Two MS students, Simon and Ben, announced their upcoming mission trip to Haiti on October 10. They will be collecting sunglasses, prescription eyeglasses, and reading glasses to distribute while they are there. Details coming via email and the MS Messenger.

SCOTT HARDISTER: Announcements from the Middle School Head
- Flexivities are starting tomorrow; ask your middle schooler what they chose.
- eGathering emails (highlights of announcements from daily student gatherings) have started; please give feedback to PAL reps over the next couple of months.
- Huge turn out this semester for MS athletics
- Fall conferences and dates for ERBs are now set.
- No school next Friday as OES hosts a Fall Educator’s Conference; participants coming from all over the Pacific Northwest, 25-30 of our teachers are presenting; their presentations may make it onto future PAL agendas
- If you know your child will be absent from school, please notify the office at msattend@oes.edu. Students should also alert their teachers and work out assignments with them as well.
- David Gomes and Nancy Teskey are both recovering well and should be back at school very soon.
- Please make sure your student arrives on time for Gathering each morning. It is a brief 12 minutes and an important start to the day.

ANNA ROZZI: MS Service Learning Coordinator
- Why have Service Learning? -- to demonstrate that everyone can make a difference, and a community working together can make a big difference
- Looking for those “oh my” moments, when you see or experience something and the world will never look the same again (reference to Paul Farmer’s book Mountains Beyond Mountains)
- Expose students to experiences that will change their perspectives, different ways to interact within our community, and a chance to develop a passion
- Service Learning is teaching AND learning, using knowledge and skills to address genuine community needs
- Emphasis is on best practices, meaningful and strong student voices, lasting partnerships incorporating the Essential Competencies
- In the Middle School, the projects are primarily by grade and advisory, 9:00-12:30, three times per year:
  - 6th grade: Markham Head Start
  - 7th grade: Meals on Wheels and Loaves and Fishes
  - 8th grade: Blanchet House
- Other Service Learning projects are curricularly connected, eg. Science classes working with clean water projects
• SLICK: Service Learning Is Cool and Kind – a Flexivity that gives students a larger voice; 13 students, 8th grade leadership; They will coordinate bake sales and giving opportunities, give input on organizations to assist
• Working on promoting activities on digital media (#OEService), adding intentional reflection time for learning, and making more projects have a curricular connection.

RUCHI PRAKASH: Parent Service Learning Volunteer Coordinator
• Lots of drivers needed for Advisory Service Learning trips: must take the driver certification class offered at OES and complete a background check.
• Drivers needed for October 15

JODI WILKINS: MS Volunteer Coordinator
• volunteer needs: volleyball team parent – blue team and B team; DEAR bakers 1st Friday of every month; Lego Robotics team parent; library helpers one hour/week all year; PAL note taker for each PAL meeting. Links located in MS Messenger or email jodiwilkins@me.com

FRANCES PHILIPS: Book Fair
• OES Book Fair 2.0 this year will see some changes, yet much the same
• Different: Book Fair will be Friday, November 14 through Monday, November 17 during store hours at Annie Bloom's Books in Multnomah Village, 7834 SW Capital Highway, Portland; we will have the entire well-curated store from which to shop instead of just a sampling of books; Because the Fair is off-site, students will not be transported there by the school; watch the MS Messenger for details about the Parent Bus trip from OES to the Fair on Monday, November 14 and Friday, November 17.
• Same: fantastic selection of books, including Hot Picks suggested by our amazing librarians; Annie Bloom’s will donate 20% of all OES sales that weekend to FOESL for reading related activities and programs; many volunteers still needed; details for pre-ordering so that you don’t miss a chance at buying your favorites coming in the next week.

PATRICK FULLER: MS Librarian
• mid-month book talk planned to highlight book selections, but in the meantime, please consider ...
  o Space Case by Stuart Gibbs – Tom Sawyer meets the Hardy Boys in this murder mystery set in the sci-fi world of a colony on the moon
  o Sisters by Raina Telgemeier – semi-autobiographical story of a family road trip from San Francisco to Colorado, and the strengthening relationship between two sisters

CAROL TIMM: OES Fund
• October is dedicated to the Annual Fund, and it kicks off today!
• Tuition is like a doughnut – it covers around the circle, but there is a hole in the middle; gifts to the Annual Fund fill in that hole to cover everything from
the arts to science equipment to technology to athletics: Every child. Every
day.
• Please consider making OES one of your top three giving priorities this year
• 100% of our faculty and staff have already given

Sarah Grenert-Funk
• Wonder Day lives on as the MS continues to explore and implement ideas
  from Wonder by R. J. Palacio
• The faces from the beginning of the year are down, but the Middle School
  Commons is filled with quotes, mottoes, and precepts from the book; check
  them out and be inspired
• 6th grade trip focused heavily on Wonder-based attitudes, and upcoming
  chapel services will reflect Wonder themes as well

Adjourned for grade-level break out sessions.