



# OSD Newsletter

## Every Child, Every Day

April 2013

### Note from the Principal

Denyse Woods

There are only 5 weeks left of school and LOTS of things going on. Instead of the small calendar, there is a full calendar of all school activities in this newsletter. The calendar is school wide, however it is color coded in order to help see what is happening everywhere!

We have finished all of our standardized testing and are moving into wrapping up the year. We are all very excited about moving into the new school building to start the 2013-2014 school year. Teachers and students have been working to get rid of old items, and get packed up for the move.

This year, we will be hiring to fill 3 teacher vacancy positions for next year. Megan Key will be moving to the ACC for next school year and is looking forward to working with the preschool program as we add another preschool classroom. Bill Newman will be joining the 4Plus Department and working with Career Center students as Cindy Watt is retiring this year. We will miss her very much and have appreciated all of her years at OSD. Ben Wright will be moving into an English classroom for next year. Janel Kisner will be moving into the IVDL position as Abbie Poe has decided to stay home with her new baby. This means that we will be hiring for an ASL teacher, a high school reading teacher, and an elementary teacher. We are starting interviews shortly and have had many qualified applicants. We are looking forward to having new teachers join our Spartan Family!

### Time to order Yearbooks!

The 2012-2013 yearbook is available for pre-order for \$28. If you wait to buy the 2012-13 yearbook in the fall, the price will be \$30, so save money by ordering early!

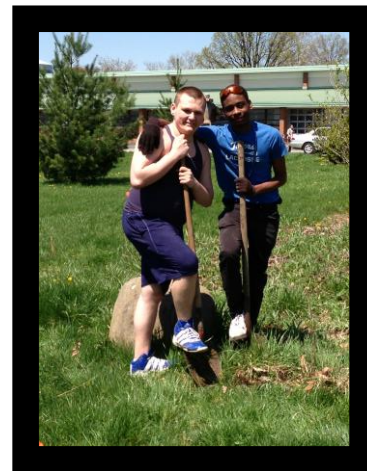
There are two ways to order. You can order on-line by going to **yearbookforever.com**, selecting our school and paying by credit card or PayPal or you can fill out and return the attached order form with payment.

The 2011-2012 yearbooks are also still for sale. If you missed out, it's not too late!

### Earth Day

School Wide

On April 22, all staff and students came outside to help beautify our campus in celebration of Earth Day. The cafeteria prepared cookout food and all staff and students enjoyed eating outside. After lunch everyone worked together to pull weeds, lay mulch, pickup sticks and generally take pride in our community. It was wonderful to see students and teachers working side by side to show that we care about the earth, and we care about OSD!



# End of the Year Calendar

## May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	1	2	3 Prom
Space Camp in Alabama				
6	7	8	9 Alice in Wonderland Play 6:00	10 Elementary production of Alice in Wonderland
Alex's Lemonade Stand at Panera Bread (4519 N. High Street) Daily from 12-1:30				
13	14	15 Spartan Track and Field Invitational @ OSSB @ 6:30	16 Deaf Park Fieldtrip 9:30 Senior Trip	17 Senior Trip
20	21	22	23 Zoombezi Bay Science Day field trip	24 Awards Day 1:30
Final Exam Week				
27 No School Memorial Day	28 Field Day (pm) Field Day (pm) DACC Senior Awards Ceremony @ Aladdin Shrine Center 7:00	29 Memorial Golf Tournament Graduation 4:30 OSD Sports Banquet in Cafeteria 6:00	30 Field Day 12:30 Awards Day 9:30 Graduation and Awards	31 Class of 2013 Graduation

As the end of the school year is busy, we have color coded the school calendar of activities.

ACC Activities  
Elementary Activities  
Middle School; Activities  
High School Activities  
 School Wide

# School Updates

## Preschool

Leslie MacFarland

After many months of cold days, the Alice Cogswell Center students have been excited to welcome in spring with more outside activities during our busy days. Preschool recently completed a unit on bugs/insects that coincided with Earth Day, and are now beginning a class favorite unit on dinosaurs. With four of our students heading to Kindergarten in the fall, we are busy reviewing our skills and preparing for **Graduation on Wednesday, May 29 at 4:30**. Our Preschool teacher **Mrs. Leslie MacFarland** welcomed her new baby Alexander John on April 4th. Congratulations to the whole family!

The Toddler room has been very busy with preparing for transition to preschool. With so many toddlers transitioning to preschool, we are excited to announce the addition of a second preschool class to begin the 2013-2014 school year. Our Infant Program is also working towards transition of students to the toddler program in the fall. With 4 students moving into the Toddler Room, we already have a full class of toddlers to start the year. Infant Room Teacher Aide **Mrs. Crystal Dougherty** welcomed her new daughter, Riley Josephine on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to her family as well. Summer Sign Camp begins on Monday, June 10. Children between the ages of 6 weeks and 10 years are welcome to apply. Information is available on the OSD website at [www.ohioschoolforthe deaf.org](http://www.ohioschoolforthe deaf.org).

## Elementary

Jennifer Cole, Gretchen Douglas, Megan Key, Ross Leighner, Jessica Sloan, Julie Stewart, Jeani Thomas,

In Miss Sloan's class, they have been taking a deeper look into living things, especially animals! We have discussed their needs around their environment. We are incorporating literacy by reading some picture books involving animals to kick off our author study unit on Denise Fleming!

Mr. Ross' class has been working on a "Life Cycles" unit where students had the opportunity to see the daily changes that occur while tadpoles and caterpillars become frogs and butterflies!

Ms. Douglas's class has been helping Mr. Costello and his class preparing for the Plant sale. The students measured the plant growth and charting the progress, and learning about economics. The plant sale will provide the students opportunities to buy things, count their money and figure out change.

Ms. Stewart's class has been doing the author study on Eric Carle. The students are counting how many books they have read by him and doing literacy and science/social studies activities with the books. We are all very excited for the upcoming events: The Columbus Zoo, Topiary Park where old Ohio School for the Deaf is, Alex's Lemonade sale and Alice in Wonderland play!

## Middle School

Susie Bachtel, Bill Estes, Amy Massey-Norton, Kayla Meese, Phyllis Moore, Michele Ogden

The Middle School students will be taking a field trip to Zoombezi Bay for Science Days on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. The cost of the trip for students is \$5.00. A permission form was sent home last Friday. Please turn in your permission forms and money by Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Students who receive a behavior write up or have a cumulative low grade in the month of May will not be permitted on the trip.

Reminder that low grades forms will be sent home every three weeks, not every week.

### Congratulations to our 2013 Student Citizens!

Each year, the Clintonville Chamber of Commerce honors students who exemplify good citizenship through active participation in school and community events. There will be a Student Citizen Breakfast on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 7:30am at The Fawcett Center. This year's honorees are: Jerrick Pothorski, Kimberly Lebo, and Kaleb Crooks.

### Congratulations to our March Students of the Month:

Chris Adams	Jordyn Snapp
Gabby Bashak	Alyanna Rheyne
Tyana Hamilton	Jarian Watring
Andy McGraw	Jordan Evans
Kim Lebo	Sheonda Bass
Jerrick Pothorski	Hannah Carter

## A note from the Library:

Nancy Boone, Donna Henderson

In April, we celebrated National Poetry Month with our annual Poetry Night event and other activities. Now the library is winding down for the year and getting ready for the big move to the new school building! We are packing and doing inventory on all our materials. **Please check for any library books or videos you may have at home and return them to us as soon as possible.** We need everything back before the summer. Thank you for your help.

# School Updates

## High School

Tamara Burnett-Penny, Bill Costello, Mary Ellen Cox, Charisse Heine, Jeff Jones, Janel Kisner, Melissa Lago-Jones, Angie Layman, Bill Newman, Laura Smith, Kim Sutton, Ben Wright

Janel Kisner

This quarter, the HS composition classes are starting a creative writing unit; they will write a short story around the theme they picked earlier in the school year. We started by doing some warming up activities to get their creative juices flowing. The best was when we had class outside on a perfect spring day as they did a descriptive writing activity. Now they're asking for more classes outside!

Angie Layman

HS Health classes wrapped up Healthy Relationships and Healthy Dating right before break. Next we will be talking about how our bodies work and the changes we face as we age.

Jeff Jones

HS Social Studies classes discussed New Deal during FDR presidency. We'll be working on World War II and the Cold War soon.

Ben Wright

Social Studies has been focusing on the Holocaust. We have learned about World War One and Two from an European perspective and have started learning about ghettos in Nazi Germany. The students are thoroughly enjoying learning about a culturally sensitive topic. They are learning about groups of people who were persecuted during the Holocaust, including the Jews, Jehovahs witnesses, homosexuals and physically/mentally disabled people.

ASL classes have been focusing on deaf history and have learned about Deaf history dating all the way back to the Roman Empire! We learned about the first recorded Deaf person in history, Quintus Pedius. We are now focusing on Deaf President Now and will be doing art next week.

High school students have also been very involved in the play, practicing up to four times a week getting ready for our May 9th show of Alice in Wonderland! Twylia Cook is Alice, Cameron Smith is the White Rabbit, JM Taylor is the Mad Hatter, and more!

Bill Newman

Language Arts class is studying a curriculum unit on the Life of Pi and just completed a family tree project. We will be comparing and contrasting the book and movie soon. We're also studying Latin and Greek root words.

## Pennies for Patients

Schoolwide

Thank you to all that helped raise money for Pennies for Patients. Students were excited to help by bringing in spare change to donate to this cause. As a school, we raised a total of **\$183.73!!!** All money has been sent it to benefit The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

## The Wellness Committee

Angie Layman and Juli Carvi

The Wellness Committee is excited to report all the healthy changes OSD undertook this school year. OSD won the Silver Award from the federal government for the Healthier US Schools Challenge. In 2011-2012, we changed our menus and started moving more. At the end of the year, we applied for the award. In the fall of 2012 we learned that we won!

During this year in the cafeteria we taste tested kale and smoothies, and we have taken juice off the menu at lunch. Also, Juli Carvi worked with the State Procurement to change the state bread contract to add 100% whole wheat bread and buns.

Student Life coordinated with new nurse Tobi Valentine to get a nutritionist in to talk to the students in the afterschool program, about good food choices. The nursing department is having a mobile dentist come to OSD before the end of the school year.

During the school day Angie Layman and the Move It Group motivated everyone to "Move it! Move it!" to get up and stretch and move 10 minutes daily. She also sent out the ODE Physical Activity Assessment over Spring Break. We have field days coming up the last week of school.

Other positive changes not directly linked to the Wellness Committee, but which make OSD a better place is our increased recycling efforts and Pee Wee Soccer, on Saturday mornings.

## Graduation for the Class of 2013

This year's graduation ceremony will take place in the school gymnasium at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 31. Families of seniors will receive detailed information by mail within the next week.

Other students who want to attend the ceremony will need to dress appropriately: nice pants and shirt; skirt and blouse; or dress; with nice shoes. No jeans or shorts; no casual sandals or flipflops. For more information, contact Laura Smith 614-387-2792 (v/tty/relay) or [smithl@osd.oh.gov](mailto:smithl@osd.oh.gov).

## Congratulations MeKayla Walker!

We are proud to announce that senior MeKayla Walker has been accepted into Gallaudet University as an incoming freshman for the class of 2013!





# Peace Poles

The character development theme for the month of April was Acceptance. Positive School Climate Committee member Phyllis Moore organized an activity for students to create peace poles for our campus. Students first took part in discussions about diversity and accepting others. Then they worked on the artwork for our peace poles.

Sadly, we have seen a lot of trauma in the world recently with Sandy Hook and the Boston Marathon. It has been uplifting to see the peace poles displayed. It is also a good daily reminder to students as they enter the school building that OSD celebrates diversity and focuses on acceptance.



## Alex's Lemonade Stand

Every year, the elementary department partners with Panera Bread (located at 4519 N. High Street) to sell lemonade for Alex's Lemonade Stand a Foundation for Childhood Cancer. Each day, an elementary classroom goes and sells lemonade from 12-1:30. This year, in addition to donating funds to the organization, we will be donating to a local hero, 9 year old Sean Tibbs. If you are able to come to the lemonade stand, please stop by between the times listed above. If you are interested in donating and unable to come to the lemonade stand, please visit <http://www.alexlemonade.org/mypagelemon/10894>



Please remember that all transportation information has to come to us from the parent/guardian. We are not allowed to accept this information from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. If your child's transportation is changing for any reason, you must call the office.



OSD Presents  
**Alice in Wonderland**

**When:** May 9, 2013

**Time:** 6:00

**Where:** OSD Gymnasium

General Admission \$3.00

Students/Seniors @2.00