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### OGMS Parent Newsletter

### Wait...it's winter break alreadu?

Winter Break is close. Over break, please consider doing the following to help keep germs at bay:

- Wash coats, jackets, and hoodies
- Clean out backpacks and either wipe out with a disinfectant wipe, or wash the backpack (lunchboxes too!)

### PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE FLU

Besides getting vaccinated, the CDC recommends taking these steps:



contact with sick people.



If you have flu-like symptoms. stay home until 24 hours after the symptoms disappear.



Disinfect surfaces and wash your hands often with soap and water.



touching your eves, nose and mouth, as germs spread faster that way.



cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue away.





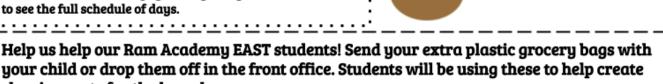
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### Dress Up Daus!

To celebrate the last thirteen days before winter break, we're getting festive!

Check out our Facebook page, or login to your Rooms account to see the full schedule of days.



Winter

# Student and Parent Important Reminders



sleeping mats for the homeless.

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



All 2nd Nine Weeks Work Due: 12/20



Winter Break Dec. 21 - Jan. 3



Talent Show Tuesday, Dec. 19

### Upcoming Events

Dec. 4-20

13 Days of Christmas Dress up days

Dec. 11

PTO Meeting @ 5:30 pm

Dec. 15

OGMS School Spelling Bee

Dec. 19

OGMS Talent Show

Dec. 20

\*All work due
\*Last day for AR quizzes
\*Christmas parties

Dec. 21 - Jan. 3 Winter Break NO SCHOOL

# School Calendar CHANGE - PSD will have school on Monday, January 15, 2024. PSD will NOT have school on Monday, April 8, 2024.

#### Daily Schedule Reminders from our office:

- Transportation changes need to be made to our offices before 1:30 pm, daily.
- ★ Our day begins at 7:45 am. Tardy bell rings at 7:50 am. Students are expected to be on campus and in class at this time.
- \* Students are allowed 1 (one) parent note per quarter for tardies
- Notes for student absences must be turned in within TWO days of the student's return to school.
- ★ Due to safety concerns, no deliveries (flowers, fast food, etc) can be made to OGMS this year.

### Clothing Closet Needs

Our clothing closet is in desperate need of the following new or gently used items:

- Athletic pants or sweatpants for boys and girls size 10 and up or youth large and up and yoga pants for girls size 10 and up, or youth large and up
- Belts for boys and girls
- Tennis shoes from sizes 6 to 12 adult sizes
- Coats from adult small to adult extra large

# NO MORE CLIPPING



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# 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!

## Facing consequences & solving problems builds responsibility

Middle schoolers aren't always responsible. But some have never had to be. Whenever those kids face a problem, their families try to fix it. That may solve some problems today. But it will creates bigger problems in the future.

To foster accountability, help your middle schooler:

- Solve problems independently. If your child earns a grade that seems "unfair,"
  encourage your student to talk to the teacher about it. Don't immediately contact the
  teacher on your child's behalf.
- Consider the consequences. Ask questions to help your child think about potential
  results of an action before taking it.
- Learn from experience. Your child can't learn from mistakes if you always come to the rescue. So if that project isn't completed on time, let your middle schooler experience and learn from the consequences.

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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.