



## Parent Tribal News... March/April 2017



Can you believe that we have just about nine weeks left of school? This year has flown by quickly.



**March 10<sup>th</sup> is a teacher workday, a student holiday and the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks grading period.** Teachers will be in contact with you if a parent conference is needed. Classes resume on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your long weekend!

March is Oconee County Youth Art Month at the Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation in Watkinsville. Please stop by to view some beautiful artwork from all of the public and private schools. The exhibition will run until March 23<sup>rd</sup>.



*Cultural Arts Night is Tuesday from 6:00-8:00. Please come and experience a night of fun showcasing the arts and athletics. There will be Artome' Art Show in the Gym featuring framed artwork from each student at OCES, as well as a silent auction made up of artwork created by 5<sup>th</sup> grade Advanced Art students. Student musical performances will be in the gym, and face painting and bracelet making in the cafeteria. Home Depot will be in Pod D creating woodcrafts, UGA Gymnastics in the Music room, Borders Karate in Pod C, and authors/illustrators in the Art room. Fox's Pizza will be selling pizza in the cafeteria, and Freddy's will have a custard sundae bar set up in the gym for a tasty dessert you can purchase. It will be very exciting, so please don't miss it!*

Later this semester **Oconee County Schools will break ground on a new elementary school** located on Hog Mountain Road/Georgia Highway 53 between Osborne and Dewey Roads, and the Oconee County Board of Education is seeking ideas for the school's name. By virtue of Board Policy FDC, the board is charged with naming schools, and those names must carry geographic designators. Please see the OCES website to submit your ideas.



**Daylight Savings Time starts March 12<sup>th</sup>.** Don't forget to move your clocks forward.

Spring Pictures will be on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>!  
Pictures will be taken during the Activity Period.



# School Council

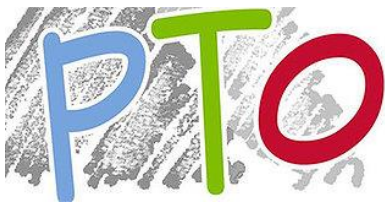
School Council will meeting at 7:00 am on Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have anything you want discussed at the meeting, please see one of the School Council Representatives and share your thoughts.

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.



Our Spring Book Fair will be March 24<sup>th</sup> - March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please put these dates on your calendar and stop by to check out all the new books that will be for sale!

We will be MAP testing from March 20<sup>th</sup> until March 30<sup>th</sup>. All students will be taking a MAP test in Reading, Language and Math. Please encourage your child to do their best on their test. We are expecting students to make their project growth for the year. They can do it!!! We believe in them.



There will be a PTO meeting on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. This meeting will be held during the day at 10:30. We will begin looking at events, celebrations and many other things for next year. Come join us! See you there!

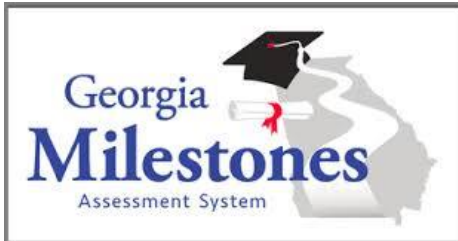
Don't forget the Dental Bus will be here on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> for those students who have signed up to participate.



Spring Break will be from April 3<sup>rd</sup>- April 7<sup>th</sup>. Classes resume on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. When you return, we will have 28 days of school left! Can you believe it? Hope you have a great break!

# 2017 OCES SuperHero Dance

We are looking for our attendance superheroes to come and join us at the Annual SuperHero Attendance party. How???? If students have 5 or less absences/tardies from now until the end of the year, they will be able to join OCES staff at a dance party during school while enjoying great snacks and lots of fun. Make sure and help your child to secure a spot by being at school every day and on time. The party will take place on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 2.



Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the Georgia Milestones test between the dates of April 11<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. The GA Milestones assessments are designed to measure student progress toward attainment of Georgia state standards and will be utilized as an indicator of teacher and leader effectiveness within the teacher and leader evaluation systems. Please refer to our school website for the

days your child will be taking the test. The GA Milestones assessments will be administered during windows of time that can occur either in the morning or the afternoon. Features the Georgia Milestone Assessment System include:

- \* Open-ended (constructed-response) items in language arts and mathematics (all grades and courses)
- \* A writing component (in response to passages read by students) at every grade level and course within the language arts assessment

Please know that our daily schedules will be off during the testing window. We kindly request that you not plan to eat with your child during this time as the daily schedule will be different each day. Please make sure your child is at school and on time as testing will begin promptly at 8:00 each morning. Thank you for your support!

## Hope you have a wonderful Spring Break!

Thanks!  
Ashley Templeton  
OCES Principal



"Attitude is Everything!!"