

O'MALEY

Innovation Middle School



O'Maley Happenings – Friday, January 16th, 2015

What's happening at O'Maley this week?

King Arthur Flour Company ran

assemblies at school yesterday for our 6th and 7th graders....teaching our kids how to bake bread! Now, as part of their community service program, our students were given supplies to make two loaves of bread over the coming weekend at home. Families are welcome to enjoy one of the loaves and the other should be brought into school on Tuesday, January 20th. All of those loaves will be donated to the Open Door Food Pantry. -- Thank you!!

Word Generation is here!!!

In Word Generation, This week's words were: **intervention, phenomenon, priority, suspend, and transmit.** These words come from the passage asking – "Asthma: More than a medical problem?" Next week's words are: **abandon, biased, contemporary, dramatic, and exploit.** These words come from the passage asking – "Today's news: Information or entertainment?" Ask your kids about the topics, and the words! Join the conversation!

Two Points Regarding Washington DC:

First, for 8th grade students who are not enrolled in the automatic payment plan, all trips must be paid in full by February 28, 2015. Payments can be made directly online through the tour company website or by sending a check to Mr. Strong's attention here at school.

For the parents of current 7th

graders: There is a mandatory meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 27th at 6:30 PM in the O'Maley Auditorium for anyone who is interested in next year's trip. Detailed information will be provided at this time. Students are welcome to attend meeting as well.

Jalapenos fundraiser - Monday, February 16th. Please see attached flyer:

Term 2 Ends on – Friday, January 23rd – Report Cards go home with students on Friday, January 30th.

Save the Date: Polar Express Dance

Seventh grade will be sponsoring a dance with the Polar Express theme.

January 23rd, 6-8pm

Tickets are \$5 at the door, but if students purchase in advance they will be entered into the drawing for a \$25 gift certificate...no extra charge!

Hot Chocolate and Cider along with snack will be available to purchase.

All monies are applied to 7th grade field trips and field day and a portion goes to the general O'Maley fund. --- **See attached....**

Ever wonder what O'Maley looks like during the day?

Are you curious about what an Innovation school is? What is the STEM lab? All those answers and more can be discovered during **the O'Maley Innovation Middle School monthly tours 9:15 – 10:00am. The next date is: Thursday, January 22, and also on February 26, March 26, April 30, and May 28th.**

The tour begins and ends in the O'Maley library with coffee and pastries with Principal Debra Lucey. Guidance counselors and students will conduct the tours of selected classrooms, the O'Maley STEM suite, cafeteria and auditorium.

Reminder to all Parents: please do not block the buses when picking up afterschool.

Anxiety: A Parent's Guide for School Aged Children

January 22 @ 6:00 PM - Sawyer Free Library
Anxiety is a growing behavioral health concern among our school age children.

O'Maley Student Assistance Counselor Daniel Graham, LCSW will facilitate a conversation to answer these and other questions parents may have about anxiety.

Daniel Graham is a licensed certified social worker with a B.A. in Psychology and a Masters in Social Work. He is currently the Student Assistance Counselor at O'Maley Innovation Middle School in Gloucester. email dgraham@gloucester.k12.ma.us for further information