



O'Neill Elementary

Soaring Eagles News

January Newsletter

Please mark the following dates in your calendar.

- **January 14th- No School, this date due to Staff Inservice**
- **February 2nd- Family Science Night, 6:30-7:30 pm, Elementary Gym**
- **February 11th- Parent Teacher Conferences, No School**
- **February 12th- Valentine's Day Parties**

Welcome back from the holiday break. We hope everyone had a wonderful time with family and friends and enjoyed the holidays.

A couple items that are some subtle changes for the remainder of the school year. We have new co-directors of our Developing Eagles after school program. The directors are Barb McCain and Deb Sawyer. These ladies will be guiding this program as we continue to move forward.

One change that has been implemented for the remainder of the school year and moving forward is that students will need to be physically checked out of the Developing Eagles Program by an authorized person kept on file with the Developing Eagles staff. We will not release a student if someone calls the office and asks for a student to be sent out of the building to a waiting ride. For student safety reasons we will require an approved person to physically enter the building to check their student out of Developing Eagles.

The building staff met during our inservice day and we have new behavioral goals for the students for the 3rd Quarter. We would like to share that we have set two goals for our students for improvement. We are looking to improve our behavior in the environments of the classroom and the playground. If any families have questions on our expectations or would like a copy of the behavioral matrix it is available on at www.oneillpublicschools.org, under the Elementary tab, then under the PBiS section. We have also set a goal of our students earning 1,000 Eagle Earnings. These Eagle Earnings are our way of recognizing our students for what they are doing well at the school. Students will receive one side that will come home as recognition, and another side that they can use to redeem for different items. We are hoping for many many Eagle Earnings to be given out this coming quarter!

Winter Music Programs

Mrs. Jennings conducted both of our Musical Programs in the month of December. The Kindergarten Program took place on December 15th in the O'Neill Elementary gymnasium and the 1st-6th Grade Program took place on December 18th in the O'Neill High School gymnasium.

Both performances were extremely well attended by our public and we are so proud of our students for their hard work and effort on their programs.



Family Science Night

This year, the O'Neill Elementary staff has organized a new family activity night. Family Science Night is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, February 2nd. Families are invited to come participate in Science activities with their students from 6:30-7:30 pm.

There will be hands on and interactive activities for students and parents to participate in together. In regards to participating, this event will be run in a similar manner as Family Math and Reading Night as we will have a sign in table and encourage families to bring their entire family and enjoy the activities.

4th Grade Writing Assessment

Each school year our 4th Grade students are required to participate in the NeSA Writing Assessment. The students will be presented with a prompt and asked to write an essay over that topic. Mrs. Stepp and her long term sub Mrs. Sladek have worked very hard to prepare our students for this assessment. We will be giving the assessment to all 4th Grade students during the week of January 25th. Please keep your eye out for more information from the 4th Grade teachers as we move closer to this date for our 4th Grade students.