



@OgdenCSD

OGDEN ELEMENTARY



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Fall 2024

N E W S L E T T E R

Office: 515-275-2795

Absences: 515-329-6680

<http://ogdenschools.org>



<https://www.facebook.com/howeogden> and <https://www.facebook.com/ogdencsd>

Message from the Principal:

Overall attendance through November 14th is **96%**. Thank you for making school attendance a priority!

Regular attendance leads to better student outcomes. The following guidelines that are in alignment to **SF 2435 Section 14** have been adopted by the Ogden Board of Education.

OCSD Chronic Absenteeism/Truant Thresholds for 2024/2025

Percentage	10%	15%	20%
Semester 1	8 days	12 days	16 days
School Year	17 Days	26 days	35 days

Reminder that the school day begins at 7:55. We have had an increase in tardies as the weather has changed. It is important to have students in class to start the day. Thank you for your support with this.

District Emergency Notification System

Emergency notifications (school closings) and general notifications (change in activity or/cancellations) will be made through Infinite Campus Messenger, social media platforms and local media outlets.



We ask all parents/guardians to verify through your parent portal how you prefer to receive these notifications. You may select to receive a message on more than one device.

Items currently on the Lost and Found table will be donated to a charitable cause if not claimed after two weeks on the table.

Please remind your child(ren) to check the table every day. **ALSO, it is a great help if all coats, boots, sweatshirts, water bottles,**

etc. are labeled to be able to quickly return lost items.



Absence Requests in I.C. Parent Portal

- **More>Absence Requests>Select student and absent info/comments**
- **Allows a parent to view previous requests as well as edit requests that have not been processed**
- **Notification directly to the school secretary**
- **Once approved automatically goes to student's attendance**
- **Eliminates phone calls/emails**
- **Allows for requests to be entered**



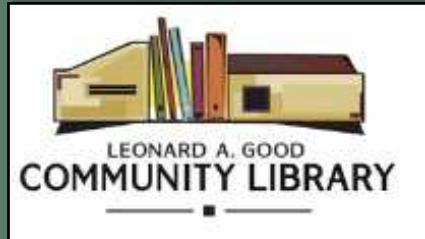
VIRTUAL BACKPACK

Be sure to stop by the "Virtual Backpack" on our Elementary website page to find upcoming school and community events and registrations throughout the summer months. The direct link is <http://www.ogdenschools.org/virtual-backpack/elementary-school/>

Please consider making use of the public library a part of your weekly routine to support your child's reading.

Mon. – 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tues. – Fri. – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sat. – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sunday – Closed

<https://www.ogden.lib.ia.us/>



EXCITING

ANNOUNCEMENT!!



- Located on the West side of the Elementary Garage (NW 4th St.)
- Helps keep textiles out of the landfill
- Supports Ogden Elementary towards resources, programs & enrichment opportunities
- Donations help families in need and to support sustainability efforts

Have you heard?!? You can now donate your gently used clothes and shoes conveniently located next to the playground and even better yet, our school receives a percentage of the donations. **When you drop off items, please place them in a bag/sack, prior to placing it in the bin.



PLEASE NOTE:
There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students the week of **November 25th-29th**. Teachers will engage in learning on **Monday & Tuesday** with **Thanksgiving break** finishing out the remainder of the week.

This year's Elementary Winter Concert takes us around the world to look at how other countries celebrate their winter holidays such as Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah. Students have had a blast learning about new holiday customs and even a new language! We hope you will come out and support the students as they perform this year's holiday concert.

Ogden Elementary School Presents:

CHRISTMAS IN ANY LANGUAGE

When: December 9

Grades K-2 6PM/Grades 3-5 7PM

Where: OHS New Gym

2025-26 KINDERGARTEN SIGN-UP

Registration for Kindergarten in Ogden for school year **2025-2026** is occurring now.

Students who are eligible to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2025 are those who have turned five on or before September 15, 2025. Please call the school office (515.275.2795) or email brenda.mccloud@ogden.k12.ia.us to register your kindergartener.

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4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL OELC
 Must be 4 on or before Sept. 15

Monday, Tuesday,
 Thursday, Friday
 AM: 8:00-11:00
 PM: 12:00-3:00


Preschool Teacher:
 Audrey Reinken
audrey_reinken@ogden.k12.ia.us

Ogden Elementary
 313 W. Sycamore St.
 Ogden, Iowa 50212
 515-275-2795

Preschool registration is currently taking place for Ogden Early Learning Center. Our district offers preschool at no cost to children who will be four years of age on or before September 15, 2025.

Please contact the elementary office at brenda.mccloud@ogden.k12.ia.us or call 515.275.2795


NO MORE CLIPPING



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Did you know how easy it is to submit your Box Tops purchases? Check out the new electronic way to send your Box Tops directly to our school's account. The link to get started is: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>


Update your Information.



If your contact information has changed, please be sure to update this in your parent portal.

Milk is an option at breakfast and lunch for students that participate in the Breakfast and Hot Lunch programs. For students that bring a cold lunch or want extra milk, they need to have money in hand or in their meal account to be able to purchase a milk. The current cost of a milk is \$.65.

Nutrition Services



If a student does not have funds available the nutrition staff will have to decline the purchase. If you have any questions please contact Cindi Sprecher at 515.275.3310 or cindi.sprecher@ogden.k12.ia.us

Iowa School Profiles Report Released!

The State of Iowa has released the Iowa School Performance Profiles for all public schools. The Iowa School Performance Profiles display scores based on a school's overall performance. **Ogden Elementary was categorized as High Performing for the 2023-24 school year.** The following link will allow you to view the full report: <https://www.iaschoolperformance.gov/ECP/Home/Index>

If school should be on a 2-hour delay, breakfast will not be served to students and there will be no A.M. Preschool

DROP OFF/PICK UP: SAFETY FIRST FOR OUR STUDENTS

As the weather changes, please revisit our drop off and pick up protocol. Students should be getting dropped off on the East side of the building in the car lane. Safety is our #1 priority and taking a few minutes to find a parking spot at the park or getting to the East side is more important than a tragedy happening. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping all students safe!



The students enjoy watching the videos and pictures each Monday during Mission Mondays. If you have any Mission ideas to share, feel free to reach out to [Mrs. Krause](#) with your ideas. Thank you for encouraging our students to make a difference at school, home, and in the community.

Recess Expectations and Weather Guidelines

The cold weather season is quickly approaching. Please be sure your children are properly attired for these upcoming weather days. Warm coat, snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens/gloves are required to play in the snow. Students without snow boots must stay on hard surfaces. All students will go outside for recess on days that weather is permitting and the feels-like temperature is 0° or above.

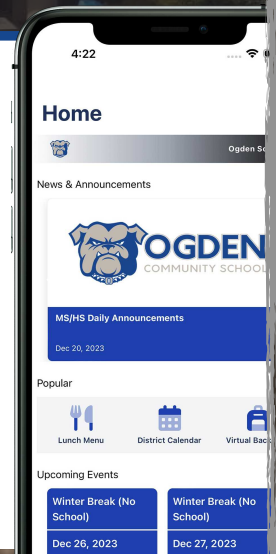
The school has a limited supply of extra clothes so having an extra pair of pants and socks in your child's backpack daily will help teachers, staff and your child in case of wet clothes from recess.

DOWNLOAD THE NEW OGDEN CSD APP!

- Get push notifications right to your phone
- View lunch menus, news, upcoming events, and more
- Contact teachers and staff right from your phone through the staff directory



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Watch for more information to come from the school in regards to this year's annual Holiday Giving Tree. If you are a family who could use some assistance during the holidays please feel free to contact Mrs. Krause, school principal or Mrs. McCloud, office secretary.

There will be no school for students Dec. 23 - Jan. 2 for Winter Vacation. School will resume for students on Friday, January 3rd.

