



Start Off Smart

Presented by Owen County Learning Network

August 2011




Happy Birthday!!



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| 2nd Mackenzie Adams | 20th Parker Hier |
| 2nd Zepha Caldwell | 20th Damion Hubbard |
| 2nd Lily Hasselburg | 21st Freedom Dorman |
| 4th Josephine Smith | 21st Zachary Locke |
| 4th Brennan Chandler | 22nd Madisyn Dean |
| 4th Katarina Reuter | 23rd Dalilylah Lohman |
| 4th Adelle Gonso | 24th Makayla Nichols |
| 8th Reina Reuter | 25th Patrick Rooney |
| 8th Hannah Bixler | 26th Rya White |
| 10th Emmau Davis | 27th Tristan Eacret |
| 10th Geoffrey Miller | 27th Elizabeth Rady |
| 11th Jaxon Dill | 27th Cloud Ingle |
| 15th Jon Blackburn | 29th Skylar Dill |
| 17th Katie Padgett | 31st Harley Hubbard |
| 19th Hunter Mathis | |



PAT kids - Alyssa & Rylee Brewer learn the properties of "Ooze" during a home visit.


Look inside for safety tips, recipes, and more!

Keira and Christina Wheatcraft won the high bid for the "It's for the Kids!" basket at the Owen County Fair.



Vanessa McClary and her daughter, Victoria, present the Owen County Learning Network with gift baskets from the Kiwanis Club of South Central Indiana.

Silent Auction Winners!



Special thanks goes out to the *Kiwanis Club of South Central Indiana* for donating two special packages for the OCLN fair booth. A "Back to School" basket and "It's for the Kids!" basket were generously provided for a Silent Auction. Fairgoers placed bids throughout the week on each basket. Bidding ended at 7:30 Friday night and the high bidders were announced at 8:00. **Winners of the silent auction baskets were Christina Wheatcraft and Sharon Barger.**

2011 Fair Booth

Owen County's 2011 Fair was a hot one, but that didn't keep the crowds away! OCLN's Start Off Smart staff met parents from across the county, giving them information and free books for each child. Each night a drawing was held for a FREE package of books for young children.

Here are the winners:

- Monday: Hailey McKinney**
- Tuesday: Robbi Criss**
- Wednesday: Rylee Spencer**
- Thursday: Joshua Mize**
- Friday: Kyra Totten**

Congratulations!!

Welcome 2011 SOS families

Jennifer Livingston and Alex
Melissa & Keith Bixler and new baby Kenzi
Holly & Brad Wheeler and new baby Carsyn
Amy & Nathan Martin and Alexandra
Tashina & Shawn Arthur and Sophia
Kylie Jackson and Blakely and Blaine
Rachel & Jake Bault and Robert Noah
Kristi Clark and Wyatt
Jennifer Harkrider and Maddysun
Jessica Perry and Hunter and Hayden
Cory Johnson and Nevilea
Raylena Dowdy and Ian
Carol & Robert Mullis and William



Jennifer Hawkins and Graden
Jessica Rooney and Patrick
Elizabeth Lohman and Dalayah and
Celsiey

Sylvia Hawkins and Bryson and Abigail
Jessica & John Anderson and Jaylyn
and Marrisona
Sabra Mobley and Kaden
Rachel & Jeff Keith and Chandler and Avery
Alicia Bault and Aubree, Natalie, and Kaden
Twyla Diss and Cami
Linda Pinkston and Daisey and David
Samantha Ruble, Eric Ranard and Shelby

Make a Fun and Healthy Breakfast!

Banana Dip

You will need:

Banana
Yogurt
Granola
Toothpicks
Plastic knife



1. Cut it into chunks using a plastic knife.
2. Stick a toothpick into each banana chunk.
3. Dip the chunks into yogurt and then into granola cereal before eating.
4. Dip the chunks into yogurt and then roll it in the granola. Serve with milk. Makes a healthy snack, too!



SOS Kids Graduate to Kindergarten!

What: Graduate to Kindergarten Party

When: August 9, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm



Where: Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall



This is a "special" play group evening...all are welcome, but most activities will be focused on the k-bound SOS kids.


Join us for cake and punch, circle time, and crafts. We will also present certificates and a kindergarten 'goody bag' to all the grads. Please call 829-5869 by August 1 to let us know you'll be attending.

How to Use Medicine Safely

- Keep medicines locked up. Put them back in safe storage right after use. 
- Turn on lights and use glasses, if needed, to make sure the right medicine and right dose is given.
- Over the counter (OTC) products can hurt your child if too much is taken. Read all label directions and follow them *exactly*.
- Poisoning can happen not only with things that are eaten, but can also get into the body through the skin or eyes and can be breathed in.
- More is not always better. If the amount isn't working call your doctor for advice.
- Don't take medicines in front of young children. They like to imitate you. 

What to Do With Bug Bites and Bee Stings

Bites and stings can make your skin red, itchy, and swollen. **You can have a bad allergic reaction even if you've never reacted to stings before.** Signs of allergy include hives, flushed skin, itching, feeling sick, fever and trouble breathing. ***If you think you're having an allergic reaction, call 911 immediately.***

- **Honeybees** usually don't sting but when they do, the stinger stays in the skin. Don't squeeze it or use tweezers to remove a stinger. Flick the stinger with a fingernail until the stinger pops out. 
- **Bumblebees** are large yellow and black bees that don't usually like to sting. If they do, they don't lose their stingers, so they can sting again.
- **Wasps, Hornets, and Yellow Jackets** are more likely to sting and can sting repeatedly. In late summer yellow jackets make up a high number of stings in Indiana. They are often found near trash and food so stay away from outdoor trash cans.
- **Biting Insects** include mosquitoes, fleas, and flies. Their bites are mostly mild, but can pass on serious diseases. Remember to use insect repellants.
- **Non-insect** bites include chiggers, ticks, spiders, and snakes. Clothing that covers your skin can help protect against these bites. Check your child's body and hair after being in wooded places. If you find a tick remove it. Hold the body close to the skin and pull slowly and gently.

Indiana Poison Center

1-800-222-1222



Poison Help: *If the person won't wake up, is having seizures, or trouble breathing, call 911 first.* Teach your child to *always* ask an adult before eating, drinking or smelling anything they're not sure of!

In a poisoning emergency - don't take chances and wait for symptoms, call your Indiana

Win This Yamaha 4WD 4-wheeler!



Tickets \$5 or 5/\$20

Raffle...Raffle...Raffle! Time is running out!

Support Owen County Learning Network! Enter the drawing to win a brand new Yamaha 4WD 4-wheeler. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. To purchase tickets call the office at 829-5869. Also see the 4-wheeler at area events this summer. Winning ticket will be drawn during the 5th Annual Owen County Learning Network Auction, September 27 at the Spencer Christian Church Life Center. Don't miss it!



OCLN donated pencils for the "Backpacks for Liberia" campaign. Karen Eckhart is seen here accepting the donation which will go to school age children, including preschoolers.



Moms Get Cookin'!

This winter we offered Start Off Smart moms an opportunity to contribute to the first Owen County Learning Network Cookbook. Parents contributed 300 family recipes for the cookbook. It is now complete and available for purchase. Funds help support the programs of the OCLN. So pick up one and start cookin' today!

The OCLN Cookbook "Recipes"

is available now!
Call the office at 829-5869 to pick up your copy or visit www.ocln.net. Look for the link in the middle of the home page. The price is just \$12.

Play & Learn Group

Join us for our summer schedule of events!
Dates: August 9, 7 pm to 8:30 pm
Nazarene Fellowship Hall

**August Play Group is focused on SOS kids who will be going to kindergarten, however all families are welcome to join us!*

Start Off Smart Play & Learn Group will begin regular monthly Play Group at SES in September. Watch the newsletter for dates!



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