



WORK HARD AND BE KIND



OCTOBER 2017

# Walk to School Days Are Back

Students at OTES love to be outside and breathing in the fresh air. Last year we started our WALK TO SCHOOL DAYS at OTES and we are continuing this tradition with our first walk to school on October 13<sup>th</sup>. We all start at the Perkins Street Park at 7:30 to walk together to school. It's a great way to start the day and to build community. The number of parents and students walking to school together on this crisp morning were too numerous to count.

When walking and talking together we learn about each other in a different way. We hear each other's stories and build more respect for one another without even knowing it is happening. The students laugh and play along the way. Some students walk with their friends, others hold their parents' hands all the way to school. Sometimes I think

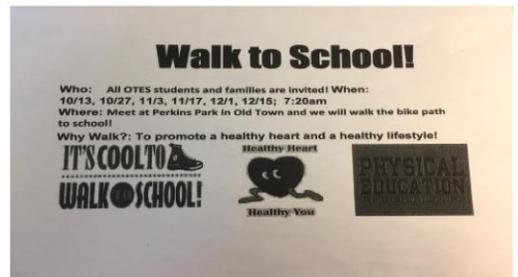
these are the special moments we create with these Walk To School Days. They appear to be so simple, but the long term effects are more powerful than we can imagine---for both parents and students.

The PTC sponsors our annual Ice Cream

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT OTES

Social each year and this year we used this opportunity for a chance to celebrate a great school start.

Students gathered on October 6<sup>th</sup> to get their scoops of ice cream and to enjoy socializing with friends on the playground or in the hallways at OTES. The students in K-2 participating in the summer reading program we given 2 scoops of ice cream and extra toppings to acknowledge their hard work throughout the summer months.



### Ice cream Social at OTES

The PTC creates many events to support our school and make it a wonderful place to be. The Ice Cream Social is one of those events and really sends a message about celebrating our successful start of the school year. Again, like our Walk To School Days, these simple events are dearly remembered by our students and families.

## Documenting Our Students' Behaviors

The teachers in our district are working to develop a consistent way to document and monitor the behaviors we believe are needed to be a successful human. Throughout the 2016-2017 school year, our school's behavior committee developed and implemented a behavior screener used by our teachers to drill down and illustrate the behaviors needed to be successful in our schools. These

behaviors can be tracked from Kindergarten all the way to 12<sup>th</sup> grade in our district.

The processing of documenting and monitoring these behaviors can be a challenge for our classroom teachers, but through our pilot process last year we were able to fine tune those procedures, work with our parents about reporting practices, and develop a final product to use in the 2017-2018 school year.

**Some Examples of our behavior screener: Habits of Work**

<b>Clear and Effective Communicator</b>	-actively listens
	-follows directions
	-works and plays cooperatively
	-organizes work

<b>Creative and Practical Problem Solver</b>	-accepts challenges in learning
	-stays on task
	-uses resources to further learning
	-seeks help appropriately

<b>Self-Directed, Lifelong Learner</b>	-uses time wisely
	-works independently and without disturbing others
	-completes work in class with effort and accuracy
	-completes out of class work with effort and accuracy

ACTIVITIES IN THE CLASSROOM ARE DESIGNED TO SUPPORT TEACHER OBSERVATIONS OF THESE SKILLS AND ARE DOCUMENTED ON THE REPORT CARD



Summer Reading Certificates were handed out and celebrated at our school in our opening day assemblies. We have many students to recognized with our Summer Reading and Virtual Summer School Participants.

## Upcoming Events at OTES

Red Ribbon Week: October 23-27

Education Week: October 23-27

Swimming for Second Graders at Y Starting October 27th

November 1: PTC meeting

November 9: Veteran's Day Celebration