

Oak Ridge Newsletter

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8th GRADE END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION

The 8th Grade End of the Year Celebration will be May 31st. Students will have a "Carnival" in the afternoon from 12:00-2:00 pm. Parents are invited to attend the slide show celebration beginning at 2:15 in the Oak Ridge Gym.

We are in need of photos for the 8th grade (end of the year) slide show. They can be shared with or emailed to Ms. Pumroy at mpumroy@linmar.k12.ia.us. Submit photos showing groups of students involved in activities at Oak Ridge.

MEMORY BOOK

If you have not already done so, now is the time to purchase an Oak Ridge memory book! The price is \$18.00. These memory books can be purchased with check, cash, or via the online payment portal.

2017-2018 REGISTRATION

The registration process for next year will include two parts: *Part 1 – E-registration* and *Part 2 – In-Person registration*. Parents will be able to E-register their students in August (date tba). In-person registration will take place on August 8th at Oak Ridge MS. Both parts of registration are required. More details will be sent in the June mailing!



Upcoming Events

May 9th
8th Grade Financial Literacy Fair

May 9th
6th Grade Band, Vocal, Orchestra Concert

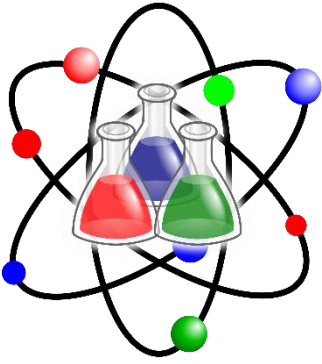
May 22nd
7th/8th grade Band, Vocal, Orchestra Concert

May 29th
No School Memorial Day

May 30th
Mini-Courses

May 31st
8th Grade Celebration

May 31st
Last Day of School



ROCKWELL COLLINS ROADSHOW

On Thursday, April 20th, the 6th graders enjoyed a visit from the Rockwell Roadshow. Our students learned firsthand about:

- The properties of materials and how engineers test and modify them to meet a particular need.
- How weight distribution is utilized in everyday life.
- The basics of how electricity can be created using magnets and copper.

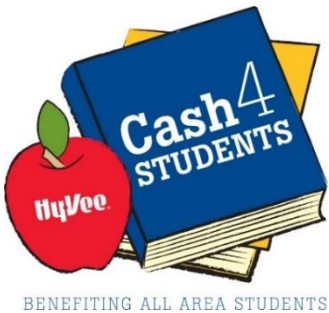
They were also offered the unique opportunity to handle tile bricks that had been used on past space shuttles in order to extend their knowledge of density.

The Rockwell representatives did an amazing job relating the importance of STEM in almost all jobs and careers.



THE SPEECH AND DRAMA CLUB

Speech and Drama club will have its session 3 presentations on May 10th at 3:15 on the Platform. Parents and guests are welcome to attend.



CASH 4 STUDENTS

We have ended another year of the HyVee Cash4Students. We gathered \$224,504.16 worth of receipts. This translates into \$1,122.52 for our school! Way to go! There will be **no collection** of receipts for the month of **April** and **May** so make sure to recycle those. We will begin collecting for the next school year in June. Please keep collecting receipts over the summer! Thank you all again for your support of this program.



Four Oak Ridge students will participate in the National competition in Atlanta, Georgia (June 1-4).

Congratulations and best of luck!



BAND / ORCHESTRA / VOCAL

May 6th – Adventureland/Drake Relays Festival of Bands (involves all 7th and 8th grade orchestra and band students)

May 9th – 6th Grade Band, Orchestra, Vocal Spring Concert, 7:00pm, Oak Ridge Gymnasium

May 22nd – 7th Grade Band, Orchestra, Vocal Spring Concert, 6:15pm, Oak Ridge Gymnasium

May 22nd – 8th Grade Band, Orchestra, Vocal Spring Concert 7:45pm, Oak Ridge Gymnasium

A-L-I-C-E training

We will have our controlled evacuation drills the first week of May.

6th grade will drill on Monday May 1st.

8th grade will drill on Tuesday May 2nd.

7th grade will drill on Wednesday May 3rd.

We will be walking to Lowe Park, which is our initial evacuation site. This drill is intended to teach students the route, as well as where to go once they arrive at Lowe Park. This evacuation will be used in the event of an emergency situation in which we would need to vacate the building or premises. We will reschedule the drill if it is raining. We will miss as little instructional time as possible. Any questions may be directed to Erica Rausch.

FALL SPORTS

Reminder for next year's 7th and 8th graders. Please schedule your physicals ahead of time!

All students participating in school athletics must have the following forms on file before being allowed to practice or compete. All forms must be turned in the Oak Ridge Office. Do not give these directly to the coaches. Forms are available in the office and online to download.

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE UNTIL ALL REQUIRED FORMS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE.

Physical: Valid for ONE year from the date of the physical examination by the doctor.

Concussion Waiver: Valid for the current school year.

Good Conduct Policy: Valid for the school-year listed on the form.

Health/Injury Info Card: Valid for the school-year listed on the form.



BREAKING NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE FOR 6TH GRADE PARENTS

Attention Parents of Sixth Grade Students:

The Iowa Department of Public Health has released new immunization requirements
for the 2017-18 school year.

All students enrolling in 7th grade must meet the following guideline *PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL*:

- 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine administered after the age of 10
- 1 dose of Tdap vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) administered after the age of 7

**PER IOWA IMMUNIZATION LAW - YOUR STUDENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL
UNTIL PROOF OF THIS VACCINATION IS PROVIDED TO THE LM HEALTH OFFICE.**

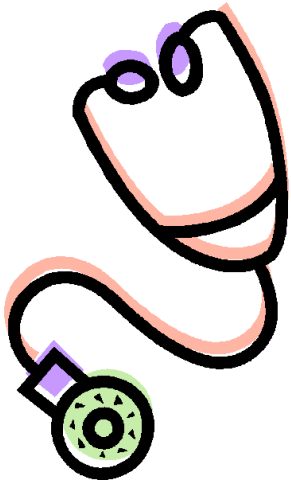
There will be NO grace/extension period for the implementation of this requirement.

***Your student will not be able to attend classes August 23rd and will be sent home
until the vaccination is received.***

This immunization can be received at your physician office or Linn-County public health department (319-892-6000). Walk-in clinics do not provide this vaccination.

Parents can provide proof of immunization to the LM Health Office by sending proof of immunization via mail, fax, email or drop off record to health office.

If you have any questions about the status of your student's immunizations,
please call our Health Office at 447-3415



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

END OF THE YEAR MEDICATION PICK UP

If your child takes a medication at school, please plan accordingly when replenishing your child's supply this month. Any medication that is left over on the last day needs to be picked up from school by 3 p.m. on May 31st. If it is not picked up it will be destroyed. It is Linn-Mar district policy that we are not allowed to send any medications home with your student. This includes daily prescribed medications and any "as needed" medications such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen. Please contact the Health Office at 447-3415 with any questions you may have.

6TH GRADERS REQUIRED IMMUNIZATION PRIOR TO 7TH GRADE:

Incoming 7th graders for fall 2017-18 are required to have a Tdap and Meningitis immunization. Tdap is a tetanus and pertussis containing vaccine. It became a required immunization prior to 7th grade due to the increase of whooping cough in recent years. The Meningitis immunization is a new requirement for entry into 7th grade as of January 2017. If your student has not had these immunizations yet, please make plans to have it completed over the summer. You will need to supply a copy of your student's updated immunization record to the Health Office at the time of fall registration as proof of vaccination. **If your student has not received the vaccine or has a medical/religious waiver on file prior to the first day of school (August 23, 2017) they will not be allowed to attend school.** At conference time, you received a letter indicating whether we have record of these immunizations on your child. If you think your student may have already had this shot, please contact your doctor's office and have them fax us a copy of their immunization record to 373-3222. If you have any questions, please contact the Health Office at 447-3415.

LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL:

Health office staff will be in the office again full time starting on August 21ST. If your student will need to take prescription medication at school, please utilize these few days before school begins to drop off your student's medications and to get the proper paperwork completed. Prescription oral medication only requires a parent signature and prescription bottle. Inhalers, even though they are prescribed require both a parent signature and a physician signature to give permission for the student to self-administer the inhaler. Any over the counter medications such as Tylenol, Advil, cold medicines, and Benadryl require a parent signature and physician signature. By dropping needed medications off prior to the first day of school, it will make sure we have everything available when your student needs it.



BOX TOPS

Thank you for your efforts this year in helping Oak Ridge collect box tops totaling over \$273!!! The money earned goes straight back into our school, helping fund a variety of events that benefit our students.

Please keep collecting box tops over the summer and bring it in at registration time!

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/about/collection-sheets>



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COMMUNICATION TIPS

1. **Daily Bulletin** – Our daily announcements can be found on the Oak Ridge Website: <https://ps-linmar.gwaea.org/bulletin/445>
2. **Oak Ridge Calendar:** http://www.crandicactivities.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=209&school_id=15
3. **Email** – We send important information via email. Please confirm your email address in Power School to make sure we have your correct email address on file.
4. **Website** – Please visit our website for school updates and information: <https://www.linmar.k12.ia.us/school/oak-ridge/>
5. **Athletics** – Please visit the Oak Ridge website under Athletics for sports schedules, directions, forms and sign up information.
6. **Monitors** – Our school monitors are updated daily with upcoming events, school activities, athletics and important announcements.

NOTES FROM OFFICE

ABSENCES:

Parents must call the school by 9:00 A.M. when a child will not be in school or will be late for any reason. You may leave a voice mail on the attendance line, 447-3413, 24 hours a day. Please leave your student's first and last name, reason for absence, and a phone number where you can be reached. If we have not received a call by 9:00 A.M, we will attempt to contact you at all phone numbers available to us. If we are unable to verify your child's absence, a visit to the home may be necessary. The absence will remain as unexcused until we hear from you.

HOMEWORK:

If a student has been absent for two or more days, you may call the attendance line and request homework. Requests must be received by 9:00 A.M. and homework will be ready to pick up after 2:00 P.M.

LEAVING DURING THE DAY:

Please send a note with your child to bring to the office before school. They will be issued an early dismissal pass, which allows the student to leave class early and wait for you in the main office. This eliminates classroom interruptions. You must come in to sign them out.

If your child needs to leave school unexpectedly, you may call the attendance number and a pass will be delivered to the student at the next WOW time. If a student needs to leave before passes are delivered, we will call your child down when you come in to sign them out. Please allow as much notice as possible to avoid classroom interruptions.

ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL:

Class begins promptly at 8:00 A.M. Students who arrive after 8:00 A.M must sign in at the office. This is considered a late entry. Students in the building but not in class at 8:00 A.M. are considered tardy.