



**VERY IMPORTANT**

## E-Registration:

Families, if you have not yet completed your E-Registration in our Powerschool Program, we need this done as soon as possible. This information is essential for us to have in order to contact parents at their current address, have emergency contacts and correct telephone numbers of parents and receipt of the student handbook. Without this registration being complete, we may not have a way to contacting a parent or family member if a child is ill or if an emergency takes place.

Each family should have received a letter with the directions to complete this process. If you need access to a computer or need to receive another copy of your child's information please contact the O'Neill Public Schools Central Office at 402-336-3775 and they can assist you in completing this process.

As we continue through this school year this becomes a greater and greater issue. If this registration process is incomplete at the end of the first quarter, **we will not release your child's report cards until the e-registration has been completed.** We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding. This is a very important item for our school district to have you complete this process so we can make sure we are well-equipped to best keep our students safe and families informed.

The E-Registration link can be found at [oneillpublicschools.org](http://oneillpublicschools.org).

## Accelerated Reader at O'Neill Elementary:

Accelerated Reader is a software program used to monitor an individual student's reading progress. A student reads a book of interest at their reading level. After reading the book, the student takes an on-line quiz over the book. Points are earned for every book read.

Miss Milne, the school librarian, organizes and manages the Accelerated Reader program. Students are assigned reading levels and are then encouraged to read the entire school year to earn points for a "schoolwide celebration" in May. The Accelerated Reader theme for this year is *AR Features Teachers* and the goal is to earn 11,000 points by May 2017.

Incentives are in place to promote students' independent reading. Students' names are featured on posters lining the hallway by the library once a designated number of points have been reached. In addition to their name on the poster, a prize and a certificate are given by Miss Milne each time the designated points are reached.

Accelerated Reading is handled differently by each classroom teacher. If you are interested in how A.R. is used in your child's classroom, you can contact the homeroom teacher for more information.

## Homecoming 2016-2017

The students of O'Neill Elementary school enjoyed a fun homecoming week this year filled with dress up days, a pep rally and then concluded with a great victory by the O'Neill Eagles football team on Thursday night. We appreciated the school spirit and participating of all the students during this week.



## School Pictures:

### October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

Families, we will be holding our School Pictures on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Each homeroom class will have their pictures on different days. Please refer to the schedule below for the day in which each homeroom class will be taking their pictures.

#### Tues., Oct. 4

Mr. Childers  
Mrs. Sladek  
Mrs. Hilker  
Ms. Evans  
Mrs. Froman  
Mrs. Hanson  
Mrs. Kaup  
Mrs. Tomjack  
Mrs. Rowan  
Mrs. Langan  
Mr. Walters  
Mr. Camp

#### Wed., Oct. 5

Mrs. Miller  
AM Preschool  
Mrs. Stepp  
Mrs. Havranek  
Mrs. Larson  
Mrs. Pistulka  
Mrs. Robertson  
Mrs. Pischel  
PM Preschool  
Ms. Atkins  
Mrs. Keil  
Mrs. Shoemaker

Picture envelopes were sent home with students on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. If your child did not bring home their picture envelope, there are more available in the school office.



Dear Parents,

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class would like to collect Box Tops this year so we can raise money to donate to the playground project. We want to help replace the gravel and make our playground much safer and easier for everyone to use! But we need your help!

All you need to do is cut the Box Tops from the products that have them and send them to school with your child. Please make sure that the date is not cut off of the Box Top. We will take care of the rest! Every Box Top that we receive is worth 10 cents. This may not sound like a lot of money but all the Box Tops will add up quickly!

There is also an app that can be downloaded! You'll need to make an account and select our school. Then when you buy a product with a Box Top on it, you scan your receipt for that item and it will add 2 Box Tops to our account! When your product is empty, cut off the Box Top and send it to school. We can send it in for another Box Top! We could triple our money!! One BoxTop for 10 cents becomes one BoxTop for 30 cents!! This is also a great way for relatives who live outside our community (like Grandma and Grandpa) to help our school!

So, collect those Box Tops so we can make our playground safer and easier to use! We collect all of them every 2 weeks to get them ready to send in! Our first shipment will be sent in November! We will keep you updated on our progress as the year continues!

Thank you for your support!  
All 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students and Teachers

Look What We Could Earn!

If every student (460 students) brings 30 Box Tops each month, over the course of a 10 month school year, we could earn as much as \$13,800 dollars for our playground. That is a lot of box tops and probably unrealistic, but with everyone chipping in and helping bring in these Box Tops we will be able to achieve a nice amount toward our playground surface.

## Title I News

The Title I Parent Advisory Board held it's fall meeting on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at the O'Neill Elementary Library. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Junior Eagle Boosters. Five new parents were welcomed, as they joined the advisory board. Additionally, several other parents expressed interest, but were unable to attend the meeting. The Parent-School Compact and the Parent Involvement Policy were reviewed and additions were suggested. Parents asked about the Accelerated Reader program at O'Neill Elementary. A summary of the on-line reading program is included in this newsletter. Communication between home and school was addressed. Parents can access Junior Eagles Facebook page, O'Neill Elementary Facebook page or download the O'Neill Public School app. Information is also conveyed in the monthly newsletter. Family Reading Night is March 28 and to promote the event, a contest will be held throughout the school year leading up to date. Parents will be given more information at Parent-Teacher conferences October 26<sup>th</sup>. Family Math Night will be held Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM to 7:30

PM at O'Neill Elementary. All kindergarten through sixth grade students and their families are invited to participate in math-themed activities that evening. The meeting concluded at 5:15 p.m. All parents are welcome and are encouraged to participate in the Junior Eagle Boosters or the Title I Parent Advisory Board. The next Junior Eagle Booster meeting will be held October 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Family Math Night**

### **Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **6:30-7:30pm**

Bring your family and come enjoy math games and activities.

Activities are for every age group from Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at O'Neill Elementary School. All students must attend with an adult. We look forward to seeing all of our students here with their families!

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm-6:30pm.

Families will be receiving notes home (K-2) regarding best times for their conferences. We will do our best to accommodate most requests of times. Notes will then be sent home with times assigned to each family.

Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade will have assigned times for each student. 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade will be open to visit all instructors.

## **Parent Volunteer Interest Survey**

We are asking our families about their interest in getting more involved in the school setting. We are conducting a survey to see the interest of families in assisting the school in different parts of our day or with activities. If you would be willing to assist the school in any of the areas please complete the survey below and return it to school with your child as soon as possible. Thank you all for your willingness to help our students grow and succeed.

I would be willing to help volunteer my time with:

\_\_\_\_\_ Reading to students or listening to them read

\_\_\_\_\_ Work with a small group of students on different skills in Math

\_\_\_\_\_ Help with playground supervision

\_\_\_\_\_ Assist in the classroom with preparation task such as organizing materials

\_\_\_\_\_ Help in the Library

\_\_\_\_\_ Assist with field trips or class parties

\_\_\_\_\_ Help with Family Math, Science or Reading Night

\_\_\_\_\_ Help with 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade Field Day concessions

\_\_\_\_\_ Help in any capacity needed throughout the school building

Adult's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Walk To School Day

Parents and Caregivers,  
Have you thought of walking to school with your child or grandchild? It is a great way to start the day! Join your community in celebrating National Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 5th.

Parents, Grandparents, Caregivers and students are invited to meet at the **O'Neill National Guard Armory parking lot between 7:00 a.m. and 7:20 a.m.** If you plan to walk to school with your child, **please park in the Finish Line Chiropractic parking lot**, which is located across the street, EAST of the Armory. The street will be monitored so you can cross safely to the Armory!

The children's hands will be stamped on arrival so we can get an accurate count of the children who participate. The participants will then leave the parking lot @ 7:20 a.m. and walk as a group, with adult supervision to the O'Neill Elementary School. The intersections will be monitored for the safety of your child. When you drop your child off at the Armory parking lot, **please ENTER thru the north entrance on Hynes Street and EXIT thru the east driveway onto 4th Street** – stop and we will assist your child from the vehicle and to a safe zone. It will be like a “drive thru” thus eliminating the need for anyone to park or back up, making this event a SAFE one! Make sure your child gets their hand stamped on arrival; there will be prizes for the class from each school that has the most participants!

**As a child** – they will learn basic safety information such as where to walk and cross the streets and how to be more visible to drivers.

**As a parent** – increasing the awareness for the need of a safe route to school as well as the importance of practicing safety skills with your child.

**As a driver** – be more aware of the presence of pedestrians, the need to slow down and to pay attention while behind the wheel of the vehicle.

For more information you can visit the walk to school website @ [www.walktoschool.org](http://www.walktoschool.org)

or contact Kate @ 336-5286 Safe Kids coordinator. Check us out on facebook ~ Safe Kids North Central Walk for fun and fitness and don't forget SAFETY! Get your sneakers on and join us!

Safe Kids North Central

## Dates to Note for October!

Monday Oct. 3	2:30 Early Dismissal
Tuesday Oct. 4.	School Pictures
Tuesday, Oct. 4.	Family Math Night
Wednesday, Oct. 5.	School Pictures
Wednesday, Oct. 5.	Walk to School Day
Monday Oct. 10	2:30 Early Dismissal
Monday, Oct. 17	2:30 Early Dismissal
Tuesday, Oct. 18	Nebraska Fair 4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.
Tuesday, Oct. 18	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
Friday, Oct. 21	No School Fall Break
Monday, Oct. 24	2:30 Early Dismissal
Tuesday, Oct. 26	No School/Parent Teacher Conferences 12pm-6:30pm
Thursday, Oct. 27	10:00 am Late Start
Monday, Oct. 31	2:30 Early Dismissal Halloween Parties 1:30pm Red Ribbon Week