



MRS. CLARK, DR TUELL, AND MRS MITCHELL HAVING FUN IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON

SB Report OTES

Work Hard
And Be Kind
Always

Hour of Code in RSU 34

The RSU 34 School District offered a wonderful night of Coding for our students in Grades 3-8. The students in Grades 3-5 were invited to OTES on December 6th to participate in a fun, family night of Coding and Collaboration with parents to support skills in this area. Students and parents worked together to solve coding puzzles and were able to see some demonstrations of our middle school robotics programming. The event was very successful and lots of fun to offer our families. It was great to see the students in the leadership role, but also, their parents learning and supporting their child through this process of



coding. We were lucky to be able to have MSMA support this event and to work with us to provide a great night for families and to provide activities to support further learning at home with their child. About 50 students participated in this evening. We plan on offering two or three more Coding Nights this year to build on our success.

Holiday Events and Fun

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Friday
TIME TO
Sparkle & Shine
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Sparkle Day at OTES

Every year we create a school sparkle day at OTES and celebrate the unique characteristics and personalities of our students. This year's Sparkle Day will be held on December 22nd. Students are encouraged to wear their most sparkly outfits or bright colors to school. We are collecting hygiene products for our school's resource center and for the Homeless Shelter in Bangor.

Unpacking the InTasc Standards

Teachers at OTES and in RSU 34 have been working with the Professional Growth and Professional Evaluation System for several years in the district. The teachers set goals annually and work toward those goals throughout the course of an evaluation cycle from January of one year to January of the following year. Teachers at OTES have been committed to this professional performance and have demonstrated growth through their various goals and activities developed in their individual and team goals.

As we start to build more professional understanding about standards and growth, the teachers will be working to unpack those standards and expectations through discussion at staff meetings, team meeting, and through Peer Review. Over the course of this school year, the teachers will examine more closely three standards at staff meetings and have some discussions about their own performance meeting the standard and developing evidence to demonstrate growth.

Standard 3: Learning Environment: The Teacher works with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self- motivation

Standard 8: Instructional Strategies: The Teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

Standard 10: Leadership and Collaboration: The teacher seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members to ensure learner growth, and to advance the profession.

Each of these standards have several sub standards to address within these headings and categories.



Old Town Elementary has been selected to participate in the Winter Kids Winter Games Olympics. We are the only elementary school selected in Penobscot County. The Wellness Team at OTES will be developing our school's Olympic Requirements. There will be a Winter Kids Olympic Opening Ceremony on January 5th. The Winter Kids Olympics have four requirements of participation:

- Physical Activity
- Nutrition
- Family Involvement
- Winter Carnival.

On Sunday Mornings watch WMTW for the Leaderboard and see where we land each week. We have some very enthusiastic teachers wanting to win the grand prize of \$5,000. #OTESGoing4Gold

Upcoming Events at OTES

December 12: 4th Grade Holiday Concert

December 13: 5th Grade Holiday Concert

December 13: Empty Bowls Community Service Project for 5th Grade

December 15: Final Walk to School Day of 2017

December 19: Mandated Reporter Training for New Staff

December 20: New Teacher Meeting

December 22: Sparkle DAY at OTES

January 3: PTC meeting

January 5: Open Ceremony for Winter Kids Olympics

Merry Christmas and Enjoy Your Family. See you in 2018