

# OTES School Board Report

January 2018

Work Hard and Be Kind

## Going for the Gold At OTES

### Wellness Team Takes on the Olympics of Health

The Wellness Team at OTES has been working to develop school wide activities to support student and staff wellness in our school. This year we are participating the Winter Kids Winter Olympics in a competition across the state of Maine. OTES is the only school in Penobscot County to participate. The

competition includes Outdoor Exercise, Nutrition, and Family Participation Components. We have documented all our activities on our Facebook Page and on the Winter Kids Site. We expect to win because our students will be healthier!

*The Winter Kids Program is a non-profit organization in Maine dedicated to the development of healthy, lifelong habits through education and fun, outdoor winter activities*

### Response to Intervention Review :

Throughout the school year 2017-2018 our staff has been reviewing and using the Response To Intervention Process at OTES. Last year we developed and piloted a new RTI document and this year we have implemented that document and discussed the pros and cons of the document at our staff meetings in September-December. We have discussed how the interventions should be documented and how to determine if those interventions have been successful and whether or not to move to a referral. This has been good discussion among our staff and has improved Tier I intervention work in our classrooms

## January Events



January is a great month of academic development in our school. The students enjoy digging deeper in their academic and social activities throughout the month.

January 8-26: Winter Kids Olympic Activities in our school.

January 16: : Pop Up Tour of Nutrition for Families 5:30 to 6:30 pm

January 17: Skype Session with Author Todd Parr

January 18: Skype Session with Author Josh Alves

January 18: K-Kids Project for Developing School Wide Go-Bags for Classroom Safety Project

January 19: Talent Show Try Outs after school.

## New Teacher Meetings Support Probationary Teachers at OTES

Each month, Maggie Mitchell and I pull together all our new teachers in their first, second, and third year of teaching at OTES. This monthly meeting has been designed to support the unique period in a teacher's career in our school. Several years ago, we realized many of our veteran teachers were retiring and the information and support these teachers naturally provided to our new teachers was starting to fade. Thus, we responded with specific meetings and agendas to support these new teachers and provide for them a time to have face to face discussions with each other and their administrators. The monthly meetings are driven by the school year demands and try to mirror the professional expectations for those teachers. The time spent with these teachers allows the administrators to answer their questions, push them to fulfill their goals, and to celebrate their successes in the classroom. The time spent with these teachers has also inspired the administrators to be actively involved in their development.

### Upcoming Events at OTES:

Feb 2: Talent Show AT OTES

Feb 5: CoGat Testing for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students

Feb 7: PTC meeting

Feb 19-23: February Vacation

Feb 27: Empower Testing Meeting for our teachers.

***"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think"-Albert Einstein***

## Committees at OTES



The teachers at OTES serve on one committee to support the overall goals of our school. These committees meet several times throughout the school year to develop Professional development activities, goals, and provide input on school improvement. The following committees are very active PD opportunities for our teachers:

Technology Committee

Literacy Leadership

Math Committee

Science Committee

Wellness Committee

Community Connections  
Committee

Social Studies Committee

Behavior Committee

These teacher-led committees are a vital part of continual professional growth in our school.