

# Ambassador Times

## Student Learning - Academic Achievement

As we move through the school year, we are nearing the end of the first academic quarter.



The school is charged with preparing your children for mastering the Nevada Academic Content Standards. Here is what the teachers and children work with.

▶ The Nevada Academic Content Standards, are focused in part on the English language arts and mathematics standards that Nevada adopted from the Common Core Curriculum Standards in 2010.

- ▶ The Nevada Academic Content Standards focus on our students' need to become high functioning problem solvers and critical thinkers. This encourages and promotes the students using the content learned through instruction in problems that relate to real world situations.
- ▶ The Common Core and Nevada Academic Content Standards provide guidance that challenges teachers and students to prepare students for college and career readiness.
- ▶ The Smarter Balanced Testing for grades 3 - 8 align with the Nevada Academic Content Standards. The tests are taken on computers and include different types of questions and reading passages. The tests also have a performance portion where students are asked to take the knowledge they learn in class and use it to solve an intensive problem while justifying and explaining what they did.
- ▶ Using our Evaluate System to track student progress monthly and using Smarter Balanced practice tests will help our teachers design better instruction for the students and help the students to see what they have done correctly and what they continue to need help with in the classroom.

If you want to see what the Nevada Academic Content Standards look like, please go to the Nevada Department of Education's website. If you want to see samples of the Smarter Balanced tests, please go to the Smarter Balanced website and take a practice test. Please feel free to talk to your child's teacher as well.

10/5/16 - Family Literacy Night - Oakey Campus - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

10/6/16 Open House - Both Campuses - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

10/8/16 - Saturday School -9:00 a.m. - Noon - Oakey Campus

10/11/16 - Family Math Night - Oakey - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

10/15/16 - Saturday School- City Impact - 9:00 a.m. - Noon

10/20/16 - Family Technology Night - Oakey - 6:00-8:00p.m.

10/22/16 - Saturday School- Oakey - 9:00 a.m. - Noon

10/26/16 - Family Language Night-Oakey - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

10/27/16 - Trunk or Treat - Oakey - 6:00-8:00p.m.

10/28/16 - Nevada Day - No school for students

10/31/16 - Professional Development Day - No school for students

11/3 - 11/4/16 - Report Cards for Quarter I sent home to parents

## School Safety



Innovations is in the process of creating a food, clothing, and supply pantry to help our parents, families and students. We are in the process of collecting food, gently used clothing, and other items to hand out to those who need it. The pantry will be located at our Oakey Campus.

The school will be having a food drive during the week of November 14th. If you are able to bring a canned or boxed good at that time, please watch for flyers noting where the collection boxes will be.

If you have items to donate, please check in the school offices or stop at the Oakey Office for help. If you or a family member needs help, please also ask in the offices and we will work with you.

Our Family/Community Engagement evenings are also a good place to seek help. Join us in welcoming our community partners and receiving assistance on Monday, November 28th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Oakey Library. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please remind your child of the following safety issues.

Encourage your child to talk about his/her worries with school staff members that are trusted.

Help the children to follow our two school rules:

- a. Keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.
- b. Be nice.

Encourage your children to listen and follow all directions at school. These are very important during times of instruction and emergencies.

Help your child to be aware of his/her surroundings. Listening and watching can help keep children from harm.

Watch your child's Facebook, Snap Chat, or other social media postings. Not all of the people they talk with on these sites are who they say they are. Giving out personal information on these sites is not a good idea.

Remember that IICSN takes student safety seriously. Please let us know if you have concerns. We are here to help you and your child.

### Traits of Highly Successful Students:

1. Responsibility - they do all of their assignments and are accountable for their behavior each day.
2. Motivation - they have a willingness to do their best at all times
3. Self-control - they do something even when they do not feel like it or not doing something they know should not be done
4. Punctuality - they are on time for school and they hand their assignments in on time each day
5. Attentiveness - they pay attention in class at all times
6. Enthusiasm - they remain positive about their learning at all times
7. Orderliness - they keep their desks, backpacks, and themselves organized at all times
8. Dependability - they are trustworthy and do what they say they will do at all times
9. Perseverance - they continue to work on something even if it is hard - they don't give up
10. Diligence - they are careful and take pride in all they do