

**Overbrook Attendance Center  
Principal's Building Report, October 2020**

**THANK YOU'S CONTINUE!** OAC is blessed with many who care about our children and staff. We've had more mask donations (very necessary), Clorox wipes, class snacks, and new clothing items for emergencies. Teachers asked, and received, LOTS of playground/outside games (like balls for the playground) for their classrooms. T.J.'s in Overbrook and their patrons have donated sidewalk chalk (a favorite), jump ropes, and more. We continue to be overwhelmed and thankful for such generosity!



**A HUGE shout-out to our custodial crew:**

**Tracy Land, Matt Hoy, and Mark Smith.** These gentlemen prepared the building for our return, and did some pretty heavy lifting. As you may recall, there were 10 heavy duty bookcases in the book room, which came unassembled! Purell dispensers were installed, five classrooms were switched, ceiling tiles replaced, and the building was deep-cleaned. Mr. Land also managed the roofing project! Then school started, and they are busy sanitizing classrooms and public spaces every day. We are lucky to have a hardworking crew taking care of our needs!

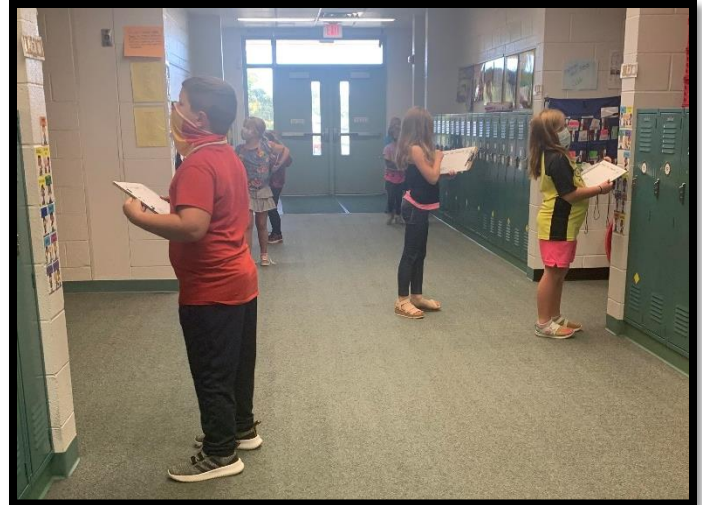
**How is lunch going, you ask?** It is going VERY well! Setting up two cafeterias and finding helpers is easy compared to the work in the kitchen. Our cooks, **Wendi Green and Madison Kurtz**, are amazing! Each day, the two of them prepare about 400 meals – breakfast cereal to-go bags, hot breakfast, salads, and hot lunch. They also prepare meals for PK-12 remote students, who can pick-up in their hometowns. It has been a huge challenge, but the ladies always greet our kids warmly and help them any way they can! Miss Cheryl (Florance) takes care of lunch accounting and handing out milk and silverware. Mr. Payne and Miss Kathy (Alcorn) watch over the cafeteria, and Miss Jackie (Beatty), Miss Dusty (Rolla), Miss Jen (Molloy) and Mrs. Jennings take turns covering the second space in the commons.

**What's Going On?**

**First Grade – Ms. O** - Zooming with a rescue farm in New York. Getting to meet a water bison and a camel!!! Got to talk the the zoo keeper and ask all kinds of questions and see the animals up close!

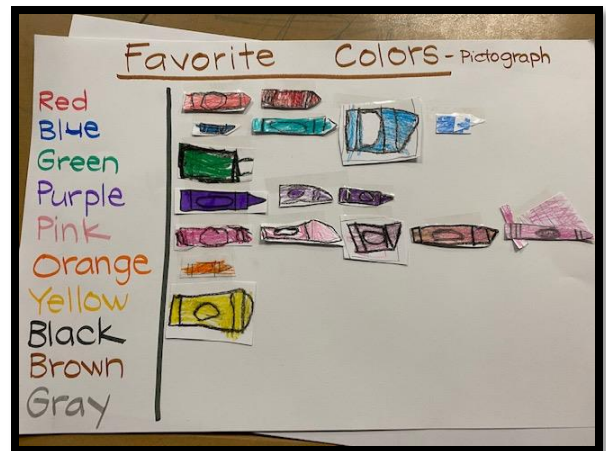


**Second Grade – Ms. Koger** - My class is working hard as we learn about telling time! We did a Scoot where they had to write down if the times matched. We did it out in the hallway so we could get up and move around while still socially distancing! They ROCKED both helping friends when they needed help and reading the clocks to tell time!

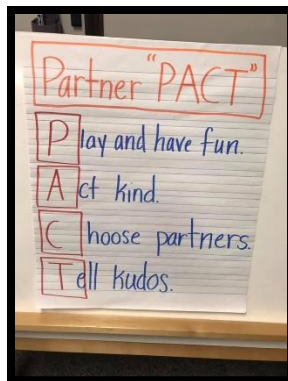


**Music – Mrs. Soby** - Music class is going great guns this year! We are still playing instruments but using gloves that are washed each time we use them and the kids are really enjoying it! Kindergarten is just learning about how to play the xylophone and follow a conductor. The older kids are learning about instrument families and how each makes sound. We are having a blast!

**First Grade – Mrs. Diggins** - We learned about bar graphs and pictographs in math recently. We created a fun pictograph to review!



**Kindergarten – Ms. Crumpton** - In Math, we learned how to work with partners. After making the partner PACT, students buddied up and took turns playing a game. "You can go first!" "Good job!" and "Nice try!" echoed around the room.





**Kindergarten – Mrs. Deines** - Mrs. Deines class has adopted a dairy cow, but shhhh they haven't met her yet!

**Kindergarten - Mrs. Stone** - Kinders participated in Spirit Week. This was blue day!

**The staff also participated in Spirit Week!**

Winners were Mrs. Deines – Favorite Team Day, Mrs. Grienke – Pajama Day, Mismatch Day – Mrs. Gottschamer, Class Color Day – Ms. Crumpton, and Charger Day (for life!) – Mrs. Portlock!



**Chromebooks and iPads** - We are learning so very much! Don't let our littles fool you - they are pretty talented AND proficient! We do have some requests for the care and feeding of those devices:

1. Please charge EVERY night. If students charge at home, they really don't need to bring their chargers to school.
2. We purchased very nice device bags. Our students need to use those bags each and every time they go to and from school.
3. Please don't allow your students to carry turned on devices. Balance has been an issue, and we are experiencing some drops. They can easily login when they open the lid again.
4. Don't be afraid to wipe off spills or messes. Use a dry cloth or a cloth made for screens. Don't spray anything on the keyboard.

**Healthy Futures Dental Clinic is coming to Santa Fe Trail School District on November 2-4.** The flyer and consent form are on our website front page under News [usd434.org](http://usd434.org). If you would like your child to participate, the consent form is due October 19, 2020. Please contact Hannah Sheridan-Duque, Healthy Futures Coordinator at 785.841.7297 ext 351 or [healthyfutures@heartlandhealth.org](mailto:healthyfutures@heartlandhealth.org) for questions or concerns regarding the dental clinic.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences are October 21-22, 4:00-7:00 pm.** Teachers are busy making contact and setting up schedules. If you are unable to make one of these nights, your teacher still wants to visit! When they call, please let them know you need a flexible time.

**Do you have 30 minutes to volunteer?** Mrs. Julie Smith volunteered to create a morning crossing guard program for the corners of Ash and Elm. Volunteers will be at both corners to assist our students and families from 7:15-7:55 each school day. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Mrs. Smith or go to SignUp Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4FABA72BABF49-oaccrosswalk>

**Our PTO** just completed their first meeting of the year via Zoom on October 7. See their page for more information and to see the meeting if you missed it!  
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