Starr Gazer Newsletter

NOV. 8-12, 2021

VACCINATION CLINIC: OCS STUDENTS- AGES 5-11

To parents and guardians of students ages 5-11 years old,
OCS is hosting a vaccination clinic for OCS students ages 5-11 years old on November 17, 2021 at Starr Elementary. See information below:
Location: Starr Elementary School, 3230 Starr Ave, Oregon, OH 43616
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021
Time: 4:00 pm-7:30 pm
Parents/Guardians can go to this website to sign up: https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/
Access Code: **S7JK3WYXSK**
At the first eligibility screen you will need to enter the above access code. At the next screen you will need to search by **Starr Elementary** or the zip code for the site (**43616**) and complete the process.
The health department will make the second dose appointment, on site, at the time of the first dose. A parent or guardian must accompany the child to their appointment and sign the attached consent form. The updated Fact Sheet for the Pfizer vaccine is also attached. Pfizer-Biontech Covid-19 Vaccine Parental Consent Form v2.docx
Pfizer 5 though 11 Fact Sheet for Recipients-COVID-19 Vaccine.pdf
*Please note that this clinic is only for pediatric doses of the Pfizer vaccine. This clinic will not be offering first/second/booster doses for anyone 12 years and older. If anyone needs information on where to find a location for doses, they may visit our website at https://lucascountyhealth.com/covidvaccine/ or https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/ .

PURPLE STAR
Supporting Military Families

IN HONOR OF VETERAN'S DAY.....

Military Care Packages

In honor of Veteran's Day, Starr Elementary will be collecting non-perishable food and personal care items from Nov 8-19 that can be packaged and delivered to local veterans and sent to soldiers that are deployed overseas. Especially right before Christmas, these items can help put a smile on the faces of our men and women who have and are making so many sacrifices and help provide items that are very hard to get in some locations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Some of the suggested items that are:

- Foot powder
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Baby Wipes
- Batteries
- Playing Cards
- Phone Cards
- Beef Jerky
- Gum
- Hard Candies
- Ramen Noodle Cups
- Flavor Packets (for water)
- Chapstick
- Sunscreen
- Crossword Puzzles
- Word Searches
- Sudoku
- Stationary

If there are any questions, please email Mrs. Rohrbacher at mrohrbacher@oregoncs.org.

MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCES

Click here for resources.

WE MADE THE TOLEDO ZOO: PROJECT PRAIRIE NEWS!

We are so excited to see that we have made the Project Prairie News! Mrs. Armstrong and our Starr Bulldogs participated in the Project Prairie BioBlitz this year. Our Clay High School Vocational Ag students came out to help assist our kindergarten students. They practiced citizen science by taking pictures and sending them to inaturalist.

PROJECT PRAIRIE NEWS

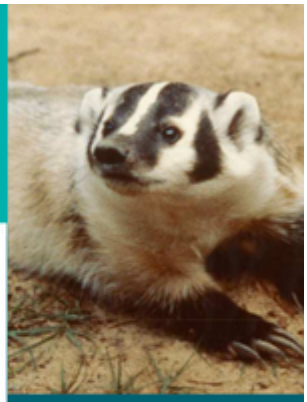
October 2021

2021 Project PRAIRIE Bioblitz

Students Doing Science in the Prairie

After a somewhat abridged COVID version in 2020, the 2021 edition of the Project PRAIRIE Bioblitz came back bigger and better than ever. 17 schools participated this year in a longer two week event from September 18 through October 3. Each school used the time for students to study their respective prairies, undertaking a variety of citizen science and inquiry activities. Several schools documented the organisms on their prairies using the Seek and iNaturalist apps. Among all schools, there were over 1,500 observations of 332 species in 2021 compared with 895 observations and 221 species in 2020. Some of the more notable observations included red-backed salamanders, a five-lined skink, Butler's garter snakes, banded Argiope spiders, a Nashville warbler and a white-footed mouse. Teachers and students at several schools also raised, tagged and released monarch butterflies as part of the Monarch Watch citizen science program. Students from Crim Elementary participated in a GLOBE (Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment) citizen science effort to document cloud observations from the prairie at Wintergarden Park in Bowling Green. Besides citizen science activities, other schools and classes engaged in inquiry investigations on their prairies. Students at Coy Elementary in Oregon made detailed observations of grasshoppers, butterflies, bumble bees, worms, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians. They also made basic soil and weather observations. Students at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns added to a journal, tracking seasonal changes observed in the prairie. Students at Hull Prairie Intermediate School made detailed observations of the flowering plants while 7th grade students at Gateway Middle School did a prairie photosynthesis inquiry. Thanks to all the teachers and students that made this year's bioblitz a great success. We're already looking forward to Bioblitz 2022.

I know plenty of people who live in the country who have never seen a badger. They are definitely there, but these nocturnal delights remain elusive, and are thus still a thrill – Steve Backshall



FEATURED PRAIRIE ANIMAL

American Badger

The American badger is a short, stocky animal with a white stripe that extends from the back of the head to the nose. White fur partially surrounds the outside of each eye and muzzle while cheeks are covered in black hair or "badges". It is related to skunks, weasels and otters. Badgers are fossorial carnivores, meaning they burrow after their prey underground, being well adapted for efficient and rapid digging. Favorite prey items include moles, voles, mice and ground squirrels. They have been observed hunting cooperatively with coyotes. Burrows are also used as sleeping quarters. Badgers are denizens of prairie habitat and are occasionally seen in western Lucas County in the Oak Openings region.

Photo: National Wildlife Research Center; NoC - US

TOLEDO ZOO & AQUARIUM

PRAIRIE LESSON

What's so Special about Prairie Grasses?

The school prairies offer spectacular color throughout the year because of the many flowering plants. Black-eyed Susan, purple coneflower, bee balm, stiff goldenrod and others create a sea of color spring through fall. Ohio's original prairies, however, were instead dominated by tall grasses. Big bluestem, Indian grass and other species attracted large, herding grazers such as bison, elk and white-tailed deer. These grazers acted like mowers, trimming the grasses close to the ground. Grass responds very favorably to constant grazing where other plants would die. Unlike a coneflower which grows from the tip of the stem, grasses like the big bluestem grow up from the base. Thus constant grazing of a grass plant stimulates growth while the grazing of a flowering plant (forb) hinders its growth. Read the information at this link for more details.

In this lesson, students will do an inquiry in the classroom using wheat grass and small house plants to understand how grasses are adapted to survive grazing by herbivores.

Materials Needed: Plastic greenhouse trays, potting soil, wheat grass seeds, potted small plants (e.g., *Philodendron*, etc.) watering can, ruler and scissors. You will also need a light source such as a sunny window sill or clip on shop lights.

Preparation: You will need to grow the wheat grass beforehand. Wheat grass seeds can be sourced from local health food stores or this link. Directions to grow wheatgrass from seed can be found at this link.

The trays depicted in the video can purchased or borrowed on loan from the Toledo Zoo Education Department. Decide ahead of time how many trays you will grow for your class. Once seeds have germinated and growing, place the tray(s) on a bright windowsill or under shop lights. Purchase the small house plants (forbs) beforehand.

Procedure: The QUEST inquiry model will be used for this lesson. A student data recording sheet is available here for download.

Q – Question and observe: take your students on the school prairie. Have them look for prairie grasses such as little blue stem or others. Have them compare the grasses with the various flowering forbs. How are they the same? Different?

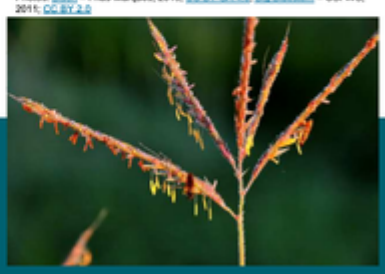
U – Uncover comparative questions: Students will investigate the following comparative question: What plants regrow faster after grazing (cutting), grasses or forbs?

E – Explore predictions: Students or groups will write a prediction of what they think will happen when they do the inquiry. Will the grass or forbs regrow faster after grazing (cutting)?

S – Start an action plan and gather data: students use the data sheet to record their findings.

T – Think hard about findings and share discoveries: Have students or groups do short presentations to share what they learned. Use graphs and tables in the presentation. As a follow up, you can do the inquiry with plants in the prairie.

Photos: Bison – Frias Marques, 2013; CC BY-SA 4.0; Big Bluestem – USFWS, 2011; CC BY 2.0



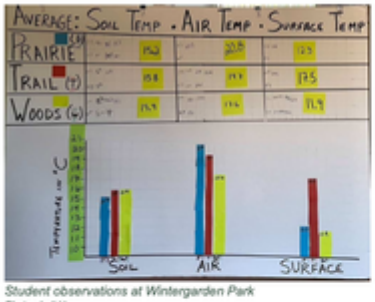
STUDENT WORK

Students Doing Great Things during the Bioblitz.

A few images from the 2021 Bioblitz.

Students on the prairie at HPI
Photo: Amy Bonis

Sampling a prairie plot at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns
Photo Tina Abel



Student observations at Wintergarden Park
Photo: Jodi Haney

Clay HS Student with K student at the Starr Elementary Prairie
Photo: Heather Armstrong

Contact Information

For more information about Project PRAIRIE, visit toledozoo.org/programs.

Questions?
Prairie Installations and PP professional development
Contact Mitch – 419.385.5721 x2048 or mitch.edu@toledozoo.org
Project PRAIRIE programs, classes and general information
Contact Alex – 419.385.5721 x2049 or alexandra.burris@toledozoo.org

SPECIAL STARR PARENT ORGANIZATION MEETING: HOLIDAY SHOP. &. FUN DAY PLANNING: THIS WEEK!

Tuesday, Nov. 9th:

1. Holiday Shop Planning. 6:00pm-6:30pm
2. Fun Day Planning 6:30-7:00pm

Meetings will be in the Starr Library.

CLICK HERE!

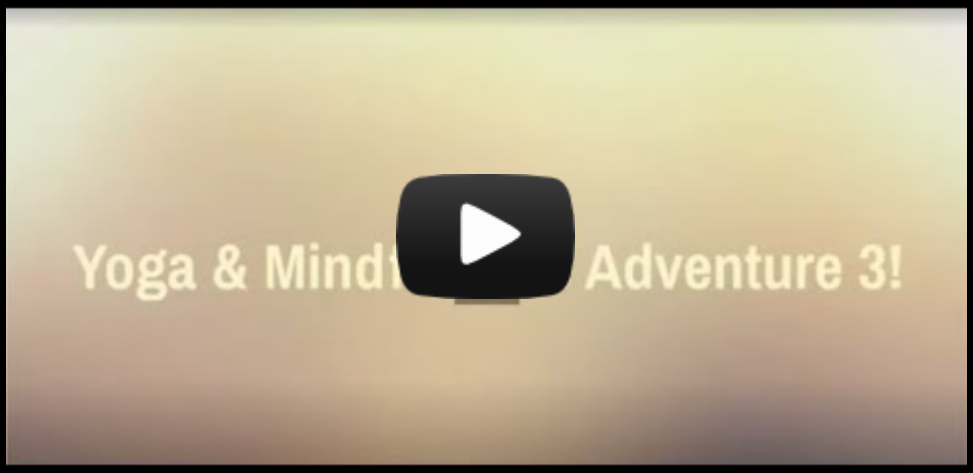
STARR PARENT GROUP MEETING DATES.....

Oct. 26th
Nov. 30th
Dec.NO MEETING
Jan. 25th
Mar. 1st
April 26th
May 10th

YOGA & MINDFULNESS ADVENTURE

CHECK OUT THIS WEEK'S YOGA AND MINDFULNESS VIDEO!

Yoga & Mindfulness Adventure 3!



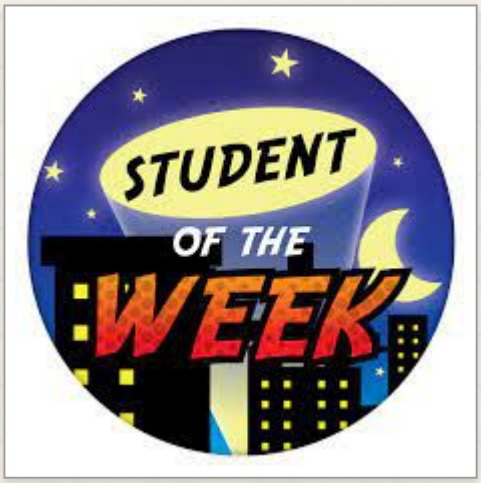
Yoga & Mindfulness Adventure 2!

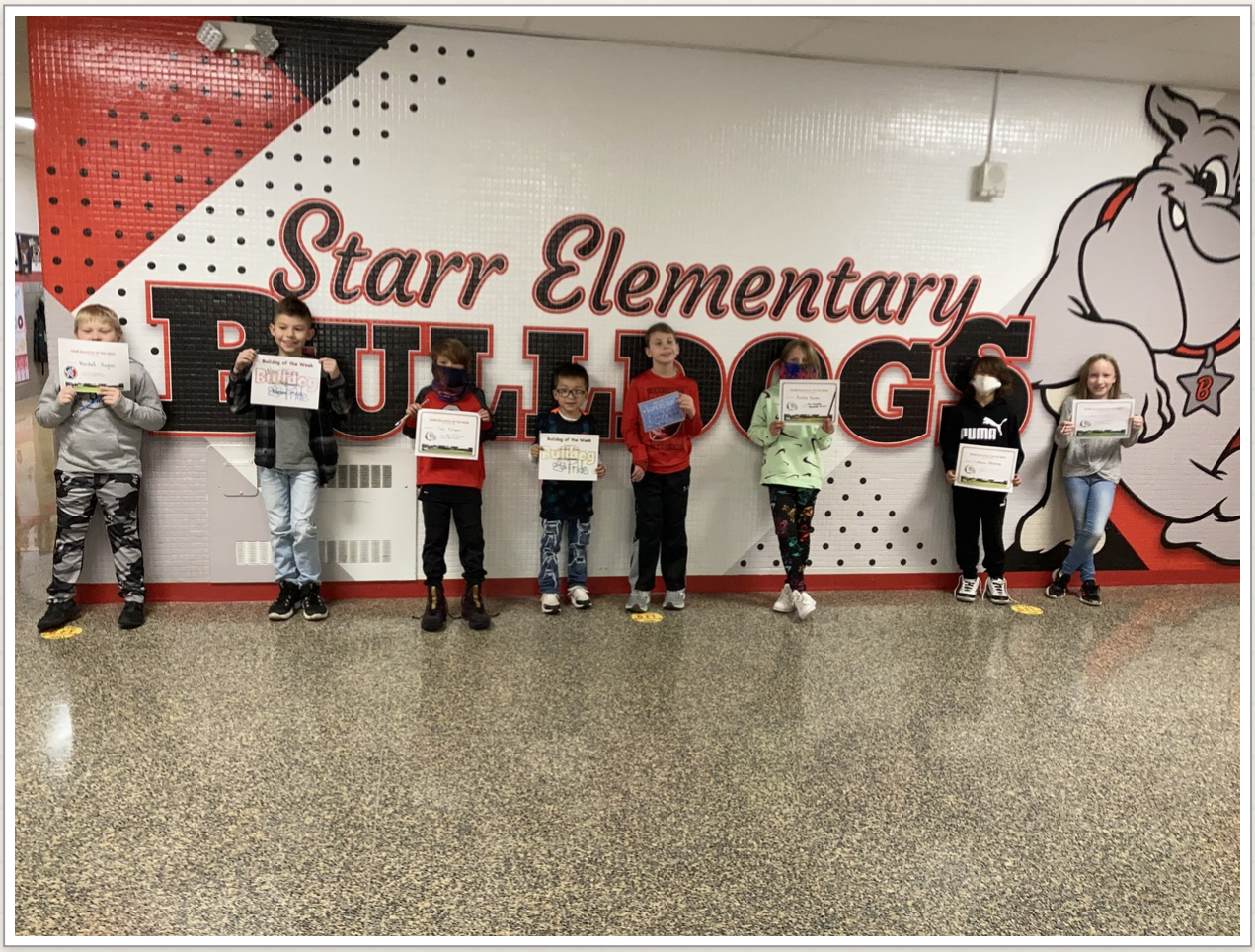
Yoga & Mindfulness Adventure 1!

Yoga & Mindfulness Adventure #1!

THESE ARE OUR BUCKET FILLERS FOR NOVEMBER!

Congratulations and keep spreading acts of kindness!





2021-2022 CALENDARS

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2021/22 School Calendar – Oregon City Schools

August	13	No School - Staff Work Day
August	16	No School - Staff Meeting/Building Meetings
August	17	No School - Staff Professional Development Day
August	18	K-4 Parent Teacher Conferences (by appointment)
August	18	5-6 Schedule Pick-Up/Pictures
August	18	7-8 Chromebook Distribution/Pictures/Assign Lockers
August	18	9-12 Chromebook Distribution/Pictures/Assign Lockers and Parking Passes
August	19	K-4 Parent Teacher Conferences (by appointment)
August	19	K-6 6th Grade Students Attend – Orientation Day (No School for 5th grade)
August	19	7-8 8th Grade Student Attend – Orientation Day (No School for 7th grade)
August	19	9-12 Chromebook Distribution/Pictures/Assign Lockers and Parking Passes
August	20	5-6 5th Grade Students Attend – Orientation Day (No School for 6th grade)
August	20	7-8 7th Grade Students Attend – Orientation Day (No School for 8th grade)
August	20	9-12 9th Grade Students Attend – Orientation Day (No School for 10th–12th grade)
August	23	Classes Begin for Students in Grades K-12
September	3	No School – Staff Professional Development Day
September	6	No School – Labor Day
October	15	End of First Nine Week Period
November	1	No School for K-6 Students – Staff Work Day K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences – (Grades 7-12—Evening Conferences)
November	2	No School – Staff Professional Development Day – (K-6 Day and Evening Conferences) (7-12 Inservice)
November	24	No School – Staff Work Day
November	25-26	No School – Thanksgiving Break
December	15-17	Clay High Exams
December	17	End of Second Nine Week Period
December	17	Christmas Break Begins at Close of Day
January	3	No School – Staff Work Day – (K-12 Reports and Records)
January	4	Classes Resume
January	14	No School – Staff Professional Development Day—(K-6 Inservice) (7-12 Teacher Work Day)
January	17	No School – Martin Luther King Day
February	21	No School – President's Day
February	22	No School for K-6 Students – Parent-Teacher Conferences—K-6 (Daytime Conferences)
March	11	End of Third Nine Week Period
March	18	No School – Staff Professional Development Day
April	15-22	No School – Easter Break
April	25	Classes Resume
May	3	No School - Staff Professional Development Day
May	25-27	Clay High School Exams
May	27	Last Day for Students (2 hour early release for K-8)
June	5	Clay High School Graduation

*Any additional make up hours/days will be made up at the end of the school year.

Adopted December 15, 2020

Revised March 16, 2021

2021/22 School Calendar – Oregon City Schools

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First Day: August 19, 2021 (**See staggered start schedule for several grades**)
Yellow: No school for students in grades K-12; Teachers Report
Red: Federal Holidays
Green: No school for students in grades K-6
Strikethrough: No school for students in grades K-12
End of Quarters: Underlined and Bolded
Last Day: May 27, 2022
Clay Graduation: June 5, 2022

Oregon City Schools Menu K-4 Aug – Dec 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Menu #1	Corn Dog Nuggets Baked Beans Fresh Cauliflower Peaches Milk	Breakfast for Lunch Pancakes or Waffles Sausage Hashbrown Patty Sweet Potato Fries Juice Milk	Pizza Garden Salad with Dressing Apple Milk	Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Rice Krispie Treat Red Pepper Strips Banana Milk	Pasta with Meat Sauce Breadstick Green Beans Carrot Snacks Applesauce Cup Milk
Menu #2	Popcorn Chicken Potato Smiles Celery Orange Milk	Hamburger on a Bun Sweet Potato Fries Pickles Slices Pears Milk	Pizza Corn Vegetable Choice Apple Juice Milk	Walking Taco Refried Beans Shredded Lettuce Salsa Pineapple Milk	Macaroni and Cheese Broccoli Vegetable Choice Melon Milk
Menu #3	Chicken Nuggets BBQ Sauce Vegetable Choice Carrot Snacks Mandarin Oranges Milk	Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Cole Slaw Berries Milk	Pizza Garden Salad with Dressing Mixed Fruit Milk	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Dinner Roll Corn Banana Milk	Breaded Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Vegetable Choice Applesauce Cup Milk
Menu #4	Chicken Sandwich Spicy or Regular Fries Pickles Raisins Milk	Twisted Cheese Stick Marinara Sauce Tossed Salad Juice Box Milk	Pizza Corn Vegetable Choice Pears Milk	Chili & Cheese Nachos Refried Beans Lettuce & Salsa Pears Milk	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fresh Broccoli Apple Milk

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Daily Lunch Offerings

Grab n' Go

Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Doritos, Mini Rice Krispie Treat, Carrot Snacks, Daily Vegetable Choice, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Or

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Carrot Snacks, Daily Vegetable Choice, Fresh Fruit, Milk

These lunch options are available to all students and are the same price as the traditional menu.

Prices

All STUDENT lunches will be FREE for 2021-2022

Milk $.50
Adult $3.60

Important Info

Parents are able to apply money to student lunch accounts on-line at Payschoolscentral.com

On-line Free and Reduced Applications are also available at Payschoolscentral.com

Paper free and reduced applications are available at the district website. Click on Departments, Operations, and Food Service

Healthy snacks and beverages will become available in September.

Breakfast is served in all buildings starting ½ hour before the start of the school day.

Food Service questions can be directed to Julie Kalisik at 419-725-3380 or jkalisik@oregoncs.org

FOLLOW THE MENU WITH EACH CALENDAR DAY. THE MENU IS BASED ON A 4-WEEK CYCLE. EACH WEEK IS REPRESENTED BY A COLOR. THE MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO FOOD AVAILABILITY.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Grey Day is Holiday Meal

Strikethrough = No School

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