

SB REPORT NOVEMBER 2017

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION Kindergarten Create A Service Learning Program for OTES

The Kindergarten Students and staff developed a program for our entire school to understand why we will have Friday, November 10th off from school. The Veteran's Day Celebration on November 9th was a

wonderful opportunity to teach our students the importance of country and the sacrifice of service men and women for our freedom. All the students at OTES were participants with patriotic songs perfected in their music classes with Mrs. Marquis and Miss Moody. The school was also able to Skype in with father, Troy Johnston as he serves in Kuwait. The powerful gathering really sent a message to our students and they were proud to welcome so many Veteran's to OTES on Thursday.

"IT'S IMPORTANT TO GIVE OUR STUDENTS A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY. WHEN WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE, OUR STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF BOTH." MICHELLE REESMAN, K TEACHER

HOUR OF CODE AT OTES

The RSU 34 District will host the Hour of Code Program at OTES on December 6th to support our commitment to STEM activities and robotics throughout our school. A small committee from OTES and LSM have been developing the evening event with the support of Maine Math and Science Alliance. In the past, we have celebrated the event with very little attention and limited participation in our schools. This year we decided to go big and to make this an event for our students in grades 3-8. The Middle School Students will serve as leaders with their teacher, Christine Carney. The students in Grades 3-5 will experience coding activities, robotic building, and other engaging activities of interest with our STEM curriculum.

We will also use this opportunity to unveil our new MAKER SPACE for our school. With the purchase of Chromebooks for our students in Grades 3-5, the use of our old computer lab is unnecessary. The computer lab was dismantled last spring and plans to remodel the space for STEM activities has been in the works throughout the fall. We are hoping, with the support of our maintenance department, we will be able to reveal the space for our public. The concept behind the Maker Space is for STEM activities and ongoing projects will be conducted in this area in order for students to interact, create, and build without the mess in their regular classroom and to keep the product set up and ready to go for their next session. We have had a few teachers experience the MAKER Space this fall and have appreciated having the ongoing experience for their students already.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OTES: WE WILL BE BUSY LEADING UP TO THE HOLIDAY BREAK

November 16: New Family Celebration at OTES

November 17: Walk to School: We have sponsored several Walk to School Days at OTES this fall. This has been well received by our families. The walk starts at Perkins Street Park and takes us up through the UMaine Bike Path.

November 21: 5th Graders are going to the MOVIES to see Wonder. This is a book all the 5th Graders have read to them by their classroom teachers to start the school year. The PTC will sponsor this event for the students.

November 21: Positive Messages. Staff and Students will wear T-Shirts with Positive Messages before the Thanksgiving Break.

November 27: The Online Auction at OTES will start. This is a fun annual event sponsored by the PTC. There are many items to bid on, but the big ticket items are the Rock Star parking and preferred seating at our concerts.

December 1: 1st Trimester Ends

December 2: Holiday Bazaar at OTES sponsored by PTC

December 4: Second Graders Swimming at the YMCA: For the past 6 weeks, the students in second grade have been experiencing swimming lessons at the YMCA. Each week, the students walk to the Y for their swimming lessons and get a chance to learn to swim and experience the joys of the water.

December 8: Report Cards go home

December 12: 4th Grade Holiday Concert

December 13: 5th Grade Holiday Concert