



NEWS FROM THE GROVE

OGMS Parent Newsletter



Principal's Corner

Each month, we will feature information or reminders from our principal, counselor, librarian, and other staff members. This month, Mr. Dial is reminding us of behavior expectations at Oak Grove Middle School.

BAM Events - Behaviors Are Marvelous

At Oak Grove Middle School, we expect the best from our students, and we reward students who exhibit these behaviors. As a reward, students get to participate in events, such as Fun Fridays, school dances, field trips and other events.

During the first week of school, your child should have brought home a form that had all of the behavior expectations for the year; this was a form that we asked for you to sign and send back to school. A copy of this form can be found on the OGMS website under the documents folder. It can also be found in the OGMS School Announcements Rooms account.

For your reference, I'd like to include our first nine week's BAM expectations once again. We have a couple of events coming up this month that are BAM events, including our Monster Mash dance. More information about these events will be sent home soon. In the meantime, here are our BAM expectations for first nine weeks.

BAM Criteria for First Nine Weeks

1. NO ISS or OSS
2. No more than 3 detentions
3. No more than 1 bus referral
4. No more than 2 unexcused absences
5. No overdue/lost library books
6. No outstanding dues/fees (this include fees for chromebook repair)
7. No more than 4 tardies
8. No more than 2 zeroes

To Do:

Download our Paragould App available for iPhone and Android.

If you haven't set up a Rooms account yet, contact your child's homeroom teacher!

2024 yearbooks are on sale now! Order online at www.jostens.com for personalized books and quick ordering, or through Mrs. Dinkins to reserve your copy!

BUY YOUR Yearbook

From our Office:
If you're making transportation changes, they need to be made before 1:30 pm.

Student and Parent Important Reminders



Has your child been absent? A note from you or your child's doctor is due within two days of your child's return!



October 2 @ 5:30
Dance Planning Meeting!



Family Night!
Oct. 17 @ 6 pm



Flu Shot Clinic for OGMS
October 4

Upcoming Events**Oct. 2 @ 5:30 pm**PTO meeting
Dance Planning**Oct. 4**

Flu Clinic

Oct. 13

PSD Homecoming

Oct. 17**Grades Due****Oct. 17**Family Literacy/Game
Night
6-7 pm**Oct. 19**Grades Go Home
First Quarter Awards
6th Grade: 12:45 pm
5th Grade: 1:45 pm**Oct. 20**

AR Celebration

Oct. 23 @ 5:30 pmVolunteer training for
parent dance volunteers**Oct. 24**Pancakes With the
Principal Academic
celebration**Oct. 27**Monster Mash
1st Nine Weeks
BAM Event!**NO MORE CLIPPING****Scan your receipts for Box Top points!**

Please scan your receipts with Box Top qualifying items.

Be sure to select Oak Grove Middle School as your school when you set up your BoxTops for Education account.

OGMS appreciates your help!

Having trouble? Can't scan your receipts? Don't know how to send in your grocery pick up receipts to Box Tops? Let us help!

Contact kcook@paragouldschools.net to set up a time to meet, or send your receipts to us and let us scan them for you! No information will be shared, and we can trash the receipts or send them right back to you, whatever you wish!**Promote a sense of duty, self-reliance and persistence**

Of course you want your child to become a responsible person. But not all middle schoolers know what that means. To help your child understand what responsibility looks like, talk about the traits that responsible people share, and suggest ways to model them.

For instance, responsible people usually demonstrate:

- A sense of duty. They do what is necessary—even if they don't feel like it. For your child, that might mean getting ready for school on time, completing assignments on time and doing chores.
- Self-reliance. Responsible students do as much as they can for themselves. True, your middle schooler is too young to be completely self-reliant. But your child can take a big step in that direction. Empower your child to handle some tasks independently, such as making a simple meal and packing a school lunch.
- Persistence. They don't give up, and they don't abandon goals that seem out of reach. Your child can demonstrate persistence by hanging in there when the going gets tough. If your student doesn't earn a spot on a school team this year, for example, your child can work on sharpening skills and try again next time.

Source: M.S. Josephson and others, Parenting to Build Character in Your Teen, Boys Town Press.

The district has placed Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Parent Notification Forms on our website.

<http://paragould.k12.ar.us> Click on Menu from the top of the district's website, then the ESSA parent notification link for access to these forms. If you would like a copy of the documents feel free to stop by the office.