

**Overbrook Attendance Center
October 2021**

What a busy and fantastic month!

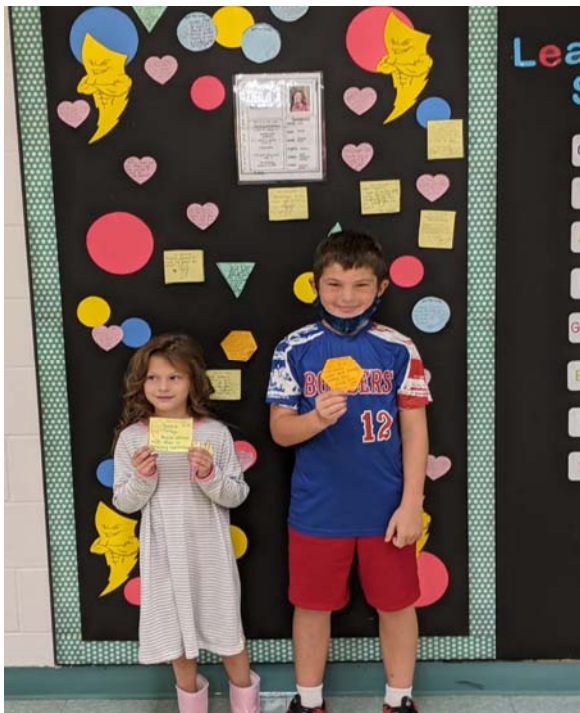
Healthy Choices Week, October 18-22, was the OAC version of Red Ribbon Week conducted by older grades. Mrs. Metsker, our counselor, directed the students' attention to healthy life habits. The students participated in a dress up week, counseling lessons, and their teachers were provided videos/activities they could do in class to help support the concepts of healthy living. The week was focused on National Unity Day. On this day, everyone wore orange to school to stand up against bullying!

Monday - "Get Plenty of Rest Day" - Students wore their p.j.'s to school.

Tuesday - "Stay Active Day" - Work out clothes was the outfit for the day!

Wednesday - "Unity Day" - Lots of orange

October had some outstanding **Spot the Leaders** as well! Our students are very proud of their recognitions. Staff members "spotted" for October were Monica Gottschamer, Nicole Graham, and Ms. Cregan.



What do you do when your students LOVE an activity in P.E.? If you're Mr. Johnson, you paint that activity on the playground! It has been great fun watching students play Hop Rocks. Simple concept: Students start at opposite ends of a trail of "rocks" (painted circles) and hop until they meet the oncomer. Then they play Rock Paper Scissors. The winner continues on, and the other student goes to the line to try again. It is an excellent game for cardio, fun, and social skills. The students love it! Thanks Mr. Johnson!

Rock Your School was an ENORMOUS – UNBELIEVABLE – EXCITING day! Students and staff sported their surprise Rock Your School t-shirts first thing, and commenced to have a day filled with new learning ideas! No surface was left untouched – twinkle lights and spirals from the ceilings, LED lights along the

walls, and LOTS of fluorescent color that came alive in the black lights! Students were engaged and fascinated by the science experiments conducted by Mrs. Fawl. Everyone danced away one rotation with a music/message video, which encouraged students to stay strong and stand up against bullying. Touch the Truck was exciting – some of our parents were present as volunteers, lined up and ready to explain their work and demo the trucks. Students also did their homework! Did you know that highlighters glow in a black light? They conducted experiments and did their math with flashlights. The day was over before we knew it, and by morning, the day was packed away, ready for next year! Special thanks to [Mrs. Carrie Sunday](#) for staying the entire day to take pictures of the class groups and the events!

We are also blessed with many SFTHS students who are eager to help at OAC. With the help of TravisRay Salyers, Erica French, Allison Folger, and Melissa Strother, students from FBLA, NHS, and KAY volunteered to help with Rock Your School decorating AND to conduct a babysitting service during our Parent Teacher Conferences. Students helping always makes our work more fun and it says a great deal about their collective character, that they'd take time away from their work and activities to serve others. THANK YOU!

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What started as an idea with Miss Koger and Miss Olorunfemi turned into an amazing event! They enlisted the aid of the staff, NHS/FBLA, KAY volunteers, and parents to create a truly engaging experience. Koger and Olorunfemi conducted many projects to raise the funds for such a day – fair booth, We Believe in You t-shirts, selling blankets, Basket Auction, donors, sponsors, and garnered the



support of the USD 434 Board of Education. Without every person in every place at just the right time, this day couldn't possibly have been as successful. Thank you, all, for giving our kids a day of learning and fun!





All of us at OAC were so excited for our downtown **Overbrook Halloween Parade**. Unfortunately the weather put a stop to the outside parade, but the participating businesses and some families made our day anyway by coming to our gym. The bleachers were filled with families who wanted to watch the students parade by! Almost 200 people attended the parade, some in class parties, and the business participants. It was so good for our students to experience an (almost) normal Halloween Day at school!

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Third graders made a little “slime” during their Halloween celebrations!

Conferences were very well attended this fall – 95.55% of our parents attended! While parents were in the building we asked if they would participate in a Leader in Me survey, which had questions about leadership, culture, and academics. Thanks to the survey participants, we are able to set targets for our next steps and yearly planning!

Teacher News

It is exciting to add babies to our OAC family! **Mrs. Soby and her husband Chuck will be welcoming a baby girl shortly after Christmas.** Thanks to the second grade team (Mrs. Gottschamer, Mrs. Grienke, Mrs. Mercer, and Mrs. Portlock), a shower was held on October 8 before we started our work day. Wonderful gifts and great times together as we celebrated the Soby’s – soon to be three!

This year the **Building Leadership Team** committed to sending a team member to each board meeting. They then can share information with staff, use the information as we talk as a BLT, and keep us all informed about USD 434. Our team members this year are Mrs. Bolt, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Metsker, Mrs. Ashley Fawl, Mrs. Soby, Mrs. Coltrane, Miss Olorunfemi, Miss Koger, Mrs. Grienke, and Mrs. Gomez.

The **District Leadership Team** wanted to add a first year teacher to the team. We are happy to say that Miss Amber Thompson, Kindergarten teacher stepped up to fill the position!

See the **PTO** page for more information about upcoming meetings and activities.

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