

April Newsletter

BOE Report



Principal - Mrs. Lorle Bolt

A message from our principal

Charger Families,

State assessments for 2nd and 3rd grade are right around the corner! In addition, all K–3 students will begin the Spring FastBridge Assessment on **April 27**. We know this time can feel stressful for students, and your support makes a big difference.

Testing Schedule

3rd Grade

- Math: April 13–14 (Morning)
- ELA: April 16–17 (Morning)

2nd Grade (Pilot)

- ELA Only: April 1–2 (Morning)

How You Can Help at Home

- Remind your child they don't need to be perfect—just do their best
- Encourage them to answer every question (no penalty for guessing!)
- Make sure they get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast
- Keep mornings calm, positive, and encouraging
- Arrive at school on time
- Encourage them to stay focused and not rush



Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's success—we know they will do great!

Upcoming Dates:

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- **April 2** – 1st Grade Field Trip (*Science City*)
 - **April 3** – No School
 - **April 4** – No School
 - **April 7** – No School (Teacher Professional Development)
 - **April 8** – BOE Meeting @ 6:00 PM
 - **April 9** – 3rd Grade State Assessment Kickoff Celebration (*3rd Grade Parents & Students Only*) @ 6:00 PM in the OAC Gym
 - **April 24** – Kindergarten Field Trip (*Topeka Zoo*)
 - **April 28** – 2nd Grade Field Trip (*Deanna Rose Farmstead*)
 - **May 1** – Kindergarten Round-Up (*No school for current Kindergarten students*)
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🎉 State Assessment Kickoff Night -- 3rd Grade Parents

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 9th at 6:00 PM** and join us for a fun-filled evening as we celebrate the upcoming state assessments with our third grade teachers.

This exciting event is designed to help students feel confident and prepared. Students will review helpful testing tips and strategies, while families will learn ways to support success at home.

Then, get ready for some **friendly competition!** Parent-student teams will have the chance to participate in interactive games—with **PRIZES** for the winners! This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage your child, build confidence, and make test prep fun. We hope to see you there!

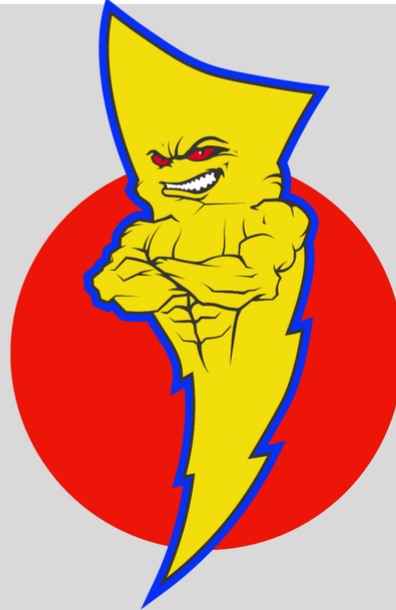
State Assessment
Title Night
Third Grade Parents

Thursday, April 9, 2026

6:00-7:00 PM

Gymnasium

- Learn about our Test Taking Strategies.
- Play fun interactive games with your child!
- Understand how to help your child prepare for the state assessment!



Kindergarten Parents: Mark your Calendars

K Parents Only: There will be no school for Kindergarten students on Friday, May 1st.

This allows the incoming preschoolers who will be Kindergarten students in the 2026-2027 school year to experience Kindergarten round-up!

All other students (1st - 3rd) will have school that day as regularly scheduled.



✿ Celebrating Excellence in School Social Work

We are proud to share that one of our own, Mrs. Maggie Mead, was named the **2026 Kansas School Social Worker of the Year** by the **Kansas School Social Workers Association (KSSWA)**! This award recognizes exceptional dedication to students, families, and staff, highlighting the positive impact school social workers have in our district. The nomination, supported by colleagues and community members, celebrated leadership, compassion, and commitment to student success.

Ms. Maggie was honored at the KSSWA Spring Conference on **March 27** in Topeka and will also be recognized at the **Midwest School Social Work Conference** later this year. We are grateful for her incredible work and proud to celebrate this well-deserved recognition!



BOE Goal 6: School Safety and Security

6.1 Provide a safe and secure learning environment in all district facilities

At OAC, maintaining a safe and secure environment is a top priority. Our School Resource Officer (SRO) plays a vital role in supporting the safety of our elementary building. The SRO builds positive relationships with students and staff, creating a trusted presence throughout the school. Jacob assists with monitoring entrances and common areas, helps manage safety procedures during arrival and dismissal, and collaborates with administration on safety planning.

6.2 Use effective crisis plans to provide proactive readiness in case of an emergency

OAC consistently implements crisis preparedness measures in alignment with KSDE guidance. We conduct regular safety drills (including fire, tornado, lockdown, and evacuation) throughout the school year. Each drill is documented and reviewed to ensure continuous improvement. Data collected includes the date, time, type of drill conducted, duration of the drill, and the number of students and staff present. This ongoing practice allows us to evaluate our procedures, ensure readiness, and maintain a high level of safety awareness among both students and staff.



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