

OMS 2024-2025 WINTER UPDATE

“Rider Strong”

We can't believe how fast the school year has gone! We need to remind our students about the importance of completing assignments and remembering their responsibilities at school. Attending school on a consistent basis, being on time, acting respectful and responsible and bringing their fully charged chrome book to school will help them be successful at school. Students are also not to have cell phones out at school. If they need to contact parents, then they are able to use the phone in the office. Lastly, as the weather changes and it gets dark in the mornings, please remind your children to be safe while walking or riding a bike to school. We appreciate all of the support we receive and want all of our students to be happy and successful at school.

Attached with this update, you will find information about our joint Veteran's Day Celebration with OES and OCSD Levy Information. If we can be of any further assistance to you, please contact us at school.



Go Riders!

Dave Sovacool, *Principal*

Sly Slaughter, *Assistant Principal*

OMS Important Dates

11/4/24	Winter Sports Parent Meeting, 7:00 OHS
11/4/24	PTO Meeting, 7:00 OES
11/11/24	Veteran's Day Celebration with OES
11/14/24	Picture Retake and Candid Picture Day
11/18/24	Canned Food Drive Begins
11/19/24	Winter Sports Pictures
11/27/24	Staff vs Students Volleyball Game, 2:00
11/28-12/2/24	No School
12/3/24	2nd Quarter Interims
12/4/24	\$50 8 th Grade DC Trip Down Payment Due
12/6/24	Canned Food Drive Ends
12/12/24	Grades 5-12 Holiday Band Concert, 6:30 OHS
12/17/24	Grades 6-12 Holiday Choir
12/20/24	Spelling Bee 8:30
12/23/24-1/3/25	No School
1/7/25	PTO Meeting 7:00 OES
1/10/25	End of 2 nd Quarter
1/17/25	Report Cards Sent Home
1/20/25	No School

OMS Accepts Rachel's Challenge

On Tuesday, October 22, a presenter from Rachel's Challenge spoke to the middle school. While Rachel's life was tragically cut short during the Columbine School Shooting in 1999, Rachel Joy Scott's shining example of kindness and compassion was not defeated that day. The middle school heard the story one girl's dream being fulfilled over 20 years after her death. The presentation was a powerful reminder of the little things we can do every day to make our world a better place.

The OMS students were asked to accept Rachel's Challenge and help make the world a better place by showing kindness and compassion. Many of our students signed a banner pledging to be kind. We will also continue to develop the Kindness Club and incorporate the values and concepts presented to us by Rachel's Challenge!



*"People will never know how far a little kindness can go."
– Rachel Joy Scott, 1981-1999*

LEVY FACTS

Orrville City Schools will be on the ballot Tuesday, November 5, 2024 for a 3.25 mil, 10-year Emergency Renewal Levy.

- The levy is a renewal of an existing levy from over 10 years ago.
- It is NOT a new tax.

What is a Renewal Emergency Levy?

With a renewal levy, the district does not ask for new money, and the amount of tax a property owner pays remains the same.

What is an Emergency Levy?

An Emergency Levy is a "fixed sum" levy; this fixed sum levy will raise \$1,115,770 for the district each year. This levy will not increase the tax bill as your home and business appraisal increases. It is a "set" amount. As your appraisal value rises, the millage on the levy decreases to keep the fixed sum and your tax payment the same.

Why is it called an Emergency Levy?

Oddly enough, an Emergency Levy is not named because of an ominous or emergency budgetary situation. It is simply the name used for a property tax that serves as a limited operating levy for a school district. Because the dollar amount of emergency taxes charged by the levy must stay constant, the millage rate increases or decreases as property values change.

How will be money be used?

The money is used for the continued operation of the school district.

Celebrate Veteran's Day: Monday, November 11th

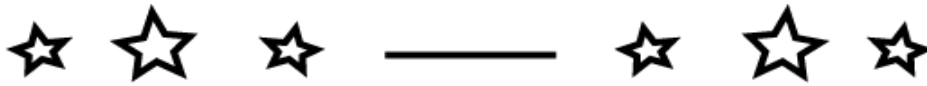
A Parade Honoring Our Veterans

Orrville Elementary & Middle Schools will honor and recognize Veterans with an outside parade on Monday, November 11th beginning at 9:30 a.m. Starting at the OABGC parking lot on N. Ella Street, we are inviting Veterans and their families to drive down N. Ella Street to turn left onto Mineral Spring Street, passing the elementary and middle schools, then turning left onto N. Elm Street. We ask for Veterans and their families to remain in their vehicles to drive by as our students and staff line the street, waving flags and signs to show our appreciation!

We plan on having the outside parade rain or shine. We hope to show our gratitude as you drive by!

Veteran's Day Hero

We also would love to have you complete the attached "Veteran's Day Hero" sheet and return it to OES or OMS with your student no later than Monday, November 4th. We will proudly display returned, decorated stars throughout our school building. Please let your student's teacher know if you need additional stars.



Veteran's Day Hero



Name of Veteran _____



Branch of Military _____



Years of Service _____



Family Member of _____

(Name of Student)

