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Innovation Middle School



O'Maley Happenings – Friday, December 5th, 2014

What's happening at O'Maley this week?

Early Release – *Tuesday, December 9th*
11:00am – Staff Professional Development.

Term 2 Progress Report – *go home on*
Friday, December 12th with students.

Attention parents of 7th grade

students: Last week we sent home a flyer with information about next year's class trip to Washington DC. The tour company has extended the incentive for early registration. The parent information meeting will be held in January, but if you know your child will want to go, it's to your advantage if you sign up before the end of the month. Please contact Mr. Strong if you have any questions.

Join our Email List - *Parents and Guardians -*
If you would like to be part of our email system to receive updates and our weekly newsletter, please sign up on the O'Maley website. On the main page in the left column choose Links and on the next page under Additional Online Resources choose Parent Mailing List.

O'Maley Band and O'Maley Academy

Vocal Performance Club *Please join us in the O'Maley auditorium from 7:00-8:00 P.M. on*
TONIGHT *Friday, December 5, 2014 as the O'Maley Band and O'Maley Academy Vocal Performance Club combine talents for a "Songs of the Season" holiday concert. In lieu of ticket sales, food/monetary donations to The Open Door will be collected upon entry.*

Word Generation is here!!!

*In Word Generation, This week's words were: **alter, compound, conflict, fundamental, substitute.** They came from a passage asking - "Steroids: Substance abuse or an innocent boot for athletes?" New words coming up across all content areas the week of December 15th are: **diversity, enhance, migration, presume, reveal.** These words come from a passage asking - "Mummies: Who owns the dead?" Ask your kids about the topics, and the words! Join the conversation!*

New "Honor a Teacher Program" Introduced!

The Gloucester Education Foundation (GEF) is pleased to introduce a new way to recognize our district's teachers, your child's house, and any staff member(s) whether it is a bus driver, cafeteria worker, custodian, or guidance counselor. This recognition program provides an opportunity for parents and others to honor individuals in the school community who have meaningfully impacted your child's education.

Please check the yellow flyer in your child's backpack for the kick off letter which includes a form to get you started in time for the holidays. Or, hit the link, www.thinkthebest.org and click on "Honor a Teacher" and complete the prompts and process a secure debit/credit card payment or donation via Pay Pal.

All donations go directly to GEF, which drives innovation, encourages creativity, and expands student opportunities at your child's school. Your honored staff member receives a letter acknowledging your child's gift. Donation amounts remain confidential and are tax deductible. There is also a spot on the form to include a short message to your special teacher or staff member that is included in the body of the acknowledgement letter.

An electronic version of the back pack flyer is attached to this week's O'Maley Happenings for your convenience. The GEF Honor a Teacher Task Force is grateful to have so many dedicated staff members at the O'Maley Innovation Middle School and this new program is one way of saying thanks for a job well done!