

OLEY VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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February 22, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school year is moving by at a rapid pace as we are putting out third marking period progress reports this week. The third trimester begins next Friday, March 2. Congratulations to our Science Fair and Spelling Bee winners! County and regional competitions lie ahead. Check for details in this month's newsletter.

From Monday, February 27 to Friday, March 9, the Oley Valley Middle School will host the World's Largest Map of Asia. Many thanks to Mrs. Breen for orchestrating this and to the PTSO for sponsoring it. The map is 35 feet by 26 feet and is part of National Geographic's Giant Traveling Map program. The OVMS annual United Nations Day is being held on Wednesday, February 29 from 8:00 to 9:30 am in the cafeteria. Check the newsletter for more information regarding this terrific event.

PSSA assessments for Reading and Math will occur for all three grade levels over four days: **Tuesday through Friday, March 13, 14, 15 and 16.** A hot breakfast will be provided for all students on these four days. Thanks to the PTSO for sponsoring this breakfast once again this year! Eighth grade students will take Writing and Science PSSAs in the third and fourth weeks of April.

The Oley Valley Middle School greatly appreciates those parents and community members who serve our school and students with their time, talents and efforts to make this such a great place for our students to learn and grow. That said, we are more aware and vigilant than ever in ensuring the safety and welfare of our students. In accordance with these efforts, the Oley Valley School District is requiring that all volunteers have updated clearances on file with the district office beginning no later than the start of the 2012-2013 school year. It is strongly encouraged volunteers obtain clearances at your earliest convenience. Detailed information regarding who will be required to have clearances, and how and where to obtain them, is located on the school district website. On the Middle School pull-down menu, select 'Volunteers.'

Please be sure to check the OVMS Google calendar located on the school district website. The link for the calendar is as follows: <http://www.oleyvalleysd.org/middle-school/ovms-calendar/>. The calendar can be viewed by week, by month (the default) or by an agenda list of items.

The winter weather may join us at anytime. The district will give the earliest possible notifications regarding delays, early dismissals and/or closings via the SchoolMessenger (formerly ConnectEd) system, local radio stations and Channel 69 News.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Marks".

OVMS NEWSLETTER

February/March 2012



GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS

Each year the Middle School sponsors a Geography Bee where 7th and 8th grade students first compete in their Social Studies class. After the preliminary round, the winners compete in a final round. Preliminary round winners were:

Alex Bieber	Daniel Levan
Nathan Christman	June Mader
David Frantz	Maggie Mege
Evan Hoch	Janelle Rohrbach
Deryk Kerschner	Zach Schaeffer
Chris Kubitz	Luke Styer
Jonas Lackey	

The final round was held on January 17, with the following results:

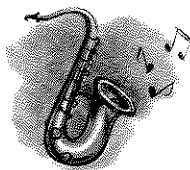
GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER

Maggie Mege

June Mader - 1st Runner-up

Luke Styer - 2nd Runner-up

Maggie's written exam was submitted to the National Geographic Society in Washington, DC, where it will be scored. Congratulations to Maggie and all the preliminary round winners!



SUPER JAZZ

Come out and enjoy a day of jazz at the Oley Valley Music Association's Super Jazz Festival. The festival is on Saturday, February 26, in the OVMS Auditorium. Middle School/Junior High jazz bands from various school districts in Berks County will be performing at 2 pm, as well as our very own MS Jazz Band and Elementary Jazz Band. Competition between High School Jazz Bands will begin at 6 pm. Admission for both competitions is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors; children under 5 are free.



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

The Oley Valley School District Science Fair was held on Thursday, February 9, in the OVMS Gym. Over 325 projects, by students in Grade 4 through Grade 8, were displayed. The Middle School is proud to salute these winners:

GRADE 6 - PHYSICAL

Fred Doberstein III

GRADE 7 - NATURAL

Ryan Kaufman - 1st

Andrea Hinkle - 2nd

Meredith Sholder - 3rd

Logan Readinger - 4th

Corissa Mundy - 5th

GRADE 7 - PHYSICAL

David Frantz - 1st

Eloise Salen - 2nd

Bradlee Langdon - 3rd

Zachary Nawrocki - 4th

Samantha Buzalewski - 5th

HONORABLE MENTION: Nate Guldin, Christopher Kubitz, June Mader, Michael Ambrose, Philip Ferro, Eve Freed, Katelyn Ponce, Alex Reed

Best Visual Display: Sarah Buzalewski

Reserve Champion: Ryan Kaufman

Grand Champion: David Frantz

GRADE 8 - NATURAL

Stephen Wounderly - 1st

Taylor Murter - 2nd

Paige Sonon - 3rd

Bryce Majowicz - 4th

Madison Wagner - 5th

GRADE 8 - PHYSICAL

Skyler Bonelli - 1st

Edie Biebuyck - 2nd

Caroline Hannum - 3rd

Nathaniel Boyer - 4th

Robin Erb - 5th

HONORABLE MENTION: Amy Andre

Connor Pattison

Best Visual Display: Brittany Gust

Reserve Champion: Stephen Wounderly

Grand Champion: Danielle Knowles

Best Overall Project Addressing a Contemporary Issue - Nate Guldin - Grade 7 Natural, and Bradlee Langdon - Grade 8 Physical

MONDAY, MARCH 5 - NO SCHOOL
TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY



SPELLING BEE

The Oley Valley School District Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, February 21, at 8 am, in the MS Auditorium. The contestants for the Spelling Bee are as follows:

6th GRADE FINALISTS

Jordan Allen	Jordan Velez
Jordan Jack	Tanner Wolf
Kelsie Miller	

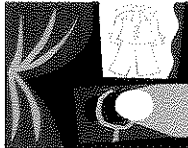
7th GRADE FINALISTS

Eve Freed	Eloise Salen
Thomas Harris	Griffin Starkey
Max Lorah	

8th GRADE FINALISTS

Kera Breitenstein	Kaleigh Pelko
Jeremy Chen See	Gabe Reber
Maggie Mege	

Congratulations and best wishes to all the finalists!



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Come one, come all to the MS Drama Club's presentation of "The Best of Both Worlds", on Friday, March 9, at 7 pm, in the MS Auditorium, with a second showing on Saturday, March 10, at 2 pm. The musical comedy is loaded with fairytale characters. It is a great show for children!! Tickets for adults are \$5, students, \$3, and children under 3 are free. You can purchase your tickets on the day of the show at the door.



OLEY VALLEY YOUTH LEAGUE

FALL SOCCER & FIELD HOCKEY REGISTRATION

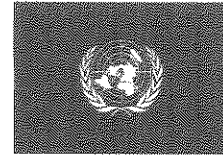
OVES Lobby

Thursday, April 12 - 6 - 8 pm
 Saturday, April 14 - 10 am - 1 pm
 Tuesday, April 17 - 6 - 8 pm

Visit www.ovyl.org for more information.

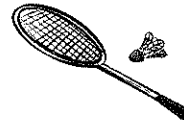
FLEA MARKET/BAKE SALE A BIG SUCCESS

The Excellence Committee sends a big thank you to the parents, faculty, and staff who donated baked goods for the food stand. There was a great selection of baked goods. Our breakfast sandwiches, made by Mrs. Kline, are always a big hit. This year the Flea Market was held in the MS Gym. The extra room allowed us to accommodate eighty tables of vendors displaying their treasures. Between the baked goods, other food items sold, and vendors, we raised over \$1,438. We especially thank Mr. Bagenstose for coordinating this wonderful fundraiser. Money raised benefits student rewards and projects such as the Reading Celebration incentive program.



YOU ARE INVITED TO UNITED NATIONS DAY

The annual 7th grade United Nations Day will be on Wednesday, February 29. The Social Studies Department would like to invite all parents, community members, and staff to stop by the MS Cafeteria between 8 and 9:30 am. Students from 7th grade will be presenting a wealth of information about a country that they recently researched. You will be able to sample cuisine and learn new customs from countries around the world. The students work very hard on researching their country and enjoy sharing the many facts about their country. Hope to see you there!



OVMS AFTER-SCHOOL INTRAMURALS

After-School Intramurals will be held beginning Monday, February 13 through Friday, March 9, in the MS Gym. Intramurals are open to all MS students. The intramural program begins at 2:35 pm and runs until 4 pm. Parents must pickup their child promptly at 4 pm. Students must have their parents complete a permission slip. The sign-up sheet, permission slip, and a schedule of intramural days are located on the table outside the Guidance Office. Sign up today for some after-school fun and exercise!

PTSO HAPPENINGS

PHEASANTLAND SKATE NIGHT

The next PTSO skating party at Pheasantland Skating Rink is on Wednesday, March 14, from 6 to 9 pm. Cost to skate is \$5.00 plus rental charges. Bring a friend!

SCHOOL STORE

Students can purchase pencils, pens, highlighters, key chains, erasers, note pads, book covers, and other school supplies at our School Store. School Store will be held on March 2. Most items cost between 50¢ and \$1.

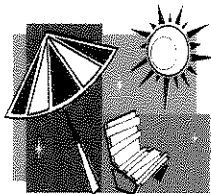


ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

The next dance sponsored by the PTSO will be held on Friday, March 16 and will be a "St. Patty's Day dance. Admission to the dance is \$5.00. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase. Please remember the school dress code applies to all dances and all valuables should remain at home.

PTSO MEETING

The March PTSO meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 7 pm, in the MS Library. New faces are always welcome!



ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS 6TH GRADE "ON THE BOARDWALK" AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2012

Parents of students in 6th Grade, please remember to send in the completed 6th grade after-school activity permission slip. Your child will not be able to attend this activity without the completed permission slip. Additional permission slips are available in the MS Office.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Carnation Day

Love found its way to the Middle School on Tuesday, February 14. Student Council sold 425+ carnations on Valentine's Day. Students, faculty, and staff could purchase a white carnation for friendship, pink for crush, and red for love. Thank you to Spayd's Greenhouses for the beautiful flowers and for helping to organize this important event. The money raised from this event will be donated to the Greater Berks Food Bank.

7th & 8th Grade Dance/Activity Night

Student Council will be sponsoring a Dance/Activity Night on Friday, April 20, from 7 to 11 pm. Students may either come to the dance or attend both the dance and activity night. Students attending the dance and activity night will be required to have a parent permission form. Dancing will be from 7-9:30 pm, with activities such as volleyball, basketball, bombardment, and other games beginning, at 9:30 pm. Students who stay for the activity night will also be treated to pizza and other snacks. Admission to just the dance is \$5.00. Admission for the dance and activity night is \$7.00. Parent chaperones are needed for the dance and activity night. Contact Mrs. Boyer or Mrs. Breen, after 2:30 pm, to volunteer your time.



OVMS LIBRARY NEWS

Want to hear about some of our great books in the MS Library? Located on the MS Library web page, there is a new link called "Book Trailers" which will introduce you to some of our most popular novels. Watch, enjoy, and read!!

The Reading Olympics team is diligently reading their books for the county-wide competition on April 26.

Students, check out the many new books we just received. The new books are located on the library display shelves.

EASTER CANDY/SCRIPS SALE RED ROBIN FUNDRAISER

It is hard to believe that Easter is just around the corner. And we can make your Easter shopping easy. The Music Association will be holding a Reppert's Easter Candy and SCRIPS fundraiser. Just see any Band, Chorus, or Strings member to purchase various 1 lb. boxes of candy, Easter eggs, Easter nests, and the SCRIPS gift cards. Deadline for orders is March 2. Pick-up for both of these fundraisers will be on Saturday, March 24, in the MS Cafeteria. Order forms are available from the music teachers or on the OVMA web site www.freewebs.com/ovma.

Enjoy eating out? The OVMA is sponsoring a fundraiser at the Exeter Red Robin on Thursday, March 1, from 4 pm - 10 pm. When eating at Red Robin, show your server the coupon attached to this newsletter and 10% of your food bill will be donated to the OVMA. Print out additional copies and give them to your friends and relatives.

Thank you for your continued support of the music programs in our schools!!

NO NAME CALLING WEEK

OVMS supported the national No Name Calling Week, January 23 - January 27, with a series of activities. Students were encouraged to wear two different shoes, with the theme of "walking a mile in another's shoes can be difficult and eye opening". A mismatched clothing day was held to signify that everyone is different and we should appreciate our differences. Hat Day was held to put a cap on name-calling. The favorite event for students was the opportunity to decorate the door of their Lynx Period teacher. The theme of the door decorating contest focused on an anti-bullying theme or No Name Calling theme. The office staff judged the decorated doors and the winners are:

1st Place

Miss Devine - Room 201

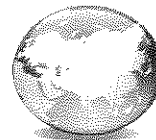
Mrs. Nigrini - Room 117

2nd Place

Miss Wenrich - Room 107

Mrs. Rettstadt - Room 118

All the participating Lynx period classrooms did a great job. The winners will be treated to an ice cream party in the near future.



GIANT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAP OF ASIA COMING TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students at the MS will be exploring Asia in a big way with the world's largest map of the continent. The map measures 26 feet by 35 feet and is designed as a giant game board to introduce students to the diverse geography of Asia. It will be at OVMS from February 27 through March 9, as part of National Geographic's Giant Traveling Maps program organized by National Geographic Live, the public programming division of the National Geographic Society.

The map's brightly colored, smooth vinyl surface accurately illustrates Asia's oceans, seas, rivers, mountains, countries, and capitals. The map comes with accessories, including interactive activities, props, and photo cards that teach students about the physical characteristics of the content as well as its rich history, wildlife, and varied cultures.

We invite you, your family, and friends to visit this giant map during the day between 7:45 am and 2:45 pm or on Thursday evening, March 8, from 6 to 8 pm.

A big thank you to the PTSO for sponsoring this wonderful educational experience.



RAPOE VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE RAPOE RENEGADES

RAPOE BOWLING NIGHT - MARCH 23

Indoor practices for Little League continues through the end of March.

For 2012, we are featuring "RAPOE Renegades", a 14 and under squad, playing in the very competitive City-County Prep Division. Tryouts will be held on April 22, at the Robert Rentschler Memorial Field.

For contact information, practice schedules and Little League news visit www.RAPOEValley.com.

OLEY VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
2011-2012
HONOR ROLL
2ND QUARTER

6th GRADE
DISTINGUISHED HONORS

Jordan Allen
Hannah Beers
Kaitlyn Denton
Fred Doberstein III
Morgan Elias
Bailey Foreman
Raphael Forsyth
Kayla Galloway
Anna Glick
Karleigh Groves
Nicholas Hartz
Kendall Helbig
Alexa Henry
Madeline Kauffman
Shannon Lackey
Sydney Mackrella
Amelia Martin
Eliza Meals
Kelsie Miller
Lindsey Moyer
John Pierdomenico
Logan Sarge
Rebecca Snyder
Michael Stahl
Sarah Tatham
Olivia Trace
Jennifer Wagner
Joseph Wagner
Sydney Weise
Galen Williamson
Tanner Wolf

6TH GRADE
HIGH HONORS

Terry Augustine III
Hannah Bartock
Madison Batchelder
Erica Busnach
Cecilia Clay
Daniel Dunn
Sydney Engler
Timothy Fisher
Jaegar Frangakis
Matthew Fredd

6TH GRADE
HIGH HONORS

Dawson Freed
Rachel Gelman
Conner Gollwitzer
Mark Gordon Jr.
Becca Heffner
Mathew Hirschbock
Elise Hoh
Jordan Jack
Reese Kauffman
Dylan Lambert
Ethan LaVerdure
Savannah Martincic
Autumn Meunier-Bradley
Julia Mortimer
Grant Moyer
Megan Moyer
Ryan Moyer
Benjamin Muir
Brionna Myers
Sara Neidert
Miranda Patches
Luca Pulcini
Alex Rubino
Ryan Sauer
Liam Savarese
Kelsey Schlegel
Taylor Shirey
Samuel Stancea
Kathrynne Thomas
Gwyneth Trafford
Chad Williams

6TH GRADE
HONORS

Damian Brown
Gina Colantuono
Lauren Dragan
Isabella Forsyth
Julia Franckowiak
Tyler Gajus
Nadeen Gauby
Zachary Hamm
Carlee Hetman
Austin Himes

6th GRADE
HONORS

Michael Iovanna
Austin Kolb
Rachel Levan
Ashley Long
Eva Lorah
Kyle Marburger
Zera Mazlum
Eliza Miller
Tricia Nigrelli
Xavier Parsons
Sussana Petri-Petrov
John Rautzhan
Jessica Ridgway
Masen Rothermel
Michael Shirey
Courtney Triest
Robert Tufaro
Forrest Willman
Sydney Zeigler

7th GRADE
DISTINGUISHED HONORS

Samantha Buzalewski
Cameron Carr
Eve Freed
Rachael Geary
Andrea Hinkle
Jeffrey Leonowich
June Mader
Matthew Paulk
Katelyn Ponce
Michael Repko
Andrew Schlegel
Meredith Sholder
Nicholas Spohn
Molly Talarico
Hanna Templin
Paige Yorgey

7th GRADE
HIGH HONORS

Ethan Blair
Sarah Buzalewski
Jenny Chen

7th GRADE
HIGH HONORS

Nathan Christman
Connor Davidson
Morgan Davis
Amanda Denton
Castine Donoff
David Frantz
Cassandra Gaffney
Sarah Gladieux
Evan Hoch
Kaitlyn Kearns
Eve Kopicki
Christopher Kubitz
Hannah Levensgood
Kathryn Majesky
Makayla McIlvee
Jenna Miller
Zachary Nawrocki
Madison Parzanese
John Pellock
Craig Pollock
Taylor Renninger
Janelle Rohrbach
Nicholas Ronco
Robert Shaner
Matthew Skimski
Conor Sosh
Brandon Tessier
Seth Turner
Jenna Ulrich
Clark Williamson

7th GRADE
HONORS

Michael Ambrose
Jordan Arnold
Matthew Brockman
Brody Eldridge
Colin Franchino
Dillin Gehris
Jacob Gieringer
Logan Gilroy
Nathaniel Guldin
Beth Ann Heimbach
Ryan Kaufman
Sean Knarr
Austin Kocher
Eion Lyons
Jeremy Miller
Corissa Mundy
Adam Readinger

7th GRADE
HONORS

Darius Sabau
Joshua Schaeffer
Joseph Stallone
Emily Stratton
Miles Sullivan
Peter Vaccaro II
Cassy Walker
Tyler Wentzel
John Wertz

8TH GRADE
DISTINGUISHED HONORS

Jeremy Chen See
Amanda Mazeika
Alexis Meals
Magdelynn Mege
Natasha Noll
Jenna Reed
Tyler Sarge
Marissa Shores
Lauren Trace

8TH GRADE
HIGH HONORS

Amy Andre
Amanda Aulenbach
Haley Baus
Kera Breitenstein
Natalie Colantuono
Zachary Dautrich
Natalia Distasio
Robin Erb
Cheyenne Fisher
Hannah Fisher
Caroline Hannum
Jeffrey Hanth
Taylor Henry
Danielle Knowles
Jonas Lackey
Elizabeth Lower
Madeline Macdonald
Sadie Meunier-Bradley
Nichole Millisock
Connor Pattison
Olivia Rautzhan
Serenna Seidel
Carly Starkey
Madison Wagner
Brooke Yerger

8th GRADE
HONORS

Kierstin Allen
Jillian Augustine
Matthew Beard
Michael Dunn
Dana Fidler
Matthew Fisher
Cordell Fox
Allison Frick
Alexa Gursky
Brittany Gust
Rachel Mathias
Carli Miller
Emily Moyer
Caitlin Petack
Brandt Schlegel
Amber Wiseman



Exeter Red Robin

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10% Night Fundraiser



Oley Valley Music Association

OVMA brings together friends, family, and the community to further the music education of all students in the Oley Valley. OVMA provides financial support, volunteers and chaperones for extracurricular music activities.

Thursday, March 1st

4pm - 10pm

ATTENTION: Red Robin is not permitted to donate more than 10%. Tax, gratuity, discounts, and alcoholic beverages do not apply to the sales used to calculate donation. Please understand that the success of this fundraising event is based solely on the fundraising partner's ability to promote the event. Handing out fundraising flyers at our locations is grounds for cancellation.

A.T.L.A.S.

After
The
Library
After
School



WHERE: Oley Valley Library

← Oley Valley
Community Library

WHEN: Every Tuesday from 2:30-5pm

- Do Homework
- Use the computers/wi-fi
- Check out a book/magazine/DVD/video game
- Help out the librarian and get community service hours!
- State Certified School Librarian on staff to help navigate the research process
- A safe and fun place to hang out after school with friends!

Interim Location:

OVSD Administration Building Mon. and Wed.
Street, Room 208 10am – 3pm
610-987-4100 (X1234)

Hours:

www.oleylibrary.org
muhlcmoey@gmail.com
Tues. and Thurs.
2pm – 7pm

For More Info:

17 Jefferson

or



OLEY VALLEY
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH

SPELLING BEE - FEBRUARY 21 - MS AUDITORIUM - 8 AM

INTERIM REPORTS DUE - FEBRUARY 21

SUPER JAZZ FESTIVAL - FEBRUARY 25 - MS AUDITORIUM

MIDDLE SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH - 2 PM

HIGH SCHOOL - 6 PM

GIANT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAP OF ASIA

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 9

UNITED NATIONS DAY - FEBRUARY 29 - 8:30 - 9:30 AM

END OF TRIMESTER 2 - MARCH 1

6TH GRADE AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY - MARCH 1

2:30 - 5 PM

PARENT DISCUSSION MEETING - MARCH 2 - 10 AM

SCHOOL STORE - MARCH 2 - LUNCH

SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY - MARCH 5

GIANT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAP OF ASIA

FAMILY & FRIENDS NIGHT - MARCH 8 - 6 - 8 PM

MS DRAMA CLUB MUSICAL - MARCH 9 - 7 PM

MARCH 10 - 2 PM

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS - MARCH 11

MS SPRING SPORTS BEGIN - MARCH 12

SKATE NIGHT - MARCH 14 - 6 - 9 PM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE - MARCH 16

7 - 9:30 PM

PTSO MEETING - MARCH 20 - 7 PM

END OF THE 3RD QUARTER - MARCH 23

REPORT CARDS ISSUED - MARCH 30

