

March Newsletter

BOE



Principal - Mrs. Lorle Bolt

A message from our principal

Dear Charger Families,

Our 3rd-grade students will participate in the Kansas State Assessments for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, while our 2nd-grade students will take part in a smaller-scale pilot state

assessment. These assessments serve several important purposes, including:

- Measuring key indicators within the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards (KCCRS).
- Providing data for Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) and state accreditation.
- Reporting individual student scores along with performance levels.
- Offering insights to help improve ELA and mathematics instruction at the school and district level.



Students will take these assessments online using Chromebooks.

Below is the tentative testing schedule. We kindly ask that you ensure your child is present on these days and avoid scheduling appointments to prevent unnecessary absences.

Testing Schedule for 3rd Grade

- ✦ **Mathematics** – April 8th & April 9th (Morning)
- ✦ **English Language Arts** – April 15th & April 16th (Morning)

Testing Schedule for 2nd Grade

- ✦ **Mathematics** – April 4th (Morning)
- ✦ **English Language Arts** – April 3rd (Morning)

Assessment Kickoff & Student Motivation

To support our 3rd graders, we are hosting an assessment kickoff assembly! Each K-2 classroom has adopted a 3rd-grade class, providing motivational notes and small treats. Likewise, 3rd-grade students have adopted 2nd-grade students and will encourage them in the same way.

Our 2nd-grade students will also be celebrated during morning assemblies with fun activities to promote positivity and excitement for their assessment experience.

We encourage our students to:

- ✓ **Stay quiet & seated** (during and after testing)
- ✓ **Take their time & use test-taking strategies**
- ✓ **Engage actively** (read questions carefully, take notes, use provided tools)
- ✓ **Quietly participate in an activity** once finished
- ✓ **Raise their hand** for teacher review before submitting

Thank you for your support in ensuring a successful testing experience for our students!

Charger Pride!

Ways to help your child prepare for state assessments

Simple things that can help students do their best include:

- Getting good sleep (and rest)
 - Eating healthy breakfasts (since testing is usually done first thing on testing days)
 - Giving encouragement (without increasing pressure some students may already feel)
 - Making sure students arrive to school on time
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Upcoming Dates:

3/3: OAC Fundraiser Begins

3/7: No School - Teacher Prep

3/10: Year Book Order Due

3/10: Report Cards Sent Home

3/12: 6pm BOE Mtg @ DAC

3/14: OAC Fundraiser Ends

3/17-3/21: No School - Spring Break

Order Your SAC/OAC Yearbooks

To order your yearbook visit:

inter-state.com/order

and enter this code: 91282P



Online Orders Due by Monday, March 10, 2025

OAC Fundraiser

Students will participate in our spring fundraiser to raise money for guest speakers, assemblies, wildly important goal rewards, field trips, etc! If you would like to participate here is the link!

Students will be bringing home information regarding the different tiers of prizes they can earn on Monday, March 3rd. <https://www.countrymeats.com/.../overbrook-attendance-center>

Step 1: Scroll Dow to Choose Your Flavor

Step 2: Select Items and Continue

Step 3: Enter the student you are supporting

Step 4: Enter Shipping and Payment Information

Overbrook Attendance Center is having a Country Meats Fundraiser!



Order Now at www.CountryMeats.com/fundraiser/overbrook-attendance-center
or by scanning the QR code with your phone!



A Big Thank You
For All Your Support

You can help even more by sharing this with a friend or sharing the URL or QR code on social media with friends!

Kindergarten Parents: Mark your Calendars

K Parents Only: There will be no school for kindergarten students on April 4, 2025. This allows the incoming preschoolers who will be kindergarten students in the 2025-2026 to experience kindergarten round-up! All other students (1st - 3rd) will have school that day as regularly scheduled.

Spread the News

Know and incoming kindergartener?!? Please share the information with their family!

Please join us for Kindergarten Round Up at Overbrook Attendance Center



Who: Incoming students who turn five on
or before August 31, 2025

When: April 4, 2025

Time: 9:00-10:50am

To register call: (800)836-9525



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Parent Information

Please arrive at OAC 15 minutes prior to the start time to check in. We will start in the gym at 9:00 with an introduction from Mrs. Bolt. Students will then go with the Kindergarten teachers to classrooms while parents stay in the gym to complete the ASQ for your child. After, we will all meet in the cafeteria for snack and go to recess. After recess, you are welcome to leave or go back into Kindergarten classrooms to ask teachers any questions you may have. There will also be a photo booth that you can take pictures at during this time. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (800)836-9525.

Schedule

**9:00-10:00 Activities in
Classrooms**

10:00-10:15 Snack

10:15-10:30 Recess

**10:30-10:50 Questions &
Photobooth**

A Note from Specials



OAC SPECIALS NEWSLETTER

THIS MONTH IN MARCH

- **Art-** In March we will be learning about silhouettes and incorporating positive and negative space.
- **Explore-** What is better than basketball in March? How about March Mammal Madness?!?! This month students will learn about all kinds of interesting animals. We will see their special habitats and imagine who would win in head to head battles. Each class will complete a bracket with 64 animals and the winner will be crowned the March Mammal Madness Champion! This title comes with its own trophy. Mrs. Portlock is the reigning champion! Let's see which animal and class can come out as the 2025 Champion!
- **Music-** 2nd and 3rd grade have officially begun preparing for their spring program scheduled on April 10 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Rehearsals are going wonderfully and we are really looking forward to sharing our finished product with you soon! Kindergarten and 1st grade will continue to develop basic music skills including dynamics, tempo, and rhythms. Lessons will include several sing-alongs, hands-on activities, and cross curriculum lessons with PE!
- **P.E.:** It's time for some March Madness this month. During PE, the students will be practicing some of their basketball skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

March Mammal Madness Selection

March 17-March 21 Spring Break



Board Goal 3: Recruit and Retain Highly Qualified Staff

I am pleased to share our ongoing efforts to recruit and retain highly qualified staff at Overbrook Attendance Center (OAC). Below are key initiatives supporting this goal:

1. **Recruitment Efforts** – This fall, we attended the Kansas State University Education Round-Up to actively recruit educators to join our district.
2. **University Partnerships** – OAC has partnered with Baker University to place four college students in our classrooms, allowing them to complete their block coursework and gain firsthand experience in education. Our goal is to have them return as student teachers in the future.
3. **Mentor Program Growth** – We continue to expand our highly qualified mentor program, with three dedicated mentors at OAC. These mentors receive ongoing professional development to enhance their coaching and mentoring techniques.
4. **Professional Development & Advanced Degrees** – Our recent LETRS training for the 2025-2026 school year has inspired two teachers to apply for the Bovay Grant to pursue their Master's degrees in Reading Specialist programs.
5. **Culture & Climate Enhancement** – Through our Building Leadership Team (BLT), we actively engage in a feedback loop to address staff concerns and ensure accountability, fairness, and equitable practices.

6. **Staff Recognition & Peer Learning** – The "Charger of the Month" initiative continues to recognize outstanding staff contributions. We are also working to expand opportunities for meaningful peer observations, as we believe learning from one another strengthens our instructional practices.



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