



OTTER LAKE NEWS



December 2020

Important Numbers

Ms. Cynthia Mueller Principal-

651-653-2843

Main Office- 651-653-2831

Attendance Line -651-653-2832

Health Office- 651-653-2846

Nurse 651-653-2845



Kitchen 651-653-2839

Extended Day- 651-653-2834

Fax 651-653-2833

Transportation 651-407-7538

Emergency School Closing-

651-407-7540

Distance Learning Model

Below is a link to the Distance Learning Handbook. The handbook includes the White Bear Lake Area Schools distance learning model and specific information about the Otter Lake distance learning plan. Please take a few minutes to read through the handbook.

[WBL Elementary Distance Learning Model](#)

[Otter Lake Distance Learning Plan](#)



COVID Decision Tree

If you have a child who is experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 please refer to the [Decision Tree](#). If you have any questions please call the school health office at 651-653-2846.





UPCOMING EVENTS

December

12/23-1/1- Winter Break



January

1/12 PTA Meeting 7pm-8:15pm

(Google Meet)

1/15 No School

1/18- No School- MLK Day

1/29- No School



Food Shelf Kid Packs

Please see the printable [kid pack enrollment form](#) for more information. These food packs will be in addition to the School districts breakfast and lunch meals that are offered on your child's distant learning day. You may also pick up enrollment forms in the main office.



ORANGE TUESDAYS



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"Believe in Orange & Black"

Join us for our 1st week-long, online
Silent Auction fundraiser, **ORANGE TUESDAYS**,
to benefit our Students and Teachers!



Step 1 - REGISTER HERE <https://wblaef2020orangetuesdays.ggo.bid/>

Step 2 - Click on the "GET STARTED" tab in the upper right corner.

Step 3 - Create your account with name, email and credit card to start bidding in the Silent Auction.

The mission of the White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation is to enhance the White Bear Lake Area School District's ability to provide excellence in education for all students. The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

4855 Bloom Avenue, White Bear Lake MN 55110 | 651-407-7696 | info@wblaef.org | wblaef.org

Bear Care



Health and Wellness Clinic

FREE health care services to students of all ages
in the White Bear Lake Area School District



(651) 653 - 2923

BearCare@BearCareClinic.org

Open Tuesdays and Wednesdays

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

5045 Division Ave, WBL

*Call or email to make an appointment

Services Provided

- Wellness exams
- Sports physicals
- Flu shots and other vaccines
- Acute illness care
- Rapid strep throat testing
- Ear infections, pink eye
- Rapid mono testing
- Influenza testing
- Bladder infections
- Mental health counseling
- Teen health
- Chronic Illness management

We do not bill health care insurance at this time.

Our Mission

The clinic provides accessible, affordable health care for all district students, to improve community health and educational outcomes.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Community/Holiday Resources 2020

Coats for Kids:

Salvation Army (651-779-9177)

Address: 2080 Woodlynn Ave. Maplewood, MN

Free coats and accessories will be available for children in need who are under the age of 18.

Open to residents of Maplewood, White Bear Lake, and Vadnais Heights. No registration required!

Hours: 9am-2:30pm Monday-Thursday

12pm-2:30pm Friday

Must provide: Picture ID, Address Verification, and Child's Name and DOB.

Toy Distribution Resources:

A Place of Hope -Toys for Teens

Washington County Residents only.

Pre-registration is required! Registration is open November 10th-December 10th, 2020.

December 11th and December 12th Toy Distribution dates, time and location to still be determined.

Salvation Army

Pre-registration is required! Registration opens on November 4th, 2020. Register online [\(click here for link\)](#)

- Open to residents of the 10 county metro area only (Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka, Dakota, Scott, Carver, Washington, Chisago, Wright and Sherburne Counties)
- Serves only children 0-14
- Parents must provide required documentation (Proof of address (bring a current piece of mail), Picture ID for the adult picking up toys, and ID for each child in the household (ex. medical card, birth certificate, school ID, social security card, etc.).

Merrick - Holiday Shares Program

Online Registration opens November 21st. Pre-registration is required! Vadnais Heights Food Shelf (Contact Bob at 651-746-4158)

Holiday toy distribution will happen this year. Will be publishing more information in the paper soon., Bob unsure about the referral process online/by telephone. Can register in-person by going to the food shelf in November.

Vadnais Heights residents only!



November PTA Corner

The primary purpose of the Otter Lake PTA is to enrich the experiences of all students. We accomplish this goal by providing both monetary and volunteer support to the school.

Did you know.....

Every K-5 teacher is given \$300 for classroom supplies per class from the PTA. Your support and donations help enrich the lives of our students on a daily basis!

Food & Toy Drive 2020

Friday, December 4th – Wednesday, December 9th

BAKING SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Examples: flour, sugar, cooking oils, spices, etc.



White Bear Lake Area Holiday Toy Drive

We are collecting toys for boys and girls who range in age from infant to 16 years old. **Toys, books, and puzzles for ages 9-16 are the highest area of need.**

Toys should be **new** and in their **unopened** store boxes or wrappers. Toys should **not** be gift-wrapped.

All toys will be given to children and teenagers who live in the White Bear Lake area.



Brought to you by your Otter Lake Student Council in support of the Area Emergency Food Shelf and the White Bear Lions Club.

Food & Toy Drive 2020

Friday, December 4th – Wednesday, December 9th

Items for the Food and Toy Drive may be dropped off at **Otter Lake Elementary between 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 4th – Wednesday, December 9th.**

Tables will be set up just inside the front doors.

A drive-thru donation collection will take place on **Wednesday, December 9th from 4-6 p.m.**

Simply place the baking supplies and/or toys you would like to donate in your trunk, pull up to Door B in the west parking lot, and a Student Council Officer will collect the supplies from your vehicle.

Thank you for your support!



CANDY BUY BACK - Program update

SIGNATURE ORTHODONTICS has long been known for our CANDY BUY BACK program after Halloween. We have loved the spirited competition and involvement of our WHITE BEAR LAKE area schools, students and families. This year, 2020, has been a year of many changes and concessions made by all of us to keep our families healthy. In order to continue our tradition of school involvement, and as your Hometown Orthodontist, we are launching our new SCHOOL GIVE BACK Program.

Each time a student starts an active orthodontic treatment in our office, their school will earn \$25.00. Those dollars will be delivered to the designated schools on a monthly basis. This program will start January 1st, 2021 and run year – round.

As your HOMETOWN ORTHODONTIST, Signature Orthodontics has been a part of many community events and sponsorships including sport/academic sponsorships, custom mouth guard events, food shelf donations, and our Christmas Giving Tree Program just to name a few. It brings us great joy and excitement to announce our new SCHOOL GIVE BACK program.

Be sure to spread the news to your friends and families to come to Signature Orthodontics to help bring SMILES to your faces and support for your school.

Sincerely,

 Wendy L. Sydlewski, MD, DDS



OLE ART

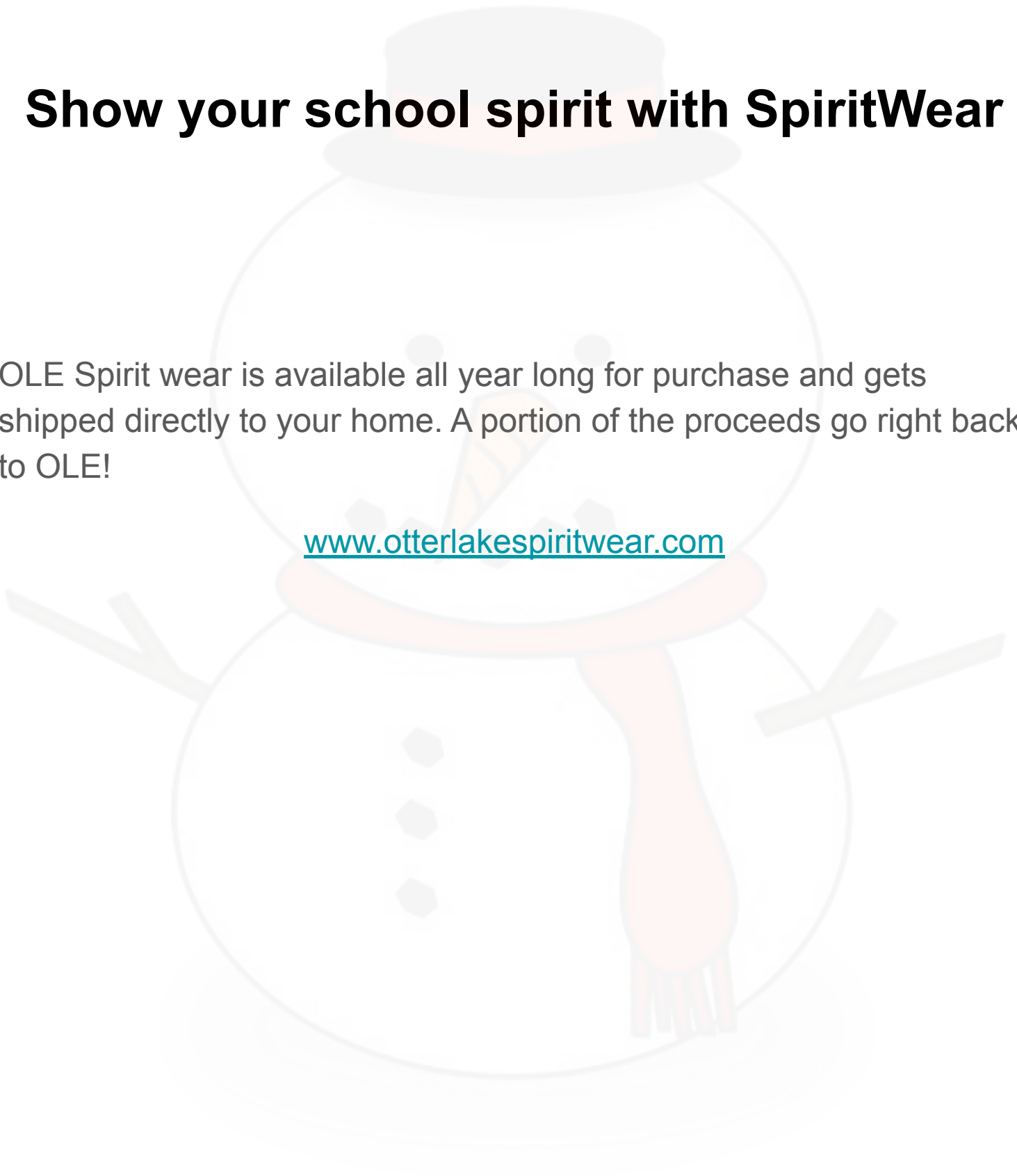
OLE Art has been working since the Spring on ways to bring Art Education to the OLE Community in a distance learning format. Each student should have received a take home art kit. These kits contain supplies for each student to participate in the video art curriculum that will be shared starting in December. The Art at Home kits are designed to supplement the classroom school supplies each student purchased at the beginning of the school year.

The OLE PTA, a private donor and a grant through the White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation made this program possible! Special thanks to Cynthia Mueller and Kim Rasch for helping us make the grant possible for the OLE students!

Show your school spirit with SpiritWear

OLE Spirit wear is available all year long for purchase and gets shipped directly to your home. A portion of the proceeds go right back to OLE!

www.otterlakespiritwear.com



There is still time to join the PTA

Please consider donating your TIME or TALENT to the OLE PTA! Even though volunteers are not allowed in the school building at this time, the OLE PTA has many ways for you to be involved. Please click on the link below for more details.

A great way to be involved is by becoming a member of the PTA. Membership dues are only \$6.25 for the entire year! Parents, Guardians, Teachers and Staff are all welcome to become members! All PTA members are given voting rights, emailed PTA specific updates, emailed monthly meeting minutes, and more. To see additional member benefits click [HERE!](#)

Fill out our Google Form to sign up for Volunteering AND/OR Membership by clicking here!

Next Meeting Tuesday January 12th 7-8:15 pm

The whole OLE community is invited! Bring your dog, because we've gone virtual!

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Have a question for Principal Mueller to answer live at the meeting? Click HERE to add your question to the agenda!

ALL meetings will take place virtually via Google Meet from 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Please note the time change! Copy and paste the link into your browser if you have trouble with the links below. <https://meet.google.com/ojj-deuv-xyb>

Want to get more involved in the PTA? Have an idea or event to benefit OLE? We are always looking for new ideas! Contact us at the email below.

Email us at oleptawbl@gmail.com

Keep up with OLE News: www.otterlake.pta.weebly.com

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OLEPTA>