September 22, 2016

Hello!  Here are announcements for the upcoming week.  Hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

1.  I can't wait to see everyone's book projects tomorrow!  This is one of my favorite projects.  When we are finished with our presentations, we take a picture of the project and student together then we send a tweet to the author.  Last year, we received many author tweets in return!  This is very exciting for the students!! Please remind your kiddo to return their library book.  We need to return these to the library.

2. Friday (9/23) is a half day for students. Please pick up your child at 11:45.  Lunch will not be served.  Teachers have staff development in the afternoon. 

3.  I appreciate all the parents that have already scheduled their conferences. [Click here](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/education/components/form/default.php?sectiondetailid=47041&) to view the schedule. You can still sign up by sending me an email with a time that is still available.

4.  Our first parent curriculum night will be held Tuesday, September 27th from 6-8pm!  We would love to have families join us for pizza and lots of learning about our reading and math curriculum.  After eating,  school aged children will go to their pod with supervision while parents get to learn! Please let me know if you are able to attend.  I hope to see everyone there!

September 18, 2016

Friday was the OTE Carnival and it was great to see so many of my 4th grade friends there!  I enjoyed hair spraying hair for so many kids!  Here are announcements for the upcoming week.

1.  Progress Reports are available online. You will be able to see how your students are doing for the first half of the quarter. Remember, this is a snapshot to date and the quarter ends on October 13th with grades for the quarter being available on October 21st. A letter with more details about what is included on the progress report is in your child's Friday Folder.

2. Friday (9/23) is a half day for students. Please pick your child up at 11:45.  Teachers have staff development in the afternoon.  Lunch will not be served.

3.  Students should be working on their BOOK PROJECT- it is due September 23 and class presentations will be Monday.

4.  Study Island is due Friday September 23.

5.  I appreciate all the parents that have already scheduled their conferences. [Click here](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/education/components/form/default.php?sectiondetailid=47041&) to view the schedule. You can still sign up by sending me an email with a time that is still available.

6.  You can access the assignment notebook daily. [Click here](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/education/components/calendar/default.php?sectiondetailid=67067&my_family=&d=26&m=8&y=2016&et=day).  The students are to fill it

nment notebook as this is our communication tool for projects and homework.

*7.* ***Parents, please****,* ***please do not remove papers*** *from your child's binder.  Over the past week there have been a few situations where kids didn't have papers/information they needed from the week before.  I realize we all want their binders to be neat and organized, but it's their responsibility and this is a skill we work on in class.*

8.  C3PO will meet on Monday.

9.  Our first parent curriculum night will be held Tuesday, September 27th from 6-8pm! We would love to have families join us for pizza and lots of learning about our reading and math curriculum. After eating school aged children will go to their pod with supervision while parents get to learn! Please let me know if you are able to attend!

Have a fantastic weekend!

September 11, 2016

Last week was a short week, but it felt like a regular 5-day week!  Here are the upcoming announcements:

1.  We had our first SS test on Friday.  The kids did well.  Any corrections that need to be made will be coming home on Monday and need to be returned no later than Wednesday for me to change a grade in the gradebook.  Keep an eye out.

2.  Students were assigned a Paragraph of the Week on Thursday 9/8. Parents, please edit the rough draft and sign it. The students will then type their final copy in google docs and share with me. If they share with me prior to 9/15, I will make suggestions before it's due so they have a chance to review and make any necessary changes. It's due 9/16.

3.  Early Release is on Tuesday, September 13 and it's also PICTURE DAY! You received the form last Friday in your Friday folder. Please bring to school on Tuesday.

4.  The school carnival is Friday, September 16th. Go to the PTO website to sign up and find out how to pre-order wrist bands.  
      We have library on Thursday, pelase return all library free read books.

5.  Our class average from our weekly timed math test is at 83% and this is our 4th week.  Please help kiddos spend at least 10 minutes a night practicing math fluency.  Playing  the card game, War is a fun way to work on them.  There are also several websites in my symbaloo page they are able to use.  We'll reevaluate our goal and make a new goal for the next 4 weeks.

6.  Remember the students should be working on their BOOK PROJECT- it is due October 3rd.

7.  Friday, October 16, progress reports will be available on Parent Vue. You will be able to log in online and see how your kiddos are doing for the first half of the quarter. Remember, this is a snapshot to date and the quarter ends on October 13th with gradecards for the quarter available on October 21st.  Please discuss any assignments and questions about their grades with them.  This is also a good time to create short term goals with them.

8.  Here are announcements from Mrs. Moore.

Greetings OTE Community,

Hope everyone had a great weekend, the weather was absolutely perfect!  Thanks to those who attended our all school skating party Friday.  There was truly a “Sea of Red” in honor of the KC Chiefs.  It was great to see so many students enjoying time with friends.  We appreciate your support.   **Here are announcements for the week starting September 12:**

1. **Monday will be a Day 2** on the specials schedule.
2. **Tuesday is School Picture Day!** Make sure to have students dressed for pictures (these will be the photos used for our school yearbook) and big smiles. **Tuesday is also** an **Early Dismissal day (2pm dismissal).**   School will be dismissed at **10:35am for morning kdg**. & **2:00pm** for all other students.

3.      Don’t miss it! **Overland Trail School Carnival will be held this Friday September 16 from 5:30-8:00pm.** Come one, come all, this is always a blast, with food, fun, inflatables and games.  Volunteers are needed!   OTE Carnival Wristbands, food tickets and volunteer sign up are now available online at [https://otepto.membershiptoolkit.com/](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/vm2aPexnnSWAVcM0BV6hlQ%7E%7E/AAAAAQA%7E/RgRZtu6lP0EIAKvV3oqBrS9XA3NwY1gEAAAAAEIKAAIlu9VXcWSCQVIYZG1vb3JlQGJsdWV2YWxsZXlrMTIub3JnCVEEAAAAAEQlaHR0cHM6Ly9vdGVwdG8ubWVtYmVyc2hpcHRvb2xraXQuY29tL0eoeyJ1c2VyaWQiOiIxNTIiLCJzZXF1ZW5jZSI6IjAiLCJlbnYiOiJwcm9kIiwicGVyc29uaWQiOiIxNjgyNjEiLCJzaGFyZGlkIjoiNyIsImVtYWlsU291cmNlIjoiQ1VTVE9NRVJfSk9CIiwiam9iaWQiOiIxNzQzOTUiLCJjdXN0b21lcmlkIjoiNzg1Iiwic2VudFRpbWVNcyI6IjQ1MTA3ODc1OSJ9) .

1. **OTE Photos:**  OTE is always looking for photos of our students at school events!  Please take time to share yours by forwarding them to [oteos@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:oteos@bluevalleyk12.org)
2. Please plan now to attend **OTE’s Curriculum Night, Tuesday September 27, 6:00pm.**  Fliers and RSVP forms were sent home but they are also available on the OTE Cougar Page. We will provide you various strategies to support your children in reading and math.  Don’t have a sitter? Feel free to RSVP for Pizza dinner& for student care a “G-rated” Movie night in the grade level pods for OTE students, supervised by OTE staff.  We want to help make homework time a breeze for you and your students.
3. **Community Service is collecting aluminum can tabs.** The tabs are sold to recyclers and the money used to support various charitable organizations.  Please use a plastic bag to gather tabs from everyone you know!   A big blue recycling bin is located by the fish tank and office.  These tiny tabs remind us that many small acts lead to big changes!
4. *Do you want to help out at OTE but don’t know where to begin?* Check out the OTE PTO Webpage for a listing of committees, PTO Officers, and chairpersons coordinating the various school activities.
5. **Safety Alert: Child Passenger Safety Week****:** Beginning September 18 thru September 24, the Overland Park Police Department will join other Kansas law enforcement agencies in an effort to prevent children from being injured and killed in automobile crashes. In 2013, 28 children, ages 0-17 lost their lives due to car crashes in Kansas. Sadly, 18 of those children were not wearing their seat belts, and 16 of the 18 were ejected from the vehicle.  Wearing a seat belt is the best prevention of injury or death in a vehicle.  We want adults to model good driver behavior for the children.  Throughout National Child Passenger Safety Week, September 18-24, law enforcement across Kansas will be extra-vigilant when patrolling around schools. For more than twenty years, officers have educated and warned drivers and passengers regarding the importance of using seat belts while in their vehicle.  There should be no surprises when it comes to this enforcement effort.  Officers will issue citations to individuals who do not obey Kansas law. Please slow down and be safe, especially in school zones, eliminate the distractions, and always buckle up.
6. Save the date for **Blue Valley North's Homecoming Parade, Bonfire, & Fireworks on September 22nd at 6 pm** for all BVN feeder school families!  The parade will begin and end on the Blue Valley North campus - traveling approximately 1 mile from the student parking lot, onto West 123rd, Walmer, & Lamar, before turning back onto the BVN campus between the tennis courts and football field.  Parking is available at Blue Valley North and Valley Park Elementary.  The entire BVN feeder school community is invited to the parade, pep rally/bonfire, & fireworks immediately after the parade.  Come join us as we support our BVN Mustangs!
7. **Upcoming Important Dates:**

**9/16**             2nd Grade Field Trip 8:45-noon

Progress Reports available online after 4:00 pm

OTE CARNIVAL 5:30 – 8:00 pm

**9/19**             C3PO Club 3:40-4:45 pm

2-5th  Grade Cultural Arts program: The Coterie presents “The  Presidents!”

**9/20**             Cougar Chorus Rehearsal  7:45 am

Birthday Book Luncheon – during grade level lunch

**9/22**             Cougar Chorus Rehearsal  7:45 am

Cougar Dens 9:00 am

**9/23**             **HALF DAY DISMISSAL GRADE 1-5/ NO KINDERGARTEN CLASSES**

**9/27** OTE Curriculum Night 6:00 pm

**Thanks for all you do to support OTE!**

**~Doris**

Have a great upcoming week!

September 4, 2016

Happy Labor Day!  Here are announcements for the week.

1.  On Tuesday, 9/6 is Books and Breakfast for the boys. Parents and boys can come to the library at 8am and bring breakfast to share with your kiddo while you read in the library.

1.  Today, the Paragraph of the Week came home today and is due Friday September 2.  We've completed a paragraph of the week in class so the students know what is expected of them. I also broke down recommendations on how to complete the paragraph in hopes they do not wait until the last day to complete.  I also would like them to type in **google docs** and share with me.  My email address is **jdittemore@bluevalleyk12.org** They will need to return the purple sheet, rought draft (with parent signature) and illustration unless they illustrate their **google doc**.  If they have any questions, please have them ask me.  I'll be at school all week.  :) They may complete and turn in early for me to review and return before it's due, so they can make corrections.