



OSD Newsletter

Every Child, Every Day

May 2, 2014

Note from the Principals

Denyse Woods & Greg Mendenhall

It is hard to believe that we only have a few weeks left in the school year. May is an extremely busy month!!! I have included a calendar of activities that are happening around campus. In addition to activities, we also have end of the year assessments that we need to focus on and ensure that students are showing what they have learned over the last year. Please make sure that your child is getting enough rest, arrive school on time, and misses as few days as possible.

Next week students in grades 3-8 will be taking the Ohio Achievement Assessment on Tuesday and Wednesday. These days it is extremely important students are at school.

Thank you for a wonderful year. We have had remarkable year. We have all learned together, and made huge strides for OSD and with each other. Thank you for your support, dedication, and belief of how great OSD is, and can be.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brooke Hohlbaugh

Each year, Sorenson awards three deserving teachers of deaf schools the Sorenson Teacher of the Year Award. Each teacher wins a grant to use in his or her classroom. This year, one of our first year teachers was selected at the first runner up for this award. We are very proud of Brooke!



Parent Staff Association News

The PSA group has been very busy planning for the spring carnival... which is this Sunday from 12-5. We have had many parents, community groups, and staff help to make the carnival a success. We will have a silent auction with over 40 different entries, games for children of all ages, and other activities. This is a wonderful opportunity to come and get to know many families at OSD. We hope to see you there.

For the remainder of the year, PSA will be hosting an elementary field day activity, and a staff appreciation breakfast.

PSA only has two meetings left for the year, May 13 and May 27. Meetings are being held in the Multi Purpose room of the school building from 3:45-4:45. All are welcome to attend. We will be discussing the conclusion of the carnival, the other activities left for the year, and planning ahead for next year.

OSD Spring Carnival

Hosted by OSD PSA

When: Sunday May 4

Time: 12-5

Where: OSD field

ALL ARE WELCOME

**Come enjoy the company of
friends and family this Sunday!
Silent Auction, games,
inflatables, and support the
OSD PSA!**

End of the Year Calendar

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28	29	30 Zoo Field Trip	1	2 Family Craft & Literacy 2-2:30 Prom
5 Earth Day Activities 1:00-3:00	6	7	8	9 Clintonville Student Citizen Breakfast Grade 8 Civil War Field Trip
Grades 3-8 OAA TESTING				
12	13	14	15	16
Alex's Lemonade Stand at Panera Bread (4519 N. High Street) Daily from 11:45-1:15				
19	20	21 Plant sale	22 PSA Field Day 9-11 Plant sale	23
26 NO SCHOOL	27 Walnut Creek Field Trip	28 Graduation 9:30 (MPR) Memorial Golf Tournament	29 Awards Day 9:00 Graduation and Awards 12:30	30 Class of 2014 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

Megan Key & Leslie MacFarland

ACC has been busy learning all about balls...bouncing, rolling, and spinning. We are excited to take Earth Day to a whole new level as we study reduce, reuse, and recycle as our last unit for the 2013-2014 school year.

Elementary

Gretchen Douglas, Bill Estes, Ross Leighner, Emily McDermott, Veronica Shonkwiler, Jessica Sloan, Julie Stewart, Jeani Thomas, Bill Estes

Spring has been busy for elementary. A highlight for our k-2 students was a trip to CCEC (a retirement community sponsored by our alumnae association) for an egg hunt and to meet residents. Thank you to PSA for hosting an egg hunt, and egg activities for students grades 3-5 here on campus.



Middle School

Susie Bachtel, Brooke Hohlbaugh, Phyllis Moore, Michele Ogden, Terry Stewart

Middle School students have been busy preparing for OAA testing these last few weeks. We did take some time to visit the residents of the Columbus Colony Elderly Care Center again. The students played bowling with the residents, Dingo, a spring memory game, as well as posed with residents for a "photo op" with bunny ears on! The students are very helpful and kind to the residents and the residents enjoy having our students come for a visit.

8th grade students will be taking a field trip to the State House for a Civil War camp reenactment. Please return your child's permission slip if they are an 8th grader.

Awards Day for the Middle School will be on Thursday May 29th at 12:30pm in the Multipurpose Room in the School. We look forward to seeing many parents there.

Middle School Student of the Month

Congratulations to March Students of the Month. These students have shown exceptional effort in grades and behavior.



Jarian Watring
Nicole Greene
Hannah Carter
Andrew Bonilla
Chris Adams
Jacorius Harvey
Gabby Bashak
Andy McGraw
Kim Lebo
Jordyn Snapp
Kaleb Crooks
Lacey Sellers
Jordan Evans
Averie Panozzo

High School/4Plus Updates

High School

Kaleigh Bowling, Tamara Burnett-Penny, Bill Costello, Mary Ellen Cox, Anthony Coy-Gonzalez, Charisse Heine, Jeff Jones, , Melissa Lago-Jones, Angie Layman, Laura Smith, Kim Sutton,

SPRING is finally here in the high school department. In April, we took learning outdoors by taking a field trip to the **Statehouse** of Ohio. Students actively engaged in learning about the Ohio Congress by touring the rooms where the Senate and House of Representatives meet, discuss, and vote on important issues to Ohioans. In addition, we visited the historic site of the old Ohio School for the Deaf at "Deaf Park." History came alive in the topiary figures as we discussed what it must have been like for the students who walked that campus.

Many of our math classes are currently working on units involving statistics and **Probability**. Under our new Common Core State Standards, high school students are expected to learn Data Analysis, Statistics and Probability as part of their 100, 200 and 300 level math courses. This is a huge change from Ohio's previous standards which offered the above information in elective math courses taken only if: the school offered the course, the student had room in his/her schedule, and the student chose to take the course. Students and teachers are enjoying this new content and how applicable it is to real life! ASL classes have been learning about Deaf **Rights** and changing the world in a positive way. Cultural artwork has shown us ways to express our pride, passion, and hope for the future. We are now diving into writing letters to make that change possible.

English courses are finishing up novels and short stories. In one class, "The Secret Life of Bees" took them on a journey through finding one's **Identity** in the midst of tough circumstances. Students are leaping into research papers by looking back influential people in history and their impacts on society. Some classes have taken a trip around the world with short stories written by authors from a variety of countries.

In other classes, students have been preparing for the 10th annual Poetry **Night** by exploring ASL and English poems while creating their own! Yearbook class is hard at work on the 2013-2014 yearbook, capturing the memories of the year with pictures. Yearbooks can be pre-ordered for \$28 now and will be delivered in August.

The physical science classes have been studying wave properties and behaviors. Through hands-on activities, they learned to apply the differences in wave behaviors: reflection, refraction, diffraction, and interferences. The environmental science classes are studying pollution in **Groundwater** and oceans. They performed various hands-on activities to explore the primary source of contamination. The physics classes are studying current electricity. A couple of hands-on activities will be performed to understand the structure of electric currents and its circuitry.

SPRING is a happening place around high school, where learning is occurring by leaps and bounds!

Spring Field Day

Due to a late spring break this year, we had a school wide field day activity. Thank you to JJ Beechold for making this possible. All students enjoyed themselves



4Plus

Nancy Swisher, Bill Newman

The 2013-2014 4PLUS Program started with 16 students on the roster: all students were from OSD: What are they doing now?

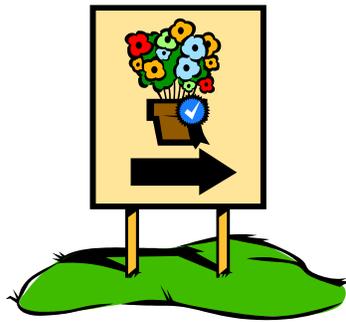
- 2 students withdrew: In the fall of 2013, the students did not return to OSD.
- 1 student exited on October: This student aged out/linked with BVR and went home for work experience.
- 3 students exited: They are BVR/DD linked in their hometown.
- 2 students went home for work internships. They are DACC seniors and decided to work in their career area at home. They will exit 4PLUS in May.
- 1 student is working part time at Westerville Library. The student will exit in May.
- 4 students are working part-time and will go home for summer. They will return next year for 4PLUS.
- 1 student is working full time and is in the process of looking for housing in Columbus.
- 2 students are working part-time and will exit in May. They will return home to attend a community college.

Announcements Page

Horticulture:

OSD will host our annual plant sale this month. Please stop by the school on Wednesday, May 21st or Thursday, May 22nd from 9:00 to 3:00.

As always, there will be a large variety to choose from....don't miss out!



Wizard of Oz



Was a GREAT SUCCESS!!! Thank you to Julie Stewart, Molly Estes, and Carrie Montoney for all of your hard work to make this a huge success for our students. Also, thank you to all the parents, families, and friends that attended to show support.

Pennies for Patients

Schoolwide

Pennies for Patients is a service learning, character education and philanthropy program that gives students a unique experience making a difference through teamwork—working together to aid thousands of children and adults in the fight blood cancers like leukemia.

Thank you all for your support in giving back to our community. As a school we raised **\$180.25** for this worthy cause!!!



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 sold lemonade from 11:45-1:15.

If you are interested in donating but were unable to come to the lemonade stand, you can still visit the website.

<http://www.alexlemonade.org/mypagelemon/10894>.



Specialists Page

Specialists

Bobbi Colatruglio, Leanna Goss, Susan McTyiere, Mitzi Stephens, Miranda Walker

Spring is, finally, just around the corner! Many of us are looking forward to being outside, enjoying outdoor activities ourselves and with our children. We want our children who use hearing technology to continue to be able to use it outdoors and yet still keep it safe and working. There are several options for retention of hearing aids and cochlear implant processors. Retention cords help keep valuable technology from getting lost if it happens to fall off while your child is playing outdoors. A drying kit used regularly will extend the life hearing aids and CI processors and an earmold air blower will keep earmolds and tubing free of moisture. And of course, don't forget to have plenty of batteries on hand, so that your child doesn't miss the sounds of summer! These products can be purchased from your child's dispensing audiologist as well as through online companies:

www.gearforears.com , www.adcohearing.com,
www.harriscomm.com , www.westone.com and
www.getsafeandsound.com . Get outside and play, and relax, knowing your child's technology is safe!

Reading Specialist

Angela Smith

Although summer should be a time for kids to relax and unwind from a year full of rigorous academics, it should also be a time to read some great books! Students should continue to read and improve their skills over the summer so that teachers can focus on building on those previously learned skills instead of re-teaching them. The biggest motivation for student's to read over the summer comes from you, the parents. The value you place on literacy in your home is the key to your child's success as a reader. Here are some tips to help with summer reading:

- Combine activities with books
- Visit the library
- Lead by example
- Talk about what you read
- Relax the rules for summer
- Have plenty of reading materials around
- Use books to break the boredom
- Read aloud with your children
- Make reading fun

*Please watch for a summer reading packet to be sent home with your child before school is out.



Math Specialist

Melissa Lago jones

Functional Math Skills that Support Independence

<http://specialed.about.com/od/mathfoundations/a/Functional-Math-Skillskills-That-Support-Independence.htm>

Time - Time, as a functional skill is both about *understanding time*, in order to use time in a reasonable manner (not staying up all night, not missing appointments because they don't leave enough time to get ready) and *telling time*, in order to use both analog and digital clocks (to get to work on time, to get to the bus on time). Understanding time involves having a concept of time, understanding that seconds are fast, minutes almost as fast, and hours much longer.

Students with disabilities, especially significant cognitive or developmental disabilities, often will have behavioral outbursts because they are "stuck" on preferred activities. For them, building an understanding of time may involve a visual clock or a picture schedule. These both give the student a sense of control over their schedule, and an understanding of what happens and when during their day.

When teaching time, it is worthwhile to pair telling time with understanding time: that 6 a.m. is when you get up and 6 p.m. is when you eat dinner. Once students can tell the time to the hour and half hour, automatically progress to skip counting by 5's and telling time to the five minute. A geared clock, such as a Judy Clock, helps students understand that both hands move together.

Measurement

Length: For functional purposes, measurement focuses on use. A student should be able to use a ruler and even perhaps a tape measure for length, and recognize inches, half and quarter inches, and feet or yards as larger measures. -

Volume: Knowledge of measures of volume, (i.e. cups, quarts, gallons, etc.) is useful for cooking and following directions. Students should be able to choose what they will cook, and find and read recipes.

Library

Nancy Boone, Donna Henderson

April is National Poetry Month, and we celebrated it in the library! Students in elementary, middle and high school studied ASL poetry by Clayton Valli and some other deaf poets. We viewed a variety of ASL poems and learned about the techniques used in poetry. Many students created their own poems using alphabetical or numerical handshapes (a.k.a. ABC stories or number stories). The month of celebration culminated at our 10th Annual Poetry Night event on April 30. Students and staff were invited to share poetry on an open stage; poetry could be original or something memorized. It was an enjoyable way to wrap up National Poetry Month, but hopefully the study of poetry will continue year-round!

Watch for summer reading packets to be sent home with your child later this month!

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs.	Friday
			1	2 PROM
5	6	7	8	9
OAA Tests (grades 3-8)				
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26 NO SCHOOL	27 HS Gym class to Golf Tournament†	28	29 MS Awards 12:30	30 Last Day of School GRADUATION

Tip from the Nurse

Diana Dick, Tobbi Valentine, Tammy Woodyard



Specials

Nancy Boone, Kaleigh Bowling, Bill Costello, Mary Ellen Cox, Anthony Coy-Gonzalez, Angie Layman, Nona Pierce

HORTICULTURE

Elementary students in Horticulture have been preparing for our annual plant sale by planting seeds for flowers, herbs and vegetables. Middle school students have been busy fastening hangers onto our hanging baskets which are being sold for Mother's Day (only \$10.00 for a 12 inch hanging basket of petunia's). We have 2 raised beds nearly ready for planting in the new green space area and will have more by the end of school year. We will be planting in the raised beds once they are filled with soil.



Our yearbook class is hard at work on the 2013-2014 yearbook, capturing the memories of the year with pictures. Yearbooks can be pre-ordered for \$28 now and will be delivered in August. Please see the order form on the next page of the newsletter.

