



### Important Dates

Oct. 4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading OAA
Oct. 5	Evacuation Drill 2:00
Oct. 5	East of Chicago Pizza Night-Mention Otis
Oct. 7	Football Tunnel
Oct. 12	PTO 6:00
Oct. 13	Hispanic Heritage Celebration at Lunch
Oct. 14	Book Fair Preview Day
Oct. 17	No School For Students
Oct. 18-21	<u>Book Fair</u>
Oct. 18	Kindergarten Field Trip
Oct. 19	<b>Grandparents Day</b>
Oct. 24-28	<u>Red Ribbon Week</u>
Oct. 24	Crazy Socks Day
Oct. 25	Crazy Hat Day
Oct. 25	Firefighter Phil Grades 1-3 10:30
Oct. 26	Red Shirt Day (campus wear pants)
Oct. 27	Sunglasses Day
Oct. 28	Spirit Day-Wear Ross/ Otis/Favorite Team Shirt (campus wear pants)

\*\*\*\*\*Doors Open at 8:45 a.m.\*\*\*\*\*

Breakfast starts at 8:45 a.m.

School Fees can be paid in the school office. They are \$35.00 again this year.

1. INCREASE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
2. CLOSE SOCIO-ECONOMIC, ETHNIC AND DISABILITY GAPS IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
3. BUILD HOPE, TRUST AND RESPECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

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### From the Principal

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe we already have one month of school under our belts and are heading into the heart of fall and cooler weather. Recently a memo came home regarding our dismissal procedure. I'd like to take this opportunity to review a few of the key points of the memo which will help ensure a safe and orderly dismissal of students.

1. In an effort to clear traffic off of Brush Street, please pull up as far as you can in the circle drive. This would include the very first cars that arrive each day as well as everyone else once the line starts moving.
2. Please do not park your car in the circle drive and get out of your vehicle. The circle drive is for moving cars only. If you would like to walk up and get your child, please park along Brush or Lake Street.
3. By city law, there is no left turn onto Brush Street from the circle drive at dismissal. All traffic **MUST** turn right.
4. Lastly, it would be very helpful if everyone would enter the circle drive from the north (from State Street). This will allow all cars to get in line without impeding the northbound traffic on Brush.

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we work to ensure the safety of all students, parents and staff at Otis Elementary. We have greatly improved our dismissal procedure and are moving cars through quickly. I am very pleased with our progress and am grateful for your support.

With Children at Heart,

Mrs. Laura F. Bryant

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade OAA  
Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
Important Ohio Achievement Assessment  
Websites**

- The following website will allow you to download previous OAT tests from past years.  
[www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us)
- Click on "Testing" on the right hand side of the screen.
- Click on "Released Test Materials" on the left.
- Click on "Released Test Materials for Ohio's Grade 3-8 Achievement Tests."
- From here, you can download old tests for grades 3-8 from all the tested subject areas. These will be a great way for your child to practice for the upcoming tests.
- The following website will allow you to learn more about what students are expected to know on the OAA and give students a chance to take a practice test online.  
<http://portal.success-ode-state-oh-us.info/>
- Click on "Grades 3-8 OAA."
- From here, you have 3 options...
  - "What's Expected of Students"
  - "Practice for the Test"
  - "Understand Test Results"
- Each of these will provide more information for you to better understand the testing process.
- To take practice tests online, click "Practice for the Test."
- Click "Students Practice for the Test."
- Click "Take a Test Without Logging In." This will allow you to take a practice test without setting up an account.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip  
On September 20, Otis fourth graders went to the fairgrounds to enjoy a field trip called "Exploring Your Backyard." It was sponsored by the Sandusky County Soil and Water Conservation District. Students participated in demonstrations on bees, aquatic life, swine, goats, and forests. Probably their favorite, though, was a session called "Back to the Wild". At that session, students were able to observe many rescued wild animals that will hopefully someday be released back to the wild. Jordan Jackson commented that he enjoyed learning that an owl does not turn its head 360 degrees, but only 270 degrees. Mariana Meza said that now she wants to be a zoologist. McKenna Kreilick exclaimed that she now realizes how important it is for humans to be careful with animals. At the aquatics demonstration, students were able to actually handle crayfish! Yesenia Jamison commented that she now knows that the word aquatics means *living in water*. All in all, it was a fun and educational day!



The word of the month for October is **Responsibility**. We are responsible for our choices. When we demonstrate accountability, reliability, and consistency in our words and actions we are being responsible. Everyone has responsibilities and it is very important that children learn that they are expected to accept responsibility for their choices and actions. Making excuses hurts them. We can give kids small tasks to do, encourage them to finish what they begin, and then show genuine appreciation for what they accomplish. Children must learn to finish any job or duty to the best of their ability.

To help children accept responsibility:

1. Never do for children what they can do themselves.
2. Encourage them to attempt to do things for themselves.
3. Reward children for their effort as well as accomplishments.
4. Assign daily chores.
5. Expect children to finish the task they begin.
6. Let your children make decisions for themselves.
7. Communicate to your children that you have confidence in their abilities.

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Professional School Counselor



### October

I hope you enjoyed the fun facts about Ohio's colleges last month. Here are a few more:

The food court at Ashland University has been ranked the #1 dining service in the nation for five years by the National Association of College and University Food Service. Yum!

Oberlin College was the first American coeducational college-it opened in 1833 with 29 men and 15 women.

The total cost of attending Miami University during its first year in 1823 was \$93, which included room, tuition, laundry, candles and wood. For more information on saving for your child's college education go to: [www.collegeadvantage.com](http://www.collegeadvantage.com).

**\*\*The first 5 students to tell Mrs. Hatfield which University's food court is nationally ranked will get a prize!**



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## Box Tops For Education!

We will again be collecting Box Tops for Education. Please remember to check dates on the box tops to make sure they are not expired and please trim the edges of the box tops before turning them in. This saves time and money for us all. Write student's name on the back of the box top to be eligible for individual prizes. The first deadline for prizes is October 21<sup>st</sup>. Popsicle treats will be given to the classes collecting 150 Box Tops, an ice cream treat for classes collecting 300 Box Tops, and pizza for classes collecting 600 Box Tops!

### October 7<sup>th</sup> Ross Football Game

Otis students have been invited to form the tunnel on the field for the Fremont Ross Little Giant football team to run through. Any Otis students interested in doing this should meet on the south side of the stadium at around 6:40 p.m. on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Flower and Gift Deliveries

We no longer accept any flowers, gifts, balloons, or stuffed toys for delivery to students during the school day. Area florists have been notified of this and there will be no exceptions to this rule. Please continue to send birthday and holiday greetings to your children and friends at their homes.

Birchard Public Library

#### LEGO CLUB

Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, November 12

To Register

Please call 419-334-7101 ext. 209

#### Pizza & Pages Club

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

4:00-4:45 p.m.

Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

To Register

Call 419-334-7101 ext. 209

Or

[www.birchard.lib.oh.us](http://www.birchard.lib.oh.us)

Israel Briones posing by a bulletin board display for Hispanic Heritage Month!

