

Owasco Owls Newsletter

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Schoolwide PBIS Incentive

We will continue to recognize students as they show respect, responsibility, honesty, and safety to earn a winter themed celebration. Teachers will continue to give out winter PBIS snowflakes to reinforce Zoom attendance, online etiquette, and work completion. As you know, remote learning requires all of us to shoulder more responsibility, be honest about our work, and practice respect and safety both online and in person. Remote learning is school... just different! It's a tall order for all of us at a time when we are pretty tired of pandemics.

We will reschedule our celebration tentatively for January 27th and 28th as an "In school" snow day with winter activities, cookies, milk, hot chocolate - and, of course, silly sweaters and/or PJs. Please help your children attend Zoom instruction and complete assignments and take ownership of these skills as appropriate for their age. Let's continue to earn those PBIS snowflakes!

Name _____

Look WHOOOOOOO's making WISE choices!


_____ Be RESPECTFUL

_____ Be RESPONSIBLE

_____ Be SAFE

_____ Be HONEST

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School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP)

In November, I shared three goals that Owasco is working to meet by June of 2021. The fourth goal is a social-emotional learning goal; Owasco will create an effective system for developing and building student social-emotional health. Our Second Step program is the resource we use to implement social emotional learning. Social emotional learning doesn't replace academic learning, but augments learning by teaching cooperation, communication, and decision making skills. Teachers use videos, visuals and stories to teach skills. More parent Information at www.secondstep.org.

Food Drive

The Owasco school community's pledge is to show kindness and responsibility towards others continues. Thank you to all of you for helping our Owasco Owls this holiday season by making a monetary or non-perishable food donation. The Owasco Parent Teacher Organization (OPT) is able to help several families with holiday meals. OPT is hoping to provide food on weekends too.

Thank you to Ms. Ouderkirk, Owasco Social Worker, and OPT for organizing!



Tune in for the Morning Announcements!

The school has joined together and created virtual morning announcements that are played each day for the school community via their Google Classrooms and live Zoom sessions. Sixth grade students, along with school librarian, Mrs Lupo gather on a Zoom session and record the pledges, birthday announcements and then transition to guest presenters.



Please contact us if you like to be a guest - share a good book, project, something new you learned....



Be well!

Stay healthy and well during the winter holiday season. The students have become very good at the use of face masks that cover their mouth and nose, frequent hand washing, and physical distancing. They are very flexible about limiting contacts and doing things a little differently to protect one another. Have a happy and healthy winter holiday!