

**Overbrook Attendance Center  
Principal's Building Report, April-May 2021**

We were excited to welcome **the incoming kindergartners to OAC for a walkthrough visit!** A short and simple field trip that packed a lot of fun: a building tour, story time in the kindergarten rooms, snacks in the cafeteria, and playground (oh wow!) This was a first-ever activity for the preschool to visit the elementary, and it is an event we will continue next year. Thanks to the organization from the PK-K vertical team members for helping put together this experience: Becky Coltrane, Julie Flory, Janine Henry, Rebecca Parkhill, Donna Prettyman, Dana Workman, Lorle Bolt, Reanna Crumpton, Kaytee Deines, Monica Gottschamer and Amy Stone.



**READY, SET, READ! Family Literacy Night was a hit**, even with overcast skies and a chill in the air! Thanks to the faculty members, a successful outdoor gathering drew almost 200 people to OAC for some literacy fun, a car show, opening night of the Book Fair, and yummy barbeque. Literacy Nights are designed specifically to increase the interest in and support of reading in the early grades. Students played games where they could earn free books and snacks. Having parent partners to play games with makes it all more fun.

Thank you to our teachers, staff, students, parents, our community patrons and businesses who came out to support this event: Smokey Dunk's BBQ, all of our car show participants, and for the donations from TJ's Grill, Torie Peck, Kim Stahl, Knox's Sign and Graphics, Flowers on the Trail, and Main Street Auto Works. Special thanks to Miss Koger's second grade class for creating the car show participant certificates!



Left: Play a game and pick a free book from the "Book Mobile."  
Below: Vintage and muscle cars and trucks lined the front walk!



**OAC Spring Book Fair was an overwhelming success!** Highest sales of all time, \$5,619.34! Rounded up sales purchased one new book for the library! Items from teachers' wish lists for their classrooms were purchased! And best of all, \$2,589.56 comes back to OAC for use in our library and academic programs. None of this would have been possible without the hard work of Mrs. Kathy Alcorn, our library para. As a first timer, she could not have put together a more successful and well-run sale! Thank you Miss Kathy!!!

**Our students enjoyed PTO's gift - Zoo to You** – an outreach program from the Topeka Zoo. Instead of us traveling for field trips – PTO brought the field trip to us. Split into very small groups per the zoo's requirements for safety and the animals, all students enjoyed 30 minutes seeing animals and learning a great deal from Docent Erin. While many were disappointed they didn't get to touch or hold the animals, they got a close up look at a boa, box turtle, desert tortoise, hedgehog, screech owl, and a very small American alligator. Thank you to Mrs. Wells for her help in organizing the event.



**Third graders are experiencing their first round of Kansas state assessments.** Each student took two sessions of math and two sessions of English language arts, which equals 276 tests given in 4 sessions! They did an outstanding job and actually, the entire school did all we could to support their endeavors. Second grade teachers (Mrs. Grienke, Miss Koger, Mrs. Mercer, and Mrs. Portland) and their students made sure there was plenty of visible encouragement – amazing door signs, Super Hero art, and a Good Luck Walk the first morning of tests. The cooks prepared a French toast sticks breakfast that the class enjoyed together. All students were careful to be especially quiet when passing through the third grade hall. Most impressive was how hard our students worked to do their very best!

In case you missed it! **Mrs. Soby and her students have put together concert videos** for the year. What a huge undertaking, but still an amazing way to document and to see your children’s work in music education. Here are the links:

- Crumpton - <https://youtu.be/Yjlx9o5kEEM>
- Deines - <https://youtu.be/9tybzaSnK2E>
- Gottschamer - <https://youtu.be/65FpFKVv-xo>
- Stone - [https://youtu.be/6yYhvB\\_ddk8](https://youtu.be/6yYhvB_ddk8)
- Dahl - <https://youtu.be/TyWb8ml8qIM>
- Diggins - <https://youtu.be/VUZSWXv-hYI>
- Kirby - <https://youtu.be/S3u9v2IFTZw>
- O - <https://youtu.be/A5ofivoEWDY>
- Grienke - <https://youtu.be/4y-iCSulrSk>
- Koger - [https://youtu.be/i0NSZtN\\_L9U](https://youtu.be/i0NSZtN_L9U)
- Mercer - <https://youtu.be/2EiOK7jXlyo>
- Portlock - <https://youtu.be/eRhQG7heXpU>

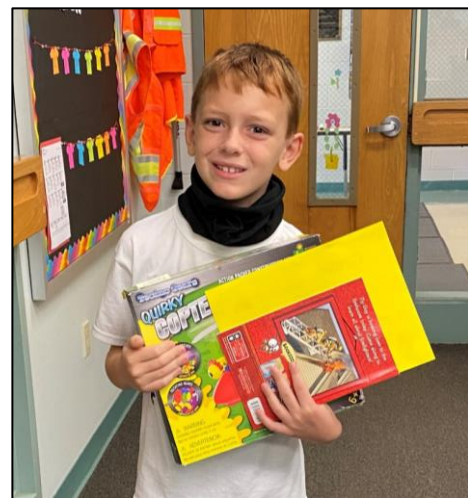
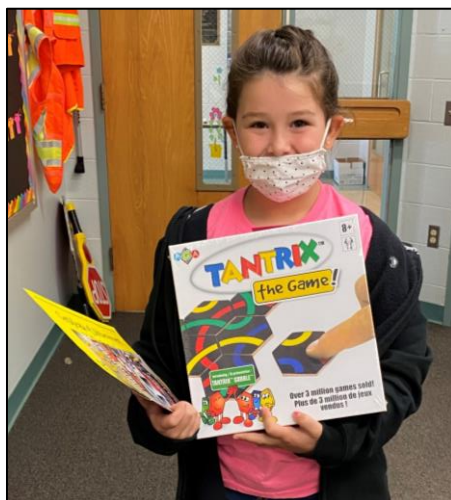
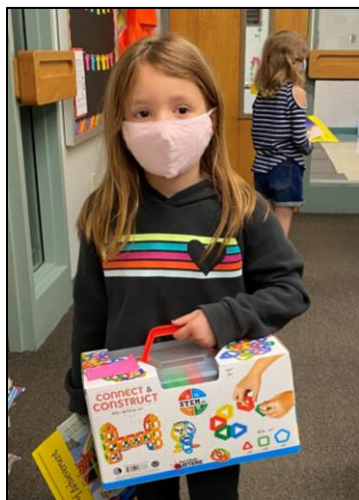
- Colvin - <https://youtu.be/4injZ5PGlas>
- Fawl - <https://youtu.be/H3dvatflxwg>
- Gomez - [https://youtu.be/seMAb\\_synCs](https://youtu.be/seMAb_synCs)
- Wells - [https://youtu.be/f\\_4H5RI-SB8](https://youtu.be/f_4H5RI-SB8)



We would like to thank Kali Hinman, SFTHS Science teacher for continuing “**Science Night**” in a reimagined, virtual and home involved Science Month! Our students thoroughly enjoyed the activities, literacy, and opportunity to continue this Trail Tradition. Each student who participated and turned in the family science activity page was eligible for a prize. Then all participants were entered into drawings for larger prizes. If you’d like to share with Miss Hinman any learning stories from your family’s experience (or send a thank you), please do email her, [khinman@usd434.us](mailto:khinman@usd434.us).

**OAC Science Night Winners**

<b>Kindergarten</b>	Ainsley Hastings Simon Folger Liam Cole	(*Drawing Winner) Maddison Pfannenstiel Karina Fisher* Olesia Times	Evony Chenoweth Daxton Nemmers Madilyn Fortunato	Brantley Ball Thorin Diggins
<b>First Grade</b>	Molly Stovall* Adelyn Barnes Claire Durham	Jettson Wright Ryan Abel Ellie Smith	Carlie Johnson Evie Skocny	Karter Barnes Haidyn Green
<b>Second Grade</b>	Jonah Ramsdell* Lola Thompson Ava Winchell	Haoyu Day Waylon Masters	Braxton Baker Autum Uhler	Madden Thulin Chloe Ullery
<b>Third Grade</b>	Jacob Combes* Wyatt Pfannenstiel	Ryker Jackson-Craig Marcus Leonard	Madi Miles	James Diggins



It is a crying shame that we did not catch a single picture of Miss Megan’s big day – **Administrative Assistants Day!** You all know it is true – Miss Megan is the real deal! She takes care of our students, their families, and the staff. She is helpful and a welcoming frontline for our school. We couldn’t do it without her! We hope she enjoyed her day – flowers, special treats, and lots and lots of cards and hugs from our littles!

**Be looking for next month’s news!** We’ll have pictures from Round-Up and Teacher Appreciation Week, not to mention Field Day and other fun stuff around school!

