

Old Vail Middle School Newsletter

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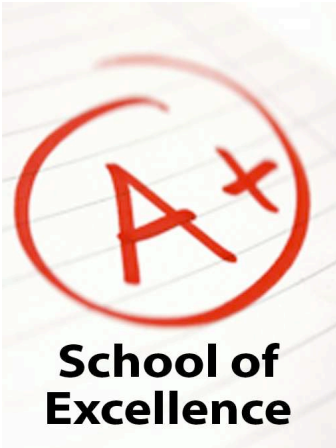
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Excellence**

Upcoming Events – SAVE THE DATE

May

- 4th 6th & 7th Grade Science Benchmarks
- 5th Grade Parent Night 5:30 - 7 pm
- 6th PTSA Game Night 6 - 8 pm
- 11th Spring Music Concert
- 16th VTOTA @ 7:30 pm
- 20th NJHS Inductions at 6 pm in MPR
- 23rd 8th Grade Dance 6 - 8 pm
- 24th Yearbook Signing Celebration
- 25th 3 - 4:15 pm in Gym
- 26th 8th Grade Celebration
- 26th 8th Grade Promotion Practice
- 27th 8th Grade Promotion
- 18th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- Half Day for Students
- Dismissal 12:15 pm
- 4th Quarter Report Cards Mailed Home
- NO SCHOOL - Summer Break Begins

Summer Break

May 27th - July 15th

July

1st Day of 16-17 School Year

TEACHER REQUESTS

If you would like to submit a teacher request for next school year, it should be in writing and must include the teaching team and why you feel that particular team would be best for your child.

Requests will be accepted from May 5 - May 13 **ONLY**. A tentative list of teachers/teams will be available on our website on May 5. As a reminder, this is a parent request, not a student request.



S.A.T. Corner

Working together to promote student achievement!

As of May 6th, all students will have completed the AzMERIT testing in Writing, Reading, and Math. In addition, students enrolled in algebra and geometry will have completed their end-of-course content tests. Students were focused and worked incredibly hard on this test given on computers. We won't be getting results until the beginning of June, and we are anxious to see how students did. They really stepped up to the occasion. Many thanks go out to staff members for helping ensure that testing went well. A special thank you to the families for ensuring your child came to school prepared with a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast. This has truly been a team effort and shows how our OVMS family works together to accomplish a task.

There are many opportunities in place at O.V.M.S. to help students be successful. Please contact your child's teacher if you want more information about how to get your child involved in one of these opportunities:

- **Weekly Reteach** – Teachers identify students for extra practice and an opportunity to retest on specific objectives.
- **Tutoring** – Most grade levels offer tutoring after school in either math and/or reading.
- **Saturday School** - Saturday school is offered on Saturdays from 8:30 – 11:30. Class sizes are small and tutoring is provided. Students can use this time to practice and retest or work on missing work.



If you have any question, please contact:

Iris Bass

Student Achievement Teacher
879-2409
bassi@vailschooldistrict.org

ATTENTION

PARENTS and STUDENTS

All text and library books must be turned in by May 18th.

Any student who owes books when the new school year starts will not be able to check books out. Students going to a high school in Vail will not be given textbooks if they owe books to OVMS.

Please return books and take care of lost or damaged charges in the Library during regular school hours.

Any questions about your student's account, please call 879-2408.



HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

At the end of the school year, we must dispose of all medication. If your child has medication, Epi-Pens or inhalers in the Health Office, you will be receiving a letter. Please return the bottom portion of the letter by May 16, to instruct whether you would like to pick up the medication or have it destroyed. Even if your child will need the medication for the next school year, it must be removed from the Health Office and returned when the new school year begins.

In addition, please be sure to update the Health Office if your child has received any recent immunizations.

If you have any questions, please contact Annie Dulany in the Health Office at 879-2410.



OVMS PTSA would like to invite you to:

OVMS Family Game Night

Friday, May 6th

6-8 pm

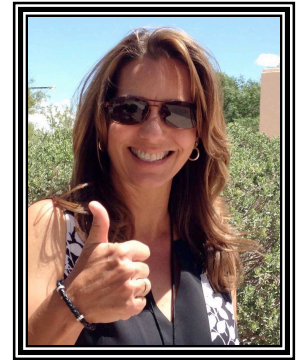
OVMS MPR

Bring the whole family, your favorite board game and your mad old school gaming skills!

A Heartfelt Goodbye from Mrs. Thacker

I'm retiring at the end of this school year and would like to say goodbye to the OVMS family that I have been part of for many years. It has been an honor and a privilege to see so many awesome kids grow before my very eyes and to have been a part of their OVMS experience. I take with me many beautiful memories. I will truly miss the kids and my fellow OVMS family. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives.

Sincerely, Kris Thacker



OVMS YEARBOOK SIGNING CELEBRATION MONDAY, MAY 23RD, 2016 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM IN OVMS GYM

Did you pre-order a yearbook? If so, you are invited to our annual Yearbook Signing Celebration! The celebration will be on Monday, May 23rd after school in the gym until 4:15 pm. (Students can ride the activity bus home.) You will get your yearbook, hang out with your friends, and get everyone to sign your '15 - '16 OVMS yearbook. Bring some extra money to buy extra autograph pages and cool pens. Invites will be distributed in advisory base classes on Friday, May 20th, and students must have an invite to get in. If you pre-ordered and are unable to attend, your yearbook will be distributed in advisory base on Tuesday, May 24th.

IF YOU DIDN'T PRE-ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK, ADDITIONAL YEARBOOKS WILL BE ON SALE BEGINNING TUESDAY, MAY 24TH. YEARBOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BEFORE SCHOOL AND DURING LUNCHES FOR \$40 CASH ONLY.



Special Olympics Torch in Vail

For the very first time in the history of Arizona Special Olympics, the Torch will be running right here in Vail next Tuesday May 3rd down Mary Ann Cleveland Way from the Walgreens into Rita Ranch. Old Vail Middle School will start the representation from the Vail School District by carrying the torch at 11 am at Walgreens. This is open to the community! Please come and support our local Vail athletes!

Spring Music Concert

Wednesday, May 11th

Vail Theatre of the Arts at 7 pm

Come watch performances by our OVMS Percussion Mania, 6th Grade Band, Hawk Pride Band, and Choir



Attendance Policy and Procedures

Please review the Attendance policies in your student's Agenda. When a student is going to be tardy or absent, a parent must call in their student to our attendance line before 8:30 and state the reason for the absence (per district policy). If a reason is not given, the tardy or absence will be unexcused. 5 or more unexcused absences will generate a truancy letter. School policy also states that on the third day of absence, due to student being sick, a doctor's note is required to excuse further absences. The number to call is 879-2403. You may also email the attendance clerk as well (see email address below).

All out of town absences are unexcused unless given prior approval by our Principal, Dr. Emery. You may email her at emeryl@vailschooldistrict.org and cc the Attendance Clerk, Mrs. Roten at rotenh@vailschooldistrict.org. Please submit your request at least one week prior, unless it is an emergency. While we understand families have prescheduled vacations and appointments, please try to schedule any future obligations or appointments before/after the school day or during school breaks.

At OVMS we feel strongly about the success of our students. Therefore, daily attendance is important so that all instruction is received by each student every day. As parents, you can help us do that by making sure your son/daughter is ready and on time.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to assisting you in any way we can!



8TH GRADE PROMOTION 2016

THURSDAY, MAY 26 AT 10:00 AM



Our 8th grade Promotion ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 10:00 am in the OVMS gym. Doors to the gym will open for seating at 9:00 a.m. Each 8th grade student will receive 3 tickets to promotion in the mail. There will be additional overflow seating available in the MPR where guests without a ticket will be able to view promotion via live video streaming.

In order to walk in the promotion ceremony, students must not have any Fs in the 4th quarter. School dress codes must be adhered to in promotion clothing. Young ladies may not wear strapless dresses, halter-tops, or spaghetti straps.

May 25: 8:30 a.m. 8th Grade Promotion Practice

May 25: 1:00 p.m. 8th Grade End of Year Recognition Awards in Gymnasium

May 26: 10:00 am 8th Grade Promotion in Gymnasium

- An email will be sent alerting you that tickets have been mailed
- Tickets will be mailed the week of May 2nd
- Please alert the school if wheelchair access is needed
- No tickets will be distributed the day of promotion
- Every person needs a ticket to sit in the gym - No babies on laps
- No viewing from foyer
- Guests without a ticket may view promotion live streaming from the MPR

Your child's teacher will notify you if your child is receiving an award.

Thank you!

Glow in the Dark 8th Grade Dance

May 20th

6 pm to 8 pm

\$10 in advance (ticket sales begin May 2 at lunch)

\$15 at the door

Refreshments are included with ticket price

Come hang out with your friends before moving on to different high schools and maybe win a door prize!





As another fantastic school year comes to a close, I would like to extend a great big "THANK YOU" to all of our amazing volunteers. I am so grateful for all the support and the willingness to give of your time and talents to make a difference at OVMS.

The end of this school year is rapidly approaching but we still have opportunities to volunteer. We could use help with the 8th Grade Celebration on Tuesday, May 24th and our 8th Grade Promotion on Thursday, May 26th. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer for either one of these events.

Volunteers at OVMS are not only greatly needed, but wanted and appreciated as well! If you ever have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am always happy to help! Have a wonderful summer!



JoAnne MacInnis
OVMS Volunteer Coordinator
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"PAT ON THE BACK"

The P.B.I.S. Team would like to extend the opportunity for parents and students to give a staff member a "Pat on the Back" in appreciation for something they have done. To give a "Pat on the Back" simply fill out the form below and place in the decorated box located in the front office. This is a quick and easy way to say thank you to a member of the Old Vail staff that has in some way made your day.



"Pat on the Back"

Date: _____ Time: _____

To: _____

Reason: _____

From: _____

Old Vail P.B.I.S. Team

Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Here and Ready



During Assemblies OVMS Hawks will...

Be respectful by remaining quiet, keeping their hands to themselves, keeping eyes on the speaker, paying attention, sitting up and not putting their feet on the seats.

Highlight of OVMS's Community Service Projects

As part of our mission at OVMS, we believe that "it is critical that our students acquire a sense of personal and social responsibility within and beyond our community." As part of that mission, each of our advisory base classes implement community service projects.



Ms. Warnick's 7th Grade Advisory Base

Ms. Warnick's advisory base class raises money to support The Animal League of Green Valley.

TALGV is a private, 501(c)(3) not for profit, all volunteer, no kill animal shelter.

They are dedicated to serving the people and pets of our community. TALGV's vision is...A Home for Every Pet

Mrs. Dojaquez's 6th Grade Advisory Base Field Clean Up

Mrs. Dojaquez's advisory base keeps our campus looking beautiful by cleaning up our field.



New OVMS T-shirts are now available
Purchase in the front office

\$10.00

\$15.00 for XL sizes

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We're on the Web!
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