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BOBCAT NEWS

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School Hours are 9:00am to 3:30pm

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 9 - OMMS Parent Information Night for New 6th graders, 6:30pm @ OMMS

January 12 - Rescheduled Chorus and Choir Chimes Concert, 7pm

January 16 - Schools and Offices Closed, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

OMMS Parent Information Night for New 6th graders, Message from OMMS Principal

Oakland Mills Middle School looks forward to welcoming our new 6th graders in the 2017-2018 school year! Please join us in the OMMS Cafeteria on January 9th, at 6:30 p.m., for our initial parent orientation. We will share information about the transition to middle school, the schedule and scheduling process, our PTSA, and upcoming events. Please contact us with any questions!

Kind Regards,
Megan Chrobak
Principal - Oakland Mills Middle School

Winter Chorus and Choir Chimes Concert

Due to the water main break before Winter Break, the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Chorus/Choir Chimes concert was rescheduled. The concert will now be held on **Thursday, January 12, 2017** at 7:00pm in our school gymnasium. Many of the songs to be performed will be very familiar to you. We might even ask you to sing along with us! The children are very much looking forward to the concerts. We'll see you then.

This year chorus and choir chimes students will be issued a limited number of tickets for their family members to attend the evening concert. Each performing student will be able to bring two (2) people to the concert. The use of tickets will ensure we remain within the capacity limits for our gymnasium.

GT Connection

NEW Instructional Seminars to start in February

We have some new, exciting seminars that will be starting up in February. All instructional seminars are open to all students in grades 2 - 5. If your child is interested in participating in any of these seminars, they must get an Interest Form outside the GT Room, which is opposite the Media Center. Once the completed interest form is received, if your child is selected, an acceptance letter will be sent home. That acceptance letter will tell you the start date and time, as well as what is needed for the first session. Space is limited so get your applications in early.

Completed interest forms **are due by Monday, January 30**. Acceptance letters will be sent home by Friday, February 3rd. Seminars will begin at the beginning of February. Start dates will be included on the acceptance letter.

Grade 1

"Space, Planets and Stars" Mondays at recess (11:00 - 11:30) Do you like space? In this seminar, you will learn about the planets in our solar system and about stars - like our sun. Use what you learn to create a small display to share with others.

"Lions, Tigers and Bobcats" Fridays at recess (11:00 - 11:30) Do you love animals, especially cats? In this seminar, you will learn

about wild cats. Use what you learn to create a small display to share with others how important these animals are to our world.

Grade 2

“Dice, Cards and Dominoes” Tuesdays before school (8:00 – 8:45) Do you like to play games? In this seminar you will learn many new ways in which math is connected to materials that you have around your house, while you play games with dice, cards and dominoes.

“Endangered Animals” Wednesdays before school (8:00 – 8:45) Did you know that some animals could become extinct, throughout the world? Create your own book and learn about endangered animals on earth and in the sea. Spread the word, what we can do to save our favorite creatures.

“Mechanics of Bridges” Thursdays before school (8:00 – 8:45) Did you ever wonder how bridges are constructed? Have you ever wanted to make a small model of a bridge? After studying various bridges, students will build their own version.

“Code.org” Thursdays before school (8:00 – 8:45) Did you enjoy the work you did during the Hour of Code? If so, this seminar is for you. You will learn about the basics of computer programming and create interactive games, stories, and art that you can share with others.

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Grade 4

“Sports Games” Mondays at recess (11:30 – 12:00) Are you a fan of an athletic sport? Do you love to watch the Olympics? Learn about your favorite team or athlete. Create your own board game, that you can have fun creating and playing.

“Great Mysteries” Tuesdays before school (8:00 - 8:45) Do you like to learn about new places? Do you enjoy mysteries? Research and learn about some of the great mysteries around the world.

“Tech Club” Wednesdays before school (8:00 - 8:45) Do you like to work on the computer? In this seminar you will learn about

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*** Please note that before school seminars do NOT meet if school is delayed due to inclement weather.**

SFES Unheard Perspectives – Black History EXPO Presentations

Mark your calendars. Stevens Forest will be hosting the first annual in-school Unheard Perspectives – Black History EXPO on **Tuesday, January 31st, from 8:00 am – 8:45 am in the Media Center.**

The students have been working hard this school year researching a famous Black innovator and are looking forward to sharing what they have learned with the school community.