

# OLSON PANTHER NEWS

NOVEMBER 2016

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HIGHLIGHTS** Explore 6<sup>th</sup> Grade art student are creating an ofrenda for Dia De Los Muertos (Day Of the Dead) that will be displayed at the Minnesota History Center, October 23-November 2, 2016. The History Center will host their annual celebration for the holiday that features: music, folk dancing, traditional Mexican games, and art activities. Some of the items are clay skulls with beads and flowers and sample of traditional bread and hot chocolate. Visitors are able to view a dozen beautiful ofrendas (altars); tributes to those that have departed; students and professionals' artists create all these.

FREE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR OCTOBER 23, 2016 \*\*SEE OFFICE STAFF!



## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

**Thursday, October 13, 6:30-7:30 PM, Olson Parent Group Meeting, Media Center**

**Tuesday, October 18, 4:30-8:00 PM, Student-Involved Conferences**

**Wednesday, October 19, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, Student-Involved Conferences, No School for Students**

**Thursday, October 20, and Friday, October 21, No School for Students, MEA Break**

**Monday, October 24, School Resumes for Students**

**Thursday, October 27, Site Council #1, 4:30-5:30, Media Center/ Family Night 5:30-6:30**

**Thursday, October 27, Family Information Night, 5:30-6:30**

**Wednesday, November 2, Last Day of First Quarter**

**Thursday, November 3, and Friday, November 4, No School for Students, Teacher Record Keeping and Professional Development**

**Monday, November 7, School Resumes and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter begins**

**OCTOBER IS  
NATIONAL  
BULLYING  
PREVENTION  
MONTH!**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings, Olson Middle School students and families! Welcome to Olson U!

Our school year has gotten off to a great start thanks to the collective effort of our students, staff and families. We have had positive energy throughout the school as our students and staff members are building relationships that will lead to successful learning.

At Olson U, our mission is to challenge our students to become inquiring lifelong learners, engaged citizens, and compassionate, respectful and persevering young people in a global community. We envision Olson as a model school with transformative power for our students' futures. We help students discover and maximize their brilliance as scholars and community members.

We are excited about launching our journey to become an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. During our first quarter, we are focusing on the IB Learner Profile and developing our Inclusion Policy. I will share our current status and updates when we have our State of the School/Title I family night on October 27.

Our parent-teacher conferences are coming up on October 18 and 19. These are "student-involved" conferences, so we want you to bring your students with you. The student will go with you to each teacher and talk about how (s)he is doing in each class. The teachers will also highlight your student's strengths and areas of growth.

I look forward to seeing you at conferences.

Dr. Steve Emerson-Principal

### 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

- I. **Novel Trapped Completed!**
- II. **Scientist completed experiment using scientific method!**
- III. **ELA Scholars presented Personality Poster to classmates!**
- IV. **Students tested their best on the MAP Math & Reading!**

**GO OLSON PANTHERS KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**