

OCS NEWS

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A BUSY FALL AT ONION CREEK SCHOOL!

Recently, the Onion Creek Middle School had their ASB (Associated Student Body) elections, where every student got a position. The ASB is a very important association within the middle school, and helps to create field trip opportunities, manage budgeting, and more. Our first task was to create a logo to represent our ASB, and it can be seen below.

Without further ado, here are the 2024 Middle School ASB election results:

President: Elliot

Vice President: Auggie

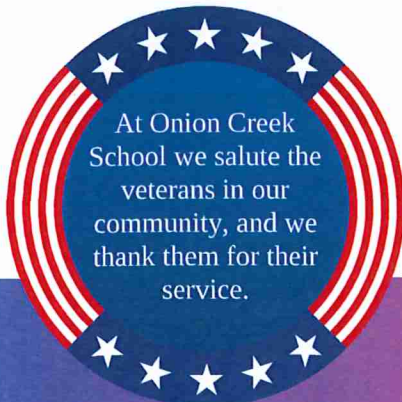
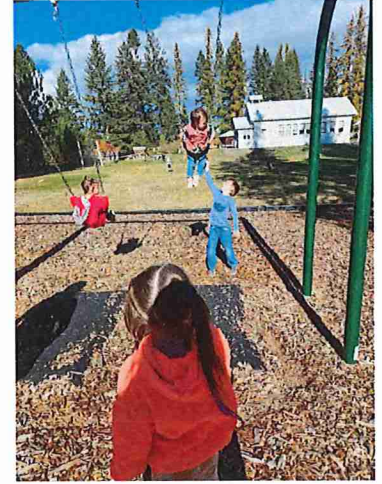
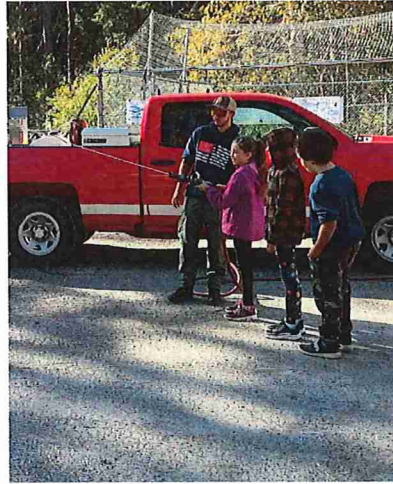
Secretary: Rabbit

Treasurer: Oliver

Sergeant at Arms: Owen and Jayden

Public Relations: Rosie, Lucas, Orion, and Jayce

Class Representatives: Alina and Zoey



All Onion Creek students have been getting out to enjoy the fall! The Intermediate class enjoyed a day of discovery at the Lake Roosevelt Water Festival in Kettle Falls. 400 kids and adults enjoyed this annual event and many new experiences. At the DNR station, we learned about fire and fire safety. Each of the kids got to hold and shoot the hose, and they also showed us a drip torch and how that works. The Primary class has been enjoying their active learning in and out of the classroom as only “littles” can—such joy!

The Annual Harvest Basket celebration will be held on

Tuesday, November 26 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Raffle drawing, door prizes, and a delicious potluck meal! PLEASE JOIN US!

School Board Adds New Member from Old Onion Creek Family!

Your Onion Creek School Board welcomed new member Sharon Sundheim at our October 22nd meeting. We appreciate the interest in the board vacancy, as we actually had the opportunity to interview two candidates in September! We encouraged Luke Davis to continue his interest in helping Onion Creek School.

Sharon Sundheim moved to Onion Creek as a youngster and has lived here most of her life. Both of her sons were, and now two of her grandchildren are, OCS students. Sharon works for EWU Early Head Start, so she is familiar with educational objectives as well as the work of governing bodies.

Sharon's appointment is also interesting in the context of this year's focus on our school facilities. Her late husband, Doug, was the great-grandson of Ivar Sundheim who was instrumental in the construction of our 1917 building. We know Sharon will be a great addition to the team as we plan for the future of our campus facilities. The Modernization grant that we received from the state last year includes several upgrades to the 1917 building, as well as several improvements to our other classroom buildings.



OCS Community Connections

The fact that we are incredibly fortunate to live in Onion Creek is an idea that is explicitly nurtured at Onion Creek School. Connection with our community is a process that is deserving of time and care on the part of students and staff. We recently enjoyed the beauty of autumn in Onion Creek with our semi-annual road clean up. Students, grades 6-8, enjoyed a brisk morning hike covering several miles of roadway. There wasn't much trash this round, but there was a whole lot of fun! It is always amazing to me the joy kids bring to most any task, and road clean up was no different. Students noticed giant stumps from ancient trees of the past, and played skipping games with a chain lost from a logging truck. We appreciate the students, staff, and community members who work to keep our community sparkling with natural beauty.

***“Climb the mountains and get their good tidings.
Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees.
The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and
the storms their energy, while cares will drop away from you
like the leaves of autumn.” —John Muir***

The holidays are right around the corner, and our upcoming community connection project needs your help! We are looking for nominees for the 2024 Santa Baskets. If you know someone who is new to our community, or who may enjoy a bit of extra holiday cheer, or if you are interested in working with students and staff to add to the baskets, please contact the school at (509) 732-4240 or aclendenen@ocsd30.org.



The OCS News Flyer is produced by Middle School students as one way of informing you of events and activities happening at Onion Creek School. We encourage you to visit the OCS webpage (ocsd30.org) and our Facebook page to get additional details and information. Thanks to Alyson, Musette, Kate and Elissa for your help with this issue, and our community for your support—Elliot, August and Oliver