



The Eagle's Nest

Thought for the Month:

“When you talk, do not say harmful things, but say what people need—words that will help others become stronger. Then what you say will do good to those who listen to you.”

Ephesians 3:16

Get Ready!!! Yard Sale is coming!

Everyone! Get Ready...Get Set... Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 18th. This will be our annual yard sale. Start spring cleaning and bring us your unwanted stuff! We will take everything but clothes. Large furniture items cannot be accepted until the Thursday prior (5/16) because we

don't have a place to store it. Bring boxed items NOW! Make sure everything is INSIDE the box and the lid closes (we must be able to stack them). If it doesn't fit in a box, it can't be dropped off until May 16th. We are looking for volunteers to help set up on the 16th and 17th; bake items



for our bake sale; work the bake sale; work the yard sale; and clean up afterwards (from about 1:30pm until we are done). Call the office to help!

Student of the Month

Mrs. Crystal's Class:
Dash Yoder

Mrs. Mack's Class:
Abigail Dininny

Mr. Mack's Class:
Laila Ortiz

Mrs. Gwenna's Class:
Isaac Byars

Mr. Pennington's Class:
Duncan Miles

Mrs. Anna's Class:
Elizabeth Danheim

Miss Digges Class:
Natalie Almarez

Pizza & Dress Down

4/12 4/19
4/26

NEW Welcome Center Entrance Procedures

Effective April 15th: all parents/guardians & individuals authorized to pick up students, who are not readily recognized by our Welcome Center Volunteers, will be asked to provide Identification upon entering the building when picking up their child before the end of the school day. If you are bringing a forgotten lunch or book bag, you will be asked to verify your identity before you can proceed to a PK2 through Kindergarten rooms. Parents of students in 1st through 8th grade will **NOT BE PERMITTED** to go to the classroom during school hours. Your child will be called out of class to retrieve any personal items you drop off for them.

Terracycle News

Do you recycle? If not, why not? Do any of the following reasons sound like one of yours?

1. "Recycling is inconvenient."
2. "I do not have enough space in my home to recycle."
3. "If they paid me, I'd recycle."
4. "Recycling doesn't make a difference. So why do it?"
5. "It is just too hard to do."

While environmentalists can probably cite many reasons why they believe recycling is important, I will offer one that compels me to do my part. We serve an Awesome God who created this planet and then gave us the responsibility to tend to it and care for it. Logic tells me that recycling is an obvious response to that charge. And that's reason enough for me.

Now, with that said, I want to talk with you about our Terracycle program. Terracycle is the organization we work with to collect all of the "recycling" items we ask you to send to the school. Terracycle works like this: Corporate sponsors pay Terracycle to collect specific trash items (called brigades). Terracycle invites individuals and businesses (that's us) to partner with them in collecting the trash. The trash we collect and send to Terracycle earns us points that can then be turned into cash and donated to any non-profit we designate. Of

course, as you may already know, we are our own non-profit and we benefit by the donations.

Since joining the program in 2010 we have collected nearly \$600 for the trash we sent in! While this is an awesome effort for a small school like ours, I want to encourage us to "step it up a notch". And we can only do so by reaching out to you, the families of our academy, and ask you to become our 'partners'. I am very grateful to the families who participate in our program and see the excitement in the children's faces when the school mascot (our Eagle) is awarded to the winning classroom for our monthly contest. But it's time to take this to the next level.

All of the working parents have an opportunity to help by sponsoring a 'collections center' at your work place. We can provide a collection bin (probably a Rubbermade tote) appropriate for work place collections. All we need from you is to clear the project with your boss, or command, and place the tote in a convenient location for collections to be dropped off. While we participate in 12 or 13 brigades, and not all are appropriate for collections in your office setting, there are some that would work wonders. Some that come to mind are: chip bags, writing instruments, solo cups, scotch tape dispensers, ink jet or

toner cartridges, and cell phones. Of course, I would allow you, as the parent partner, to decide what brigades to promote in your office work space. Only you, know what would work best!

So, can I get some of you to 'partner' with OVCA to organize an office collection center in your work place? If we had just ONE parent from each classroom, we could probably expect our program to bring in 5-6 times MORE trash than ever. That means that the \$600 earnings could turn into \$3600! Can you imagine what we could do with that amount of money? I sure can! It could buy new sports equipment! It could buy new computers for our computer lab. It could buy new furniture to replace some of the stuff that is wearing out in our classrooms! It could buy...you fill in the blank!

Amy and I dream big for our school. All we ask is for you to dream big with us! Call us today if you feel called to help or want to take the first steps in providing a collection center at your work place! Your participation is vital if we want to "step it up and take it to the next level".

Here's to our partnership!

Cookie Chinworth

Brigade Lists

Juice Pouches (any brand)

Writing instruments (no pencils)

Personal care and Beauty packaging

Toner cartridges

Oral care, deodorant, mouthwash packaging

Chip bags (any Brand)

Solo cups (#6 only)

Baby food pouches (any)

Tape dispensers

Lunchables (any brand)

Dairy tubs (lids too)

Ink cartridges

Cell phones

A complete list is available in the Welcome Center or can be downloaded on our website at www.ovcacademy.com