

Soaring Eagles News

September Newsletter

Welcome back! We are all excited to have another year underway here at O'Neill Elementary. The students and teachers are all working very hard and getting into their routine. I just wanted to send a few reminders out to everyone as we are starting out the school year.

Developing Eagles has started. The program runs from 3:20pm- 6:00pm. If you need registration information for your children there are forms available in the office or you can contact Ronda Olson- Developing Eagles Director.

Breakfast is served at 7:20am each school day. The breakfast services are available to all students at the rate that was mentioned in the student handbook.

If you have not yet signed and returned the form at the back of the student handbook please return the form to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. If you are in need of another handbook or acknowledgement of handbook form, let their teacher know and they can get you another.

There is No School on Monday, September 1st for the Labor Day Holiday.

Wednesday, September 17th is a 10:00 Late Start. The school doors will not open until 9:15 am so please plan accordingly.

Elementary School Pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 18th and Friday, September 19th depending upon your child's class/grade level. Please look for a note coming from their classroom teacher on the date of their pictures.

Homecoming week is scheduled for the Week of September 29th- October 3rd. We will have dress up days for each day with more information to come, as we get closer to homecoming week.

Kindergarten families if you have not yet turned in your immunization forms/information to the school nurse please do so as soon as you can. If you are not sure if that information has been received you can check with the school nurse.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year and helping every student to grow and learn.

Dan Woodle
Principal

Guidance Information & News

Hello from O'Neill Elementary's Guidance staff...Mrs. Mindee Hilker and Mr. Cole Hilker. As school counselors, we specialize in working with students to help them attain skills, solve problems, and do their best in school.

During the school year, we provide weekly classroom lessons to help students learn information and skills that will promote healthy academic and emotional development. Our Guidance curriculum at each grade level includes age appropriate lessons organized into three skill domains: Academic, Personal/Social, and Career Awareness.

Outside of our class schedules, we are available to meet with students on an individual or small group basis to help with issues that may be causing them difficulties or interfering with their schoolwork. In addition, we also consult with parents, teachers, and administrators about issues that affect kids and explore the best ways to meet student needs.

If you would like to visit with one of us, or would like more information about school counseling services, please give us a call at 336-1400 or stop by our offices.

Junior Eagles Boosters

Jr. Eagle Boosters (JEB) is an organization that supports the learning and development of our children. JEB Boosters have provided and supported many school projects, activities and educational trips.

Some of the events we participated in and organized last year were Family Reading night, Family Movie Night and assisting with snacks for students during NeSA testing. We would like to expand on those activities and add more moving forward.

JEB would like to have your input in making this group a great avenue for bringing our teachers, parents, and administrator together to enrich our Children's education.

Please join us [September 8th](#) at 6:30pm @ the Elementary for a meeting or Contact us at angierobertson@oneillschools.org

Howdy Pardners!

All 5th grade cowboys and cowgirls at O'Neill Elementary have been rounded up for a new school year. Along with establishing classroom routines and beginning our regular classes, we had many exciting adventures during the first week of school. On Tuesday, we got to try our hand at roping thanks to the help of three real life cowboys (Bryan Hoefler, Brady Wakefield, and Riley Wakefield). Thursday, Pat Devall came and taught us how to line dance. Kelly & Terry Kloppenborg brought their hayrack pulled by their horses, Dixie and Hank, to give us rides on Friday. Chad and Becky Dean also provided corn hole games for us to play while we were waiting for our hayrack ride. We want to send out a great big thank you to all of them for making our first week of school a lot of fun.

Like last year, students walk to their individual reading classes. Reading teachers for 5th grade are Mrs. Kloppenborg, Mrs. Sellers, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Fox, Ms. Kohtz and Mrs. Miller. In math we use the Saxon math series. Students have math assignments almost every day, which means they will probably have math homework almost every night. We encourage parents to check in with their students about their homework each night to make sure they have all their math as well as any other assignments finished for the next day. In science we have been setting up our Science notebooks and learning about the different parts of our brains and how our brains function. In language we are reviewing sentence structure and using sentences effectively in communication. Our first unit of study in social studies is geography. We have been working on labeling the continents, oceans, lines of latitude and longitude, and the hemispheres on world maps.

Accelerated Reader (A.R.) has also begun. Students are encouraged to read every night for a minimum of 15-20 minutes. They are working on earning their point goals, so they can participate in the end of the quarter celebration.

Fifth graders participating in band began practice the end of August. Students will also have the opportunity to try out for Soundsational Singers and Sing Around Nebraska in the next week or so. Some 5th grade students will also be participating in after school robotics.

We want to encourage parents to please e-mail or call us if you have any questions or concerns as we go through the year. We feel it is extremely important to keep the lines of communication open.

2nd Grade News

The 2nd graders are off to a busy start this year. We have really started to get into each subject that we will study this year. In Science, we started the year off studying insects. We learned about different types of insects and what makes them an insect. They even got to go outside to collect and examine lots of insects! For Math, the students have been practicing their doubles addition facts and will have their first fact and written test this coming week. Each night, the students will be bringing home a blue folder. This folder will contain homework, notes, and papers that they have done that day. Please make sure you look in this folder every night.

There will usually be math homework that needs to be looked over and signed by a parent/guardian. Send the homework and any notes you may have back in this folder. Besides our basic subjects, the kids are also taking part in Music, P.E., Guidance, Art, and Library. Please remember to send P.E. shoes and an art shirt if you hadn't already done so.

On September 26, the 2nd graders will go on their annual field trip to Ash Falls Fossil Beds in Royal. We will spend the morning touring and learning more about how the fossils came to be in this part of Nebraska. We will be eating lunch at Ash Falls, so each child will either need to bring a sack lunch or order one from the lunchroom. Look for a note pertaining all the information that you will need later this month.

The last bit of news coming from the 2nd grade so far this year is that we have a student teacher in Mrs. Tomjack's room. Her name is Heather Vandernick and she is studying at Wayne State College. She will be with us till December and will also be observing other classrooms as she finishes her student teaching.

We are looking forward to a great year with the 2nd graders!