

Overbrook Attendance Center
September, 2021

New helpers! Our kindergarten teachers were excited to welcome their assistants this past month. Thanks to Mr. Lentz and the Board, we were able to provide help for all four classrooms of 21-23 students. Miss Adrianna Goebel is assisting Mrs. Coltrane, Ms. Torie Peck is assisting Mrs. Cregan, Mrs. Faith Schreiner is assisting Miss Gamber, and Mrs. Jen Molloy is assistant Miss Thompson. Mrs. Brooke Allen has joined our special education staff as a para. Welcome to all!!!

The first **Site Council** meeting was on September 15. Mrs. Fawl talked about the new Explorations class developed through redesign blueprint. She has dubbed her room the Magic Room! Mrs. Fawl shared some of the activities she is doing, as well as offering a tour of her room. The younger students are doing a great deal of play-based learning, guided with questions and challenges. The class website is ... Mrs. Bolt presented information about our Building Social Emotional Learning team. Social Emotional Learning is how we acquire the skills to understand ourselves, meet our goals, and contribute to our communities. Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, and Responsible Decision-Making make up the core of social emotional learning, and we learn these skills in four settings: our classrooms, the school, our families, and our communities. We also discussed ways to build participation in our council. All parents are welcome to attend and participate in Site Council. Please consider adding the Site Council dates to your calendars and joining us at OAC for the meetings, which begin at 6:00 p.m.: November 17, February 2, and April 6.

The staff is enjoying celebrating together each month for birthdays and special occasions thanks to the WIN Team, Lorle Bolt, Jeree Burnett, Ann Fawl, Betsy Kraus, and Emily Morris. They have hosted a September birthday celebration on National Ice Cream Day, and this past week celebrated our custodians with a chili dog dinner. Students participated too, creating a giant THANK YOU poster for Tracy Land, Matt Hoy, and Mark Smith.



Homecoming 2021 was so much fun! Students participated in Spirit Week and on Homecoming Day we all went to Carbondale for the parade and pep rally. It was a beautiful day for a parade and chasing down the candy thrown from the floats! The kindergartners were excited for their first trip as a class!



Rock Your School Day is not too far away, and the teachers have been planning how they are going to prepare their rooms and lessons for the SUPER SECRET THEME for the day! Business sponsorships, We Believe t-shirts, a penny war (check out this video: [Penny War Announcement](#)), Silent Auction, and private donations equal over \$7,000 to provide all the decorations, TOP SECRET ACTIVITIES, and SUPPRISES for an amazing day of celebrating learning. **Special thanks to all the classrooms and parents** for putting together the beautiful and creative baskets for the Silent Auction, raising over \$1000!



Monday assemblies are led by a different grade level each month. The third grade team opened the month of October by introducing our Student Lighthouse Team – all third graders – who will serve in many ways during the year! Spot the Leader is a great part of each assembly. Students and teachers may be recognized by anyone in the school for living the 7 Habits and stepping up to help others. Mrs. Coltrane and Mrs. Trout were also honored as Leaders! Thanks to Mrs. Colvin, Mrs. Gomez, and Mrs. Wells for their leadership this month.



News from the Classrooms

- **Staff members at OAC** have completed their FASTBRIDGE assessments consisting of reading, math and social emotional screeners. Many students are currently receiving differentiated reading instruction throughout the school day with the plan to implement differentiated math instruction and social skills groups second semester. Differentiated lessons accommodate for differences in student readiness and performance levels and allow students to work toward a goal or objective at a level that builds on their prior knowledge and encourages continued growth. – Mrs. Bolt
- **Music** is going full steam ahead this year with all activities! Second and third grade have started working on their programs and will be performing the evening of November 18th. Kindergarten and first grade will be starting next week! It's hard to believe, but it's already that time! Before then, we have been working on music fundamentals and getting back into the swing of singing since we didn't do it at all last year. We hope to see you at our programs! – Mrs. Soby
- We just finished learning all of our uppercase letters and are successfully implementing differentiated reading and math centers. – Miss Gamber, **Kindergarten**
- We practiced pattern by following rainbow order and practiced fine motor skills by ripping and gluing strips of paper. – **Kindergarten Team**



- **Enjoy Mrs. Metsker's latest newsletter!** <https://spark.adobe.com/page/76O8GITrzczOp/>
- Students earned a reward and listened to a student-read story. They also practiced working as a group and thinking outside the box! – **Miss Olorunfemi, First Grade**



Finally, our news wouldn't be complete without bragging on our teachers!

Congratulations to Miss Elizabeth Olorunfemi on receiving her Reading Specialist degree!! This is a great accomplishment – especially teaching and coaching all school year while taking classes!

The newly formed **Building Social Emotional Team** members are

Jackie Beatty, SRO

Amy Colvin, Emergent Education (2/3)

Vici Jennings, Principal

Dusty Rolla, Nurse

Lorle Bolt, Assistant Principal

Brittany Gamber, Early Education (K/1)

Erin Metsker, Counselor



What could be better than getting to see a beautiful black Laborador retriever EVERY day at school?

Well, even the adults need some time with Kam! She was taking a break, and Miss Crumpton sneaked in for a snuggle!

We are so grateful to those parents and patrons who are **volunteering to cover our morning crosswalks!** Having an adult at the school corners for street crossing is just one more way we ensure that the school day has a great, safe start! If you are interested in serving occasionally as a crossing guard, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/.../9040A4CAAFF2AAAF94...>

Special Thanks to the PTO for providing a Fall Carnival for the USD #434 elementary students! They had a great time – playing, winning prizes, and spending their tokens in the “store.” So many volunteers kicked in to design the games and then run the games! See the **PTO** page for more information about upcoming meetings and activities.

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