The Midwinter Madness Bunny (part of this year’s “Alice in Midwinter Wonderland” theme) previews a new fundraiser, “the Bunny Hug,” at the MWM Kickoff Assembly last Thursday. Assisting is MWM committee member Alex O. ‘17. Midwinter Madness fundraising events continue through Feb. 10, with all proceeds going to Outside In to support services to homeless youth in Portland.

[Photo by Carla Zilaff / OES Admissions Office]
NEWS FROM JORDAN ELLIOTT, HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

February is State of the School month at OES. On Monday of this week, we kicked off our month of presentations at 9th Grade PAL and for all OES Employees. I encourage you to join us for the open parent meeting on Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00 pm in the Dining Hall. This evening presentation will focus on the financial state of the school. Also, please join us for grade level PALs throughout the month to hear an update on our programmatic reflections and initiatives.

Follow me on Twitter for updates of what’s going on in the Upper School and for trends in education: @OESheadUS.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2-6 Midwinter Madness Mega-Bake Sale, 7:30am, Great Hall (while supplies last)
February 4 Senior-Faculty Basketball Game, 3:20pm, OES Gym
State of the School, 7:00pm, location TBD
February 7 US Semi Dance & Casino Night, 8:00pm, Bossanova Ballroom
February 8 Senior Tea, 3:00pm, Portland Golf Club
February 9 10th Grade PAL, 8:00am, DVR
Bubble Soccer, 7:00pm, OES Gym
February 12-16 No US Classes (Conferences / President's Day)
February 17 11th Grade PAL: State of the School, 8:00am, DVR
February 19 Science Exhibits Open to Public, 8:00am, SPARC
February 20 Science Fair Judging, 8:00am, SPARC
Science Fair Open House, 6:30pm, SPARC
Science Fair Awards, 7:30pm, SPARC

SCHOOL NOTES

(NEW) Semi-Formal Dance
The Community Board has again partnered with Midwinter Madness to organize this year’s Semi-Formal Dance. The dance will takes place Saturday, February 7, at the Bossanova Ballroom (722 East Burnside Street, Portland, OR 97214). The venue is close to restaurants in downtown with plenty of nearby public parking. The event, which includes a dance, “Casino Night” with funny money, and the new Mad Hatter Rec Room, begins at 8pm and will conclude at 11pm. Event proceeds will go to Outside In, this year’s beneficiary of the dorms
Midwinter Madness. Students can register in advance at the discounted price of $5 ($10 day of event). All students are encouraged to attend.

**NEW** Senior Tea Reminder

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF SENIORS:**

**Senior Tea**

Sunday, February 8, 2015

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Portland Golf Club

*(no denim or cell phones allowed)*

If you have not already RSVP’d for the Senior Tea and would like to attend please contact Anne Weston at westona@oes.edu or 503-416-9390.

**Volunteer Needs**

- OES Aardvark Science Exposition Volunteer Opportunities

(more info below in Science Expo section ↓):

- **Science Expo Hosts**
  - Science Expo Judges; if interested please contact Tanja Horvat.

**We are still in need of judges!** (12th grade parents now eligible, see Science Expo info below)

- Most wanted Live Science:
  - environmental
  - plant science
  - medicine & health
- Most wanted Physical Sciences:
  - engineering
  - physics

For more information see the [Aardvark Science Expo webpage](#).

**Illness Information**

With the cold season upon us, many times this means the peak of the Flu season, it is a good reminder to encourage our students to practice good hand washing and use of Kleenex.

Please do not send your child to school if they experience any of the following symptoms:

- a temperature greater than 100.4
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- rash
- unusually sleepy or lethargic
- active cough

Additionally, coughs can be hard to manage because they can linger over a period of time while the student may no longer be
contagious. Please do not send your child with a new, largely productive cough unless cleared by their physician as coughs can be very distracting as well as possibly very contagious. **Before students return to school, they need to be symptom free for 24 hours.** Questions? Contact **Elaine Elliott**.

**Attendance**

With the many ill students this time of year, please remember to call or email in advance if your child is going to miss school or be late for any reason. Doing so will help us keep your child safe. Email **USattend** or call US Attendance Coordinator, Alison Nugent, at (503) 768-3169.

**Honeywell Instant Alert**

With Winter upon us, it is important to be ready for what nature throws our way. OES contracts with an emergency announcement calling service that will notify families of school delays and closures and other emergencies. In order to receive these announcements, you must register with Honeywell Instant Alert. [Learn more](#).

**Dining Hall News**

The OES dining hall has launched a new website, Cafe Bon Appetit, which offers the ability to sort the menu by dietary preferences and to sign up for a daily email with that day's menu offerings. Check it out! On the main page is green text that says "View Weekly Menu." By clicking that, you can see the menu for the whole week. Do you want to keep up on what's happening in the OES dining hall? Are you interested in the Bon Appetit story or how Bon Appetit stumbled into sustainability? Check us out on [Facebook at Bon Appetit @ OES](#).

**NEW MIDWINTER MADNESS 2015**

**WINTER FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT OUTSIDE IN**

The Upper School’s annual winter fundraiser, **Midwinter Madness**, is underway. The theme is “Alice in Midwinter Wonderland.” We had a great Kickoff Assembly on Jan. 29, and through Feb. 10 we are staging various events to raise money for **Outside In**, a non-profit organization that provides wrap-around services and support to homeless youth in Portland. This cluster of fun, student-planned and student-run events will take place **Jan. 29-Feb. 10**.

Parents are encouraged to attend and support the various Midwinter Madness events.

This year’s planned events include:

- **CRUSH sales**, in which students (and parents!) can send a bottle of CRUSH soda to someone they have a “crush” on.
**Virtual CRUSHes:** Send a virtual CRUSH via email to a recent alum or another loved one who isn't on campus! Please email Chris Myers to arrange virtual CRUSHes.

**MWM Kisses:** Send a small package of chocolate kisses to a friend or loved one. $2 each, on sale at the CRUSH table in the Great Hall

**GorillaGrams:** Have your CRUSH delivered by a dancing gorilla! Prices vary, but start at $20

The annual **Senior-Faculty Basketball Game**, at 3:20 p.m. **Wednesday, February 4**, in the OES gym.

Admission: $4. Senior parents may donate to the senior team's pregame fundraising effort, in which every $10 counts.

"The Mad Hatter's Rec Room" @ Semi, 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Bossanova Ballroom. This is a combination of our traditional casino night and a game room. Students can purchase funny money to play card games when they are taking a break from dancing, or can purchase access to a game room for unlimited pool, SkeeBall, and video games. Funny money and rec-room access are available for pre-purchase before the Semi at a slightly discounted rate. Everyone who buys funny money or access to the game room is eligible for a variety of non-cash prizes. **Parent volunteers needed to deal cards!** If you are interested and available, please sign-up on VolunteerSpot here: [Midwinter Madness]

**Mega-Bake Sales**, Monday-Thursday, Feb. 2-6 in the Great Hall, from 7:30 a.m. until baked goods run out each day.

**Bubble Soccer:** This brand-new Midwinter Madness event is sure to be fun and entertaining. It will take place from 7-9:00pm Monday, February 9, in the gym. Admission is $5 per person.

Parents, please be aware that students will be allowed to charge Midwinter Madness purchases to their OES accounts. You may wish to discuss with your child some limitations on these charges. Midwinter Madness purchases may also be made with cash or with checks made out to OES (please indicate "Midwinter Madness" in the memo space). Approximately 50-75 percent of all Midwinter Madness purchases are tax-deductible, depending on the event/item.

More information about Outside In is available at
If you have questions about Midwinter Madness, please contact the faculty coordinator, **Chris Myers**, by phone or email: (503) 416-9352.

**(NEW) OES AUCTION 2015**

**Operation Alert 1**

Code Name:
RSVPB4227

**Please RSVP by February 27**
The Auction Invitation drops have all been made at secret agent dwellings of record. **Please RSVP no later than February 27** (February 13 for patrons) to reserve your spot. You can RSVP by mail or online here. The auction sold out early the last two years, so please don't wait!

**Operation Alert 2**

Code Name: D2WOW

**Please Make a Donation to the Wall of Wine**
The Wall of Wine (WOW) is a popular auction night attraction that features 200+ bottles of wine and typically raises $5,000.00 for our community. We are currently in **need of 140 more** donated bottles of wine to meet this fundraising goal. Please donate a bottle (or two...) today.

**Your WOW mission, should you choose to accept it:**
Grab a bottle of red, white or sparkling from your home or a store, valued at or above $20. Label it with your name (add the estimated value if you know it). Make the drop in the Charlton Room in the Morris House (across from Admissions) or contact parent volunteer **Jaime Sales** at to arrange for a handoff or pickup.

**Short on time or selection ideas? Simply phone it in:**

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Just call one of the wine stores we’ve partnered with, mention the OES auction, and give them your price point and credit card number. They can select and/or deliver the bottle(s) FOR you.

Sec Wines: 1717 NE 19th Ave. Contact: Eric Pottmeyer 503.805.5871 or eric@secwines.com
E & R Wine Shop: 6141 SW Macadam Ave. Contact: Richard Elden 503.246.6101

Change of Status Alert
All OES operatives have passed security clearance and are urgently needed for the following missions:

Mission 1: Tues, Feb 10 Work Party: All agents capable of gluing, cutting, and measuring have been placed on the pre-approved list. Please confirm your participation here.

Mission 2: Fri, Mar 13 to Mon Mar 16 "Weekend of" Volunteer Opportunities: If your auction weekend assignments permit, please sign up to help the day before, day of, night of, and/or Monday after the auction.

Please consider helping to load/unload the vans on Friday, set up the auction on Saturday, assist with silent auction closing or check out Saturday night, or unload the vans back at school Monday. Without our volunteers we could never succeed in pulling off an amazing auction.

Thank you for contributing your time and talents to help our children, school and community.

The preceding includes eyes only information -- please destroy after reading

(NEW) ADMISSIONS

Re-Enrollment for 2015-16
Enrollment Contracts for the 2015-2016 school year are once again paperless! Visit www.oes.edu/enroll2015 for the link to the contract, tuition, key calendar dates, TRP information, and more. Like last year, you will be given the option to pay your deposit using an e-check. We will not be accepting credit card payments for enrollment deposits. Contracts and deposits are due back by February 17.

Financial Aid
If you are applying for financial aid for the 2015-2016 school year, you need to submit your Parent Financial Statement (PFS) online - http://sssbynais.org/parents by February 9.
Returning applicants will want to use the SAME login and password they used last year for their information to carryover. View a list of required supporting tax documents and due dates here.

(NEW) OES SERVICE LEARNING

SERVICE-LEARNING NOTES
Reports on Service-Learning hours and projects are included in first Semester Comments for all students. Please let Robin know if the record looks incorrect, so we can get it up to date.

SENIORS need to communicate with Robin Schauffler to make sure their plans are in order for completing the Service-Learning requirement.

Don’t forget to check the updated Service-Learning opportunities page for new options ON and OFF campus. Including ON campus jobs for the Parent Conference days, Thurs-Fri Feb. 12-13.

Go to Hands-On-Portland and find date-specific volunteer events at a variety of places all over town, or CLICK HERE for the OES Service Learning website’s list of projects and agencies that always welcome volunteers, anytime.

Remember, if your child is looking for a way to earn Service-Learning hours, design a Service-Learning Project, or use his or her Power for Good, the Service-Learning Opportunities Page is constantly updated with new options for ON and OFF campus hours and projects. Don’t let these opportunities go to waste! You will also find on the website all the details of the Service-Learning Requirement. Questions or suggestions? Contact Robin Schauffler, 503-416-9308.

(NEW) COLLEGE COUNSELING

SAT Prep at OES
This two-week course will teach students the critical reading, math and writing skills that are needed to perform well on the SAT. Students will gain hands-on experience through taking a practice SAT and will learn effective score-enhancing strategies that are specific to the SAT. In addition, we will cover the psychology of test-taking as well as proven methods for overcoming test anxiety. Each student will receive their own book, The Official SAT Study Guide 2. With the SAT scheduled on May 4, this is a great opportunity to get prepared!

Instructor Douglas Bloch, a teacher, author and counselor, obtained his BA in math and psychology from New York University and his MA in counseling from the University of Oregon. He is the author of 12 books on personal development, including The Power of Positive Talk: Words to
Help Every Child Succeed.

11th-12th Grade
April 18 & 25 (2 classes)
Saturday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Location: DC 206
Cost: $160 (includes SAT book)

**SAT/ACT Tests**
Seniors, please note the following test dates and registration deadlines. Enter the school code when you register (380915) and if you are taking the ACT, it is important to include the optional writing test. There is a late registration deadline for each test date that requires an additional fee. See the testing websites for additional information.

**SAT/ACT Dates and (Registration Deadline):**

- **SAT Testing**
  - March 14
  - May 2
  - June 6

- **ACT testing**
  - February 7
  - April 18
  - June 13

(NEW) **BOY’S & GIRL’S GOLF PARENT MEETING**

This meeting is for anyone and everyone who has a son or daughter who is planning on playing Golf this year in the Upper School. It will be in the MS commons on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 6:30pm. Valuable information about the program will be given along with calendar dates for practices and matches. If your son or daughter is coming out to play OES Golf this year, at least one parent must attend this very important meeting, even if he/she has played OES Golf before. Any questions, please contact Coach Missy Smith at smithm@oes.edu.

(NEW) **MEAL RESERVATIONS IN DINING HALL**

The food service staff makes only enough food for the boarding program other than school day lunches. Most days we can increase the amount of food we prepare if dinner is requested with 24 hours’ notice. Weekend meal requests need to be made no later than 10:00 am Thursday morning.

Faculty, staff, parents, guests and students are expected to pay for their meals by signing in, or when appropriate, charging to a budget account.
If you make dinner reservations and you do not cancel by 2:00 pm the day of your reservation, you will be charged for the extra food that was prepared for you.

*Please note that there may be times we are not able to accommodate requests.

You can make arrangements to dine in the OES Dining Hall by emailing Kelly Cowing at cowingk@oes.edu

**Updated Pricing 2014-2015:**
Breakfast $4.00
Lunch $ 4.50
Dinner $7.00
Wednesday Dinner $9.00
Sunday Brunch $9.00

(NEW) PERFORMING ARTS

11th Annual Student One-Acts!
February, 25th-28th, Curtain up at 7:00PM

Developed in the first semester playwriting class, three pieces of student work have been chosen for production under the supervision and direction of Art Ward and Gabriel Edge.

This year's One Act's are:

**Pass The Salt**, by Natalie Berger
After a dramatic break-up, Nora writes about her ideal boyfriend on her computer, and the following morning, her manifestation comes to life. This one act light-heartedly and humorously examines the flaws that exist within relationships.

**Absolutely**, by Sophia Anderson
Marigold, a sweet but rules-oriented humanitarian, has her life turned upside down after a bizarre encounter with a spell-casting homeless man when walking to her car one night. With the help of her friends, she learns to cope with herself and her new "blessing". What will she do when she learns to use it to it's full potential?

**Ain't That A Shame**, by Roz Sullivan-Lovett
Taking place in 1956, *Ain't That a Shame* concerns two hit men whose personal lives are thrown into disarray when they mistakenly rough up a civil servant. Shots are fired, hearts are broken, and a dinner party is absolutely ruined.

Tickets for the show will be released on February 9th, and are available initially on a two tickets per household limit. There is a $10 per ticket suggested tax deductible donation at the door, (payable by check or cash only) Students of OES will not be asked for a donation for their ticket.

For tickets, information about the show's production, and the Performing Arts Department, please click here:
http://oesgreenroom.blogspot.com/

See you at the show!

**VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS**

**ARTS WEEK is Coming Soon (Feb. 23-28, 2015)**
The Visual and Performing Arts Department and the Music Department will be celebrating the Arts from all Divisions Monday Feb 23 through Saturday Feb 28th. The Winter One Acts open Wednesday evening, Feb. 25th, and run through Saturday, Feb 28th. We will have music performances and student and guest speakers in Chapel, and mini arts workshops for students and staff. Keep your eyes open for more details to come!

**JUNIOR PARENTS: SENIOR GRADUATION PARTY CHAPERONES NEEDED**

Each year the current 11th grade parents host an all-night (11 PM to 5 AM) fun, safe and memorable party for the graduating seniors. This is a “pay it forward” thing, so we will be able to relax next year when our own children graduate and next year’s 11th grade parents plan the party. **We need about 60 volunteers** to ensure the success of the evening; so ALL the local 11th grade parents are needed to help out with the planning and/or chaperoning of the event. It will be a very special night for the seniors. It will be challenging for all of us over the age of 18 to be up in the middle of the night, but the shifts are manageable if everyone helps out for a short portion of the night. The energy of the kids will keep us going! The location is TOP SECRET, but volunteers will be told the location as the time draws near.

To sign-up for a party chaperone shift, please use this [VolunteerSpot link](http://oesgreenroom.blogspot.com/). All volunteers will need to have completed a DHS Background Check to participate. Contact Jean Verheggen in the US office for more information on completing the process. For all other questions about the party, please contact Linda Blakely or Michele Levis, Graduation Party Co-Chairs.

**COMMUNITY DIVERSITY LINK (CDL)**

**Books and Breakfast 2014-15**

*February 24th*, 8:00 am, Platt Global Classroom - CDL, State of the School; Intercultural Competency and Diversity. It's been a busy few years of intercultural competency training, focus, and engagement for OES Faculty and Staff. Come hear US Head Jordan Elliott's report on 2014-2015 State of the School with respect to Intercultural Competency.

*March 10th*, *The Residue Years* by Portland native Mitchell Jackson. Lecture 7:30 pm at the Schnitzer Auditorium.
The Residue Years is the Multnomah County Library’s Everybody Reads 2015 selection. As part of this program, Literary Arts and The Multnomah County Library will host a lecture by Mitchell Jackson on March 10th, and we have secured tickets! Tickets will be $10 and you can sign up at www.mysignup.com/residueyears

April 14th, Books and Breakfast - Whistling Vivaldi by Claude M Steele, 8:00 am in the Platt Global Classroom. Our final B&B title is a powerful work (yet easy read) by social psychologist Claude Steele, who lays out his groundbreaking work on stereotypes and identity.

SCHOOL STORE

Lacrosse, Basketball and Ski Team New Sport Designs are Available in the OES Store!
New Team Spirit Wear for Lacrosse has just arrived at the School Store! Come in and find a great selection of crew neck and hooded sweatshirts, as well as t-shirts, sweatpants, and again this year: girl-cut t-shirts. If you placed a pre-order for Basketball, Ski Team or Lacrosse, it is bagged and awaiting pick-up. Didn’t place your order in time? No worries! There is additional stock to choose from.

We also have 15 colors of sunglasses, license plate frames, spirit scarves, new styles of hats, water bottles, Nike socks and much more!

Coming soon- Spirit wear Pre-Order for Tennis, Golf and Track & Field featuring a new, two color design! Drop by and place a pre-order to be sure you get the size and color you want!

Open 2pm-4pm every weekday, as well as by appointment in the morning. We are located in Room 11 of Scott House. You can always visit us online. Questions? Contact Madeleine Menashe

AARDVARK SCIENCE EXPOSITION 2015

Parents, family, and friends of the OES community are invited to visit the OES Aardvark Science Expos where Middle & Upper School research projects/exhibits will be on display. For more information see the Aardvark Science Expo webpage.

On Thursday, February 19th, from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, the exhibit hall in SPARC Gymnasium is open to the public (*Please note that Oleson Road is under construction so alternate routes will need to be taken*). Student exhibitors will not be with their projects that day, though it is an excellent opportunity for members of the entire OES community to spend time perusing the wide array of 250+ incredible projects
and reading exhibit boards.

On **Friday, February 20th**, after judging, there is an **open house from 6:30 – 7:30 PM**, followed by the **awards ceremony from 7:30 – 8:30 PM**. Buses will run between SPARC and the lower lot by the athletic fields from 6:20–9:00 pm. Parking at SPARC by permit only; if you would like a parking permit for SPARC, inquire at the Upper or Middle School office.

**Would you like to help as a judge or volunteer?** If you have a science degree, work experience or knowledge in any of the scientific disciplines and your children are not attending middle or upper school yet, please consider volunteering as a science fair judge (see exception for 12th grade parents below). If you cannot judge, please consider asking your friends or colleagues to volunteer for our event. Breakfast and lunch provided. Visit the [Volunteer Opportunities](#) page for more information.

- **Science Fair Hosts** (any parent may participate)
  Parents are needed to monitor SPARC while the exhibits are open to the public and OES classrooms on February 19. Shifts (2 or 1.5 hours) are available between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Volunteers will help visitors locate restrooms and remind visitors not to touch the exhibits. There will be plenty of time for volunteers to peruse the exhibits, too. Sign up on VolunteerSpot at [Science Fair Host Questions?](#) Contact [Bevin Daglen](#).

- **updated** **Science Fair Judges** (Sixth grade and Lower School parents may volunteer; no parents of Seventh, Eighth, or Upper Schoolers, please. **Parents of seniors** are eligible to serve as judges as long as their student is not participating in the fair.) Judges are needed February 20. Judging will take place sometime between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Science background is necessary. For more information on requirements and to volunteer, please contact [Tanja Horvat](#).
  - Most wanted Live Science judges:
    - environmental
    - plant sciences
    - medicine & health
  - Most wanted Physical Science judges:
    - engineering
    - physics

For a more comprehensive schedule click here: [Complete](#)
DORM NEWS

We want to thank all those families who have taken part in the Backyard Exchange Program. It has been a true joy having your children as part of our dorm community. If you are interested in finding out more information about B.Y.E., or would like to inquire about availability for your student, please contact Brad Hoffman.

With the holiday season behind us, we wanted to ask that those of you interested in hosting a dorm student for Spring Break to contact Brad Hoffman, to let him know you are interested. Our international students truly enjoy spending time with our host families, and greatly appreciate your generosity.

US YEARBOOK - SENIORS!

There are several opportunities for seniors and their parents to contribute to the yearbook. Below is a description of these opportunities and their deadlines. We need to submit our pages to the publisher at certain intervals, so these deadlines are not flexible!
Please let us know if you have any questions. For more info - see the US Yearbook Home site.

1. MUG SHOTS: December 1st, 2014 (past due)  
2. SENIOR PAGES: January 10th, 2015 (past due)  
3. BABY PICTURES: March 1st, 2015  
4. PARENT ADS: March 1st, 2015

MUG SHOTS: Sometimes students submit a studio photo to be used in place of their school photo for the yearbook. This is not required.  
Sending a digital photo to me is the easiest way to submit an image, or we will scan the photo and return it to the student.

For more info, contact: Sue Jensen, US Arts Faculty, Advisor to Yearbook

CLASS NOTES

- 9th Grade PAL – Next meeting is on April 6th at 8am in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions?
  Contact Jana Reddoch.
  Upcoming meetings: May 4th.
- 10th Grade PAL – Next meeting is on February 9th at 8am in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions?
  Contact Jane Langley.
  Upcoming meetings: April 13th, and May 11th.
- 11th Grade PAL – Next meeting is on February 17th
(Tuesday) at 8am in Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions? Contact Kay Pinkava.

- **Upcoming meetings:** April 20th, and May 18th.

- **12th Grade PAL** – Next meeting is on **February 23rd** at 8am in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions? Contact Jan Massaro.

  - **Upcoming meetings:** April 27th, and May 26th (Tuesday).

- **PAL meeting Calendar (all grades)**