

Counselor's

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Otto-Eldred Elementary School

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Happy Fall, Everyone! October is certainly bringing cooler weather, but also excitement for all of the fun-filled fall activities!

Last month, I met with each class multiple times to help them learn and practice respect during Character Education. Last Friday, we had our September Student of the month Assembly to celebrate students' accomplishments for the month.

Looking ahead, we will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week at OEESS October 28th through November 1st.

What is Red Ribbon Week? "It is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon, October 23rd - 31st. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a drug-free America (Red Ribbon Campaign, 2024). To learn more visit redribbon.org

What's In This Month's Issue?

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Students of the Month

The following students were chosen as September Students of the Month in their classroom for showcasing their outstanding character by displaying continued acts of RESPECT.

Kindergarten: **Korry Button, Alayna Austin, & Oaklynn Holly**

1st Grade: **Louella Szeszko & Easton Corbett**

2nd Grade: **Liliana Johnson & Avery Austin**

3rd Grade: **Kiko Waldeck & Ryon Atkins**

4th Grade: **Kemp Burris, Kolby Williams, & Ellouise Lunn**

5th Grade: **Paizlee Olmstead & Theodore Henretta**

6th Grade: **Masen Armstrong & Magnus Miller**

In addition to Student of the Month, many other students were nominated as "Terrorific Students." These students were noticed by faculty and staff for going above and beyond to show RESPECT last month.

Character Classes of the Month: **Mrs. Archer's class & Mrs. Kio's class**

Super Staff Member: **Mrs. Mahar-Yoder**

Character Trait of the Month: RESPONSIBILITY

This month we are talking about RESPONSIBILITY. One way to define Responsibility is “taking action and understanding the impact of our choices.” Taking action can mean doing the right thing or completing the tasks you have been assigned. Understanding the impact of our choices means that our actions matter. Positive and responsible actions can help people and irresponsible actions can hurt others.

Responsibility is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Strong.

Across grade levels students will be developing skills like focusing, organizing, and goal-setting.



RESPONSIBILITY Conversation Starters

- Can you share or show what it means to be Responsible?
- How can we help each other practice being more Responsible?

RESPONSIBILITY PurposeFull Pursuits

Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Responsibility. Here are 2 “PurposeFull Pursuits” you can complete together!

- 1 As a family, think of ways in which you might make someone's life a little easier by helping a neighbor or family friend with 1 of their Responsibilities. Could you bring the garbage to the chute or out to the curb? Could you carry things in from the grocery store? Could you invite someone over for a meal or a show?
- 2 Review Responsibility as a family! Responsibility is taking action and understanding the impact of our choices. Choose 1 household chore (or more!) that requires multiple steps. Then have each member of the family select 1 step to complete to help get the job done! Maybe it's washing the dishes, doing laundry, cleaning the living room, or unloading the groceries – whatever it is, see who can be the quickest or most effective at their task!

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