you can have access to Teacher Ease. This will allow you to stay current on your child's grades.



Good study habits result in better grades!!!



Reminder: There is a feature available on our school website for Washington School. A homework section has been added. You can access it by clicking on "Junior High" and then the "Homework" tab on the left. Our school website address is www.ops125.net



Safety Alert

Students are reminded that they are not to throw snowballs at any time while on school grounds.

Students are also reminded -- at dismissal that when exiting Washington School or the buses you are to cross at the corner with one of the teachers on duty.

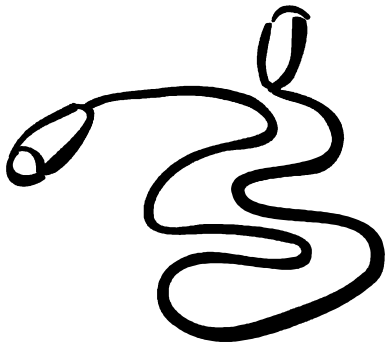
During the winter season we all enjoy the snow. We like to sled, snowboard, make snowmen, and throw snowballs. Students are reminded that it is very important to be careful when throwing snow. People can easily get hurt. Often times the snow gets very icy and if it hits another person it could cause injury. It is also important not to throw snow at moving vehicles. Remember ... Safety first!!

SOS Updates

SOS would like to **THANK** all of the students and their families and the staff and Lincoln and Washington schools for the support and donations for Trivia Night! Without your support, we could not be as successful as we are in the planning and organizing of this event. Because of all of you, we have several fantastic baskets that will be raffled off during the event. We hope to see you there on February 4, 2012 at Oglesby Elks! To reserve a table for 6-10 people contact Melissa Stachowiak at mstachowiak@comcast.net or 815-993-9035.

The next **SOS Meeting is February 13, 2012 at 7:00 pm** at Lincoln School in the Cafeteria.

Keep collecting your Box Tops! A tally will be kept per class to put towards the contest that will be held in February. Thanks for your support!!



SOS and The American Heart Association will be hosting

Jump for Heart and Hoop for Hearts at both schools. The children will be participating in this event during their gym period on February 24. Heart disease is our nation's No. 1 killer, lets help raise some money and save lives!! Participant's sponsor forms will be coming home this month, please look for details. Tons of prizes will be awarded and it will be a great time for the children.



SOS HELPS ADD TECHNOLOGY FOR LINCOLN AND WASHINGTON SCHOOLS

SOS is pleased to announce that the organization has recently purchased “clickers,” which go along with the Promethean boards in the classrooms. A teacher can put a quiz question on the board, get immediate answers from the students and, in addition to quizzing the students, determine the proportion of students who understand the material. 3D Goggles have also been purchased to be used with the Promethean boards in the Math and Science curriculums.

SOS has also pledged \$10,000 this year to be used specifically toward additional Promethean boards in the District. This number may increase depending on the success of Trivia Night. The fundraising efforts of the students this year during the Clubs Choice Fundraiser have allowed SOS to assist the District in enhancing their overall technology. SOS would like to thank everyone who has been involved in all fundraising this year!

