

September Newsletter

Overbrook Attendance Center



Principal - Mrs. Lorle Bolt

A message from our principal

Charger Family News

Back-to-School Night Success!

Thank you, Charger families, for making our Back-to-School Night such a great event! We had **212**

families attend — that's 93% of our school! Your partnership in your child's education makes all the difference.

Upcoming Student Assessments

In the coming weeks, students will take their **FastBridge Assessments** in both math and reading. These assessments help teachers see what students already know and where they may need more support.



Math Testing (Sept. 2–5)

- **Kindergarten & 1st Grade:** *earlyMath* – focuses on early number skills.
- **2nd & 3rd Grade:** *aMath* – computer-based test covering a wide range of math skills (counting, operations, measurement, geometry, etc.).
 - *CBMmath Automaticity* – checks how quickly and accurately students can recall basic math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division).

Reading Testing (Sept. 8–12)

- **Kindergarten:** Skills tested include letter sounds, recognizing words, and early reading concepts.
- **1st Grade:** Focuses on sight words, sounding out words, and building fluency.
- **2nd & 3rd Grade:** Students will read short passages aloud to check fluency and accuracy (*CBMreading*). They will also take *aReading*, a computer test that looks at vocabulary, phonics, and comprehension.

Why These Tests Matter


The FastBridge Assessments give teachers a clearer picture of your child's progress. With this information, we can provide the right support to help every Charger succeed!

Thank you for supporting your child and our school! 💖📖

Student Count Day

Important: Student Count Day – September 22, 2025

You may hear us talking about **Student Count Day** — but what does that mean?

 **Count Day is the day the state looks at our student attendance to determine school funding for the entire year.** The number of students present directly impacts how much support and resources our district receives.

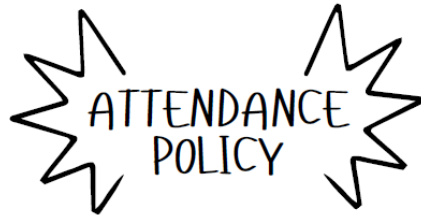
✓ What Families Need to Know:

- **Count Day is Monday, September 22, 2025.**
- To help us maximize funding, please make every effort to send your child to school on:
 - **Friday, Sept. 19**
 - **Monday, Sept. 22 (Count Day)**
 - **Tuesday, Sept. 23**
- If a student is absent on Count Day, they can still be counted if they:
 - **Attend school at least once before and once after Sept. 22.**

♥ Why This Matters

More students present = more funding for our school. That means **more resources, programs, and opportunities for your child.**

Please Review Our Attendance Policy



- Please call in student absences by 9:00 AM; unexcused absences must be resolved within 48 hours of returning.
- Parents will be updated quarterly regarding absences. When approaching 10 absences, parents will be contacted about an academic success plan.
- After 10 absences, documentation is required; without it, absences are unexcused and the student could be considered truant.
- Students must attend at least half the school day to participate in extracurricular activities. (i.e., music programs, family nights, etc).
- For more detailed information, please refer to the student handbook.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Personal Illness
Appointments for medical treatment
Family Crisis
Religious Events
Funerals
Field Trips
Limited Family Request

Pre-arranged by parents/guardians and approved by the principal. Students must have fewer than 10 absences; otherwise, they will be considered unexcused.

Military Related

Thank you so much,
OAC Staff

Reminder of Bus Tiers & Consequences

Bus Tiers

Tier 1

Violation of safety rules
Failure to remain seated
Excessive noise
Extending arm/head out of window
Unacceptable language/profanity

Tier 2

Continued Tier 1 Offenses
Anything deemed illegal by law
Fighting/Tripping/Horseplay etc.
Spitting
Yelling at, or threatening driver
Refusing to obey driver
Destruction of property
Throwing objects
Sexual misconduct- words or actions

Consequences

Tier 1 offenses - Consequence	Tier 2 offenses - Consequence
<u>1st offense</u> Assigned seat by bus driver longevity determined by Admin.	<u>1st offense</u> Automatic removal of bus privileges - at least 5 days, up to a semester
<u>2nd offense</u> Can be deemed tier 2 offense if not, assigned seat may become permanent	<u>2nd offense</u> Automatic removal of bus privileges - at least 1 month, up to remainder of the school year
<u>3rd or more offense</u> Will be reviewed by Admin. Consequence could be deemed tier 2	<u>3rd offense</u> Automatic removal of bus privileges for remainder of school year



Lunch Reminder for Charger Families

Parents, while we do have microwaves available for students to warm up their lunches, we kindly ask that for our **younger students**, you send items that can be eaten cold or do not require heating. Because lunchtime is short and staff support is limited, microwaving food can take extra time. Limiting heat-up items helps us make sure every student has enough time to enjoy their meal.

Upcoming Events

Important Dates for September

- **Monday, Sept. 1** – *No School* (Labor Day)
- **Friday, Sept. 19** – *Homecoming* – Early Dismissal at **12:00 PM**
- **Monday, Sept. 22** – *Student Count Day* (Please make every effort to have your child at school!)

CAREER EXPLORATIONS

SFT IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF INDIVIDUAL PLANS OF STUDY (IPS) FOR OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE!

OUR GOAL IS TO INTRODUCE STUDENTS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF CAREERS EARLY ON, GIVING THEM THE CHANCE TO DREAM BIG AND LEARN ABOUT THE MANY PATHS THEY CAN TAKE IN THE FUTURE.

TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE, WE ARE INVITING COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND PATRONS TO COME SHARE YOUR CAREER WITH OUR STUDENTS!

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- A 30 minute classroom visit
- We will provide you with a few guided questions to help you share your career journey
- Be Creative-Students love stories, visuals, and hands on demonstrations

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- All careers are welcome—from healthcare to trades, business to the arts, agriculture to technology, and everything in between.

YOUR INVOLVEMENT WILL INSPIRE OUR STUDENTS AND HELP THEM SEE THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES THAT LIE AHEAD. IF YOU'D LIKE TO PARTICIPATE OR LEARN MORE, PLEASE CONTACT ASHLEY FAWL AT OAC.

TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP OUR STUDENTS BUILD THEIR DREAMS—ONE CAREER AT A TIME!

Email: afischer@usd434.us
[Google Form Survey](#)



Phone: 1-800-836-9525 ext. 2

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Quarter 1 Clubs

We are excited to offer a variety of clubs this year!

Each year, we work to increase the number of options so we can reach and engage even more students. Clubs take place from **2:30–3:30 p.m.** and may change each quarter.

In addition, all students will take part in **Career Explorations** during different quarters:


- **3rd Grade** – Quarter 1
- **2nd Grade** – Quarter 2
- **1st Grade** – Quarter 3
- **Kindergarten** – Quarter 4

QUARTER 1
SEP. 8-OCTOBER 17

CLUB

SCHEDULE

OAC

	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
KINDERGARTEN	-ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB-JOSIE (LUNCH ROOM)				
1ST GRADE	-JUMP ROPE CLUB- JEREE (GYM)			-CHEER/SPIRIT CLUB- MRS. LYNCH (GYM)	
2ND GRADE	-SCIENCE CLUB- LYDIA (ANX) -STEM- SHAE (ANX) -BAKING CLUB- SARA (LUNCHROOM)	-WALKING CLUB- MRS. AUSTIN (GYM)	-BRACELET MAKING CLUB- MRS. NELSON (MUSIC ROOM) -LIGHTHOUSE- MRS. FAWL (LIBRARY)	-CHEER/SPIRIT CLUB- MRS. LYNCH (GYM)	-SPORTS CLUB- MR. ROBERTS (GYM)
3RD GRADE			-LIGHTHOUSE- MRS. FAWL (LIBRARY)		

NOTICE: The Voice Auditions will be during this time and TBD on days

Homecoming 2025

Charger Families

Homecoming 2025 will take place on Friday, September 19th. This year, the celebration will look a little different for our district. All students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. Families are welcome to take their children and attend the parade and pep rally together.

The parade begins at 1:00 p.m. in Scranton, followed by a community pep rally. Families are encouraged to line the streets, cheer on our Chargers, and enjoy the festivities!

After the parade and pep rally, we will gather at the high school, where food trucks and games will be available for the community to enjoy prior to the coronation. To help make this event a success, we are looking for volunteers to assist with activities for students.

Please use the SignUpGenius link below to view opportunities to help. Each activity includes a short description and the number of volunteers needed.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/.../4090B4FA8AA28A5FE3...>

Thank you for supporting our students and helping us celebrate Charger Pride at Homecoming 2025!



Lorle Bolt

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