



OSD Newsletter

Every Child, Every Day

November 1, 2013

Note from the Principals

Denyse Woods & Greg Mendenhall

We just finished our first quarter of school. Wow how the time has flown by. Report cards should be mailed out within the next week. If you see anything concerning on the report card, please do not hesitate to call the school and investigate. School and home working together is our first priority, and the way to make sure that students are successful.

We will be holding Parent Teacher Conferences on November 12. Conferences are from 3:30-7. Please try to touch base with your child's teachers. Phone conference is fine if you are not able to make it to campus.

In another effort to stay connected with parents, Bill Estes, our behavior consultant will be sending home parent copies of any write up slip that happen during the week. Write up slips are filled out when a student breaks a school rule. The form will tell you what rule was broken as well as the consequence for this behavior. As we are just starting this on Friday, we will be sending home ten weeks' worth of behavior sheets. Please do not be too alarmed. We will then send out sheets every Friday. If you ever have questions, please feel free to contact Bill Estes or your child's principal. Will be sending home write-up slips weekly.

Denyse & Greg

New Staff to OSD

Kaleigh Bowling

I just recently graduated from Kent State University this past May with my B.A. in Deaf Education. I student taught here at OSD January-May of 2013, which made me realize how much I wanted to become a part of the wonderful team here. I am so happy that I am able to work with such amazing staff and students' every day. I am currently teaching high school Language Arts, high school Technology, as well as elementary and middle school Technology. I am so excited to be here and I cannot wait to see what the future holds!

We will be having a canned food drive November 18-22. All food will be donated to the MidOhio Food Bank. Which school will be able to donate the most canned food? ACC/Elementary? Middle? High??



November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs.	Friday
				1 OGT
4	5 Athletics Awards Assembly (Ms/HS) 3:00	6	7	8 ACC Closed for conference
11 No School	12 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00	13	14	15
18 College/ Career Fair	19	20 New School Dedication	21	22 Elementary Thanksgiving Parent Lunch
Canned Food Drive				
25	26 High School Mid-Ohio Food Bank Volunteering	27 Dismiss @ 12:00	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	29 No School

PSA needs your help...

On November 12, we will be holding Parent Teacher Conferences from 3:30-7:00. PSA will have their first fundraiser, a BAKE SALE during conferences. If you are willing to make baked goods to send in, please email Denyse Woods at dwoods@osd.oh.gov . All baked goods should be sent in by 3:00 on November 12.



School Updates

Preschool

Megan Key & Leslie MacFarland

The preschoolers are studying trees: shapes, sizes, food, leaves, and anything else that we come across about trees. We are enjoying learning about fall and seeing the leaves change color- leaves are so much fun! ACC is also happy to start hosting monthly parent mini-seminars with school specialists. The first will be November 1 from 1:30-2:30 in the preschool lobby (B2) with Molly Estes on language development of deaf children with early language exposure.

Elementary

Jennifer Cole, Gretchen Douglas, Ross Leighner, Emily McDermott, Veronica Shonkwiler, Jessica Sloan, Julie Stewart, Jeani Thomas,

Our Kindergarteners are working on using descriptive sentences including adjectives: sensory and color words. We have practiced comparing and contrasting between stories as well. Lastly, we have been continuing to work on independent reading along with comprehension skills and strategies. For math, we have been working on Chapter 3 and have been practicing writing, reading, and counting numbers 6, 7, and 8. The students have been practicing making these numbers in different ways using two sided counters. Lastly, in social studies we have begun a new unit discussing voting and elections. The students will participate in an apple election at the end of the week! In first grade, we have been studying living and non-living in science and maps (city, state, country and world) to begin to understand where we are in the world. We have also been reading nonfiction stories about animals and learning how they communicate. We have been working hard on how to sign complete thoughts and sentences in ASL and also how to write them in English.

Mr. Ross' class has been working on Earth and Space Science for the month of October and look forward to the upcoming months!

The fourth and fifth graders have finished our Science discussions about plants and now have moved on to learning about habitats and ecosystems. We will be studying the various habitats in the coming weeks. In fourth and fifth grade Social Studies, the fourth graders have been focusing on Ohio geography, such as landforms and climate. In fifth grade, we have been discussing geography as it pertains to immigration and distribution maps. Fourth and fifth grade math have been working on multiplication skills and money. In Reading, they have finished reading "Martin Luther King" and will start "My Librarian is a Camel", which discusses libraries around the world.

On October 22, the whole elementary went to Circle S farm. Everyone had a great time despite the cooler temperatures. The students were able to taste their cider and donuts and then play in the barn with mounds of hay bales and in the hay maze. Then, after lunch we took a tractor ride out into the field to pick our own pumpkins.

Thank you to the parents that were able to make it to the Elementary Literacy Night! It was wonderful to share a night of family fun and reading with you.

Middle School

Susie Bachtel, Bill Estes, Brooke Hohlbaugh, Phyllis Moore, Amy Massey-Norton Michele Ogden

This month, students in middle school learned about how spreading gossip and rumors can be hurtful and lead to bullying. Students analyzed statements about rumors and read a story related to spreading gossip. Students also learned about lunch time social skills and how to treat others with respect during lunch.

Parent Teacher conferences will be on November 12th from 3:30 to 7:00pm. A sign-up sheet was sent home last Friday in the blue communication folders. If you would like a phone conference or to meet in person, please return the sign-up sheet. Times will be given on a first come first serve basis. We will send home a confirmation sheet before conferences.

Middle School Student of the Month

Congratulations to our September Students of the Month. These students had no behavior write ups, no low grades, and only missed up to one homework assignment.

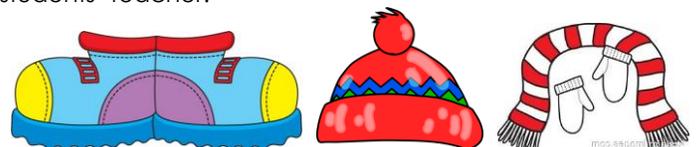


Chris Adams
Andy McGraw
Kim Lebo
Jerrick Pothorski
Jordyn Snapp
Kaleb Crooks
Jarian Watring
Lacey Sellers
Jordan Evans
Nevaeh Welsh
Hannah Carter

Elementary Reminder

As the weather is changing and getting much colder quite fast, please remember that we do have outdoor recess if the temperature is above 28 degrees. Be sure to send in scarves, gloves, hats, thick winter coats, and possibly boots with your children so they are able to stay warm during recess time.

If you have questions at any time, please contact your students' teacher.



High School 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,

Time has flown by quickly as we shifted into autumn season. With the nine week period coming to an end, the High School department wants to share the pleasurable experiences of teaching and learning.

Kim Sutton and Angie Layman's Health classes have been discussing the benefits of good nutrition, such as eating healthy, eating a variety of fruits and vegetables, and maintaining a healthy Body Mass Index (BMI). Next, we will be researching various communicable diseases, such as the common cold and how a person's sneeze can travel 12 feet.

In American History, Jeff Jones' class has been cruising through the post Industrial Era. In Financial Literacy course, the class have been comparing renting vs buying a home. Students learned to go over different strategies to save money.

The Physical Science class has just completed its first unit on "Matter and Describing Matter". Charisse's class will start to study a new unit on "Motion and Force". The unit will involve lots of lab activities. The class will learn the basic calculations on motion, speed, velocity, and acceleration. In Environmental Science class, students were introduced to reading geologic records and the formation of oceans and atmospheric oxygen on Earth. They will enter a new unit on "Atmosphere". The unit will cover the structure, the greenhouse effect, and the atmospheric circulation patterns. In Physics, the class is almost done with the interpretation of two types of graphs: Position vs Time and Velocity vs Time. In the next week or so, students will learn how to calculate by using the motion equation formulas to solve problems involving free falling objects. Thereafter, students will learn how to recognize the variety of forces involving the study of Newton's Laws of motions. In November, the class will take a field trip to the Ohio State University campus for a series of lecture on physics.

Anthony Coy's American Sign Language (ASL) classes are now learning about the 5 parameters incorporated in ASL. They will also learn the variety of poetic numbers and ABC stories while they explore poetry in ASL.

In English, Mr. Coy's class had just recently finished a book called "Wonder". They are in the process of completing some creative final projects relating to the book. For next month, they are eagerly looking forward to begin the book called "Beastly" written by Alex Flinn.

Save the Date

Ohio School for the Deaf will be hosting a College/Career Fair on November 18, 2013. More details included as last page.

Transition

Sheri Uhrin

High School Students participated in a presentation about the Delaware Area Career Center on October 22, 2013. Students are able to sign to visit the career center by returning their sign up form which will be scheduled Nov – January. Applications for students that are interested in attending DACC should complete their application no later than Jan 17, 2014. For more information the web site is: <http://www.delawareareacc.org/>. **Our OSD Liaison is Mr. Bill Newman that can be reached at Newman@osd.oh.gov.**

Students interested in college will be met with Sheri Uhrin (Uhrin@osd.oh.gov) on October 28, 2013 after school. Students that were not able to attend can schedule an individual appointment with Sheri Uhrin (Room 223 – old HS)

OSD will be hosting a **college fair for Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be held on November 18, 2013 at Ohio School for the Deaf from 2-7pm**. HS students and parents are invited to attend. Please register online at <http://www.ohioschoolforthe deaf.org/>. Schools that will be represented are: Gallaudet University, National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, Columbus State Community College, Kent State University and University of Cincinnati. We will also have representatives from the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation to talk about their services and an opportunity to meet the counselor for the Deaf that serves your home county.

4Plus

Nancy Swisher, Bill Newman

The 4PLUS students have been learning budgeting concepts, paying bills, preparing for independent life in apartments, bank account management, and home health concepts. They were able to practice these skills and have fun by taking a trip to a local thrift store and dining at the Fujiyama Steakhouse. As part of the goal of the program is to have employment, the 4PLUS students are currently working both on campus and off campus in a variety of work settings which includes distribution, libraries, a retirement home, the OSD cafeteria, ACC and in our own classrooms. We are proud of their accomplishments so far and are looking forward to learning many more skills this year!

New Counselor

We are excited to announce that OSD has a new counselor, Stephanie Smith Bowman. She can be reached at SmithBowman@osd.oh.gov. She has sent home purple papers for parents to sign to allow her to meet with students. Please sign and return ASAP.

Athletics Page

Athletic Director Memo

Bill Estes

Our varsity volleyball and soccer seasons were completed last Wednesday (10/23/13) in Pittsburgh, PA. The volleyball team finished its season with 6 wins and 15 losses, but the future looks promising as we are returning some good players. We participated in two tournaments, the Kentucky Spike-Out Tournament in Danville, KY and Central States Schools for the Deaf (CSSD) at OSD. Juniors Dominique Willingham and Abby Aites were voted on all-tournament team in Kentucky while sophomore Breana Shakir was on CSSD All-Star team. Our soccer team completed our season at 2-6-1 and participated in a soccer tournament in Rochester, NY on last weekend of September where we placed third of four teams. Senior Dixy Aplicano and sophomore John Michael Taylor were voted on all-star team. As a whole team, we won the most juggling award and brought home a nice hardware.

Basketball season is coming. We will have varsity girls and boys teams while offering cheerleading for the students who do not want to play basketball. We will also offer boys middle school basketball. More details are forthcoming.

Please check our schedules in www.osdsports.com and we update them on regular basis. Check out and purchase neat-looking OSD Spartan apparels and merchandises in this website.

For any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at estesb@osd.oh.gov.

Boys Basketball

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time/Score
12/05/13	Thursday	Gilead Academy	Gilead, OH	6:30 PM
12/06/13	Friday	Spartan Classic	OSD	TBA PM
12/07/13	Saturday	Spartan Classic	OSD	TBA PM
12/10/13	Tuesday	St. Rita S.D.	Cincinnati, OH	6:00 PM
12/11/13	Wednesday	Torah Academy	Columbus, OH	7:00 PM
01/08/14	Wednesday	Torah Academy	OSD	7:00 PM
01/10/14	Friday	Kentucky Classic	Danville, KY	TBA PM
01/11/14	Saturday	Kentucky Classic	Danville, KY	TBA PM
01/15/14	Wednesday	Village Academy	OSD	6:30 PM
01/16/14	Thursday	St. Rita S.D.	OSD	6:00 PM
01/23/14	Thursday	Village Academy	Powell, OH	6:30 PM
01/30/14	Thursday	C.S.S.D. at Michigan	Flint, MI	TBA PM
01/31/14	Friday	C.S.S.D. at Michigan	Flint, MI	TBA PM

Athletics Schedules are subject to change. Schedules listed are only through January, and the basketball season will go through February. More dates to



Tip from the Nurse

Diana Dick, Tobbi Valentine, Tammy Woodyard

We are happy to share that the Mobile Dentist will be back again this school year. We have set a date of January 13, 2014 for them to come. In the coming months, we will be sending home information and permission forms. For those unfamiliar with this program you can go to the following web site: <http://www.mobiledentists.com/home.html> to learn more. We are excited about this opportunity to promote health and wellness at OSD!



Girls Basketball

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time/Score
12/06/13	Friday	Spartan Classic	OSD	TBA PM
12/07/13	Saturday	Spartan Classic	OSD	TBA PM
12/10/13	Tuesday	St. Rita S.D.	Cincinnati, OH	4:30 PM
12/11/13	Wednesday	Torah Academy	Columbus, OH	5:30 PM
01/08/14	Wednesday	Torah Academy	OSD	5:30 PM
01/10/14	Friday	Kentucky Classic	Danville, KY	TBA PM
01/11/14	Saturday	Kentucky Classic	Danville, KY	TBA PM
01/14/14	Tuesday	Columbus Horizon Science	OSD	6:00 PM
01/16/14	Thursday	St. Rita S.D.	OSD	4:30 PM
01/30/14	Thursday	C.S.S.D. at Michigan	Flint, MI	TBA PM
01/31/14	Friday	C.S.S.D. at Michigan	Flint, MI	TBA PM

Specialists

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

Holiday Language and Vocabulary Learning

The holiday season is quickly approaching; this means vacation days, family visits, and fun activities. These experiences, while exciting, can be overwhelming for children due to the change in routine, unpredictable events, and more people in their environment. Communication may be challenging for you student. Here are some ideas on how to keep your student engaged and learning in the home throughout the holiday season.

Family

-Work on family names/titles: show your student pictures of relatives and practice signing their relation (aunt, uncle, grandma, etc.) and fingerspelling their names

-Give your family members ideas for communication strategies with your child to encourage family interaction: look at pictures or picture books together, use written language or pictures to relate on current topics, etc.

Food

-Work on the names of foods that will be served at holiday meals: match pictures and signs to unfamiliar foods; talk about what they taste like, what category they belong in and whether your student likes/dislikes the food

-Have your student help in the kitchen: focus on following directions, measuring, and learning new words

Fun

-Give your student options (through signs or pictures) of fun holiday activities to choose from: watching a holiday movie together, going to look at holiday lights, making holiday recipes, etc.

-Teach your student about the season changes: have fun with outdoor activities including raking leaves, playing in the snow, observing changes in your yard, and talking about their favorite season and why they like it.

Reading Specialist

Angela Smith

How Can I Help My Child Become a Better Reader?

The teachers here at OSD get asked often by parents, "How can I help my child to become a better reader?"

Here are some helpful tips to answer that question:

*The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children.

*Learn to sign- Being able to communicate with your child is a key factor to their success as a reader.

*Focus on visuals- Picture books are great for helping a deaf child learn to read.

*Use letter cards- Show children how individual letters fit together to form words.

*Build Vocabulary- Practice sight words or new vocabulary with your child daily.

*Adjust your environment- Reduce visual distractors while your child is reading.

*Check comprehension- Make sure that your child understands what he/she has read.

A child spends 7,800 hours a year outside school, in school 900 hours...Which teacher has the bigger influence?

Math Specialist

Melissa Lago Jones

Few children spent their summer vacations practicing bar modeling or calculating word problems. As educators – we get it.

However, this fall, schools are moving to the Common Core State Standards which will put a greater emphasis on teaching math for understanding and developing strong problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. It is expected that students will learn to reason abstractly and quantitatively and apply math skills to real-world situations.

This means your child will be learning math in a much different way than you did, and it's more important than ever that you are available to support him through this transition.

Encouraging Math Skills At Home

1. Be Positive- Your own attitude about math can affect your child's attitude. Talk about math in a positive way, especially your own use of math. If you learned math differently than your child, learn along with your child and let her teach you! Inspire your child with your positive attitude.

2. Play Games- Play a family game with countable pieces or one that requires handling money. Create an imaginary grocery store where your child is the cashier. Encouraging children to think of math outside the classroom in a fun way will support the hands-on methods of math class.

3. Use What You Have- If your child is struggling to master basic math skills, use flash cards and objects to demonstrate a math problem. Don't be afraid to use words, drawings or toys to work through a difficult math concept together.

4. Talk Math- Math is part of our daily lives. Talk about math with your child without it being a formal math lesson by pointing out the math that is all around in real-world settings. For example:

- Baking is a great way for children to practice their fractions by using measuring cups and spoons. To challenge your older child, double or cut a recipe in half.

- A cell phone bill presents ample opportunity for math talk with your older child. Minutes, texts, dollar amounts and different plans allow for math talk.

- Watch or follow sports with your child. Sports are full of statistics. Children can learn to back up their opinion of their favorite sports team using sporting statistics.

Working with your child to develop a greater appreciation for math, and the essential skills it teaches, are fundamental for their future success in higher learning and in the workforce. Problem solving, critical thinking and perseverance are what the employers of the future will be looking for. And it's even better if you can have fun with your kids while doing it!

Here's to a successful 2013-2014 school year for you and your children!

Library

Nancy Boone, Donna Henderson

October has been busy in the library! We have circulated nearly 450 items, including Nook e-reader devices. We have also added about 60 new books to the collection. The elementary specials classes have almost finished reading the five nominees for the Buckeye Children's Book Award, and we will be voting in November. The middle school specials classes continue to learn about library classification according to the Dewey Decimal System. They have practiced putting books in order by their call numbers. They have also started to learn about using the library's on-line catalog to search for books. High school classes visit the library regularly to check out books for independent reading. All high school students continue to read the book *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio, enjoying class discussion and school-wide activities.

Specials

Nancy Boone, Kaleigh Bowling, Bill Costello, Anthony Coy-Gonzalez, Bill Estes, Angie Layman, Nona Pierce,

Elementary PE is in full swing. We have demonstrated 'Team Work' through various cooperative games, learned how to play tag in a safe way, and soon will be 'kicking' our way into a game of soccer with a focus on being part of a team.

Middle School PE has also shown their school spirit and team work learning a multitude of harmonious activities. The students have learned the purpose of a pedometer and how to compare their daily steps with a goal to increase their step value week to week. Students are currently learning the rules, strategies, and tactics of the game of soccer.

Parent Teacher Conferences are November 12 from 3:30-7:00. Look for signups to come home in your child's backpack. If you don't see one, please call the school office to sign up.

PSA Corner

We had our first Parent Staff Association meeting on October 17 in the Multi-Purpose Room, and our second one on October 29. We had a few parents come to the first meeting, and more come to the second. Parents bring very good ideas of how to get the Parent Staff Association back up and running for the 2013-2014 school year. We will be focusing on two activities this year, Career Day and an end of the year celebration. We will be holding meetings two Tuesdays a month, with the next meeting being November 26.

We have decided on officers for the 2013-2014 Parent Staff Association. Congratulations to Luis Reyes Jr. as the new PSA President!!! Congratulations to Peter Schneck the PSA Treasurer.

Career Day will be the first large event that we will host. Career day will happen late March early April. We will be looking for volunteers to come in at that time and talk about their careers. We think that this will be a great opportunity for students to think about their future. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Meeting minutes are sent out after every PSA meeting, if you would like to receive an email with the minutes, please email dwoods@osd.oh.gov.

The OSD New School Dedication will be taking place on November 20. Flyers will be sent home ahead of time informing every one of the specifics. All are invited to the ceremony.

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs.	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
NO School- Winter Break				
30	31	1	2	3
No School- Winter Break				

Progress Book

Jeani Thomas

Progress Book is the system that OSD uses for grading, report cards, and attendance. Parents are able to sign into the system to review your child's grades. For elementary teachers please talk with your child's teachers for how much they actually document in this program. If you are interested in signing in and reviewing information, please go the OSD webpage, and sign on through the link at the bottom of the page.

Instructions for parent login:

- go to <http://www.mecdc.org>
- press on the right side of screen titled "Technology Services"
- under "student services" press on *gradebook*
- press parent
- scroll down to the Ohio School for the Deaf logo
- at this point sign in or sign up for an account (you need your student registration key)

In order to get the student registration key, please contact Mike Smith in the school office.



REMINDER

2012-2013 yearbooks are available for purchase for \$28. Please see Nancy Boone