

Tuesday Tidbits

November 14, 2017



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Important Dates

- Tuesday-Thursday, Nov. 14-16, ASB bake sale during lunch and after school
- Wednesday, Nov. 15: Picture Retake Day
- Thursday, Nov 16: PTA Meeting Commons 6:30
- Friday, Nov 17: The Lion King, Jr. Performance, Commons 6:30
- Saturday Nov. 18: The Lion King, Jr. Performance, Commons 12:30
- Monday, Nov. 20: K-5 Play day, Gym 3:30-4:30
- **Monday, Nov. 20: OSD School Board Meeting @ ORLA - 6:30 - 7:30 pm**
- **Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 22-24 No School - Thanksgiving Break**
- Friday, Dec. 1: ORLA grade 6-12th Game Night, Commons 6:30
- Monday-Friday, Dec. 4-8: Donated Items Gift Bazaar. Items for sale during lunch and after school
- Monday, Dec. 4: Kristin Lee - Violinist, Commons 9:35
- Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017: Winter Festival, Commons 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- **Monday, Dec. 18- January 1: No School Winter Break**

ORLA All School News & Events

- There is a new face in the front office! Please welcome our new secretary Lacie Williams to ORLA!!
- All students 12 & older need to sign in at the kiosk in the lobby and put their ID badge on. **Several of 2016-2017 12 and older badges have student Key Cards attached. Students can get them from the Office by showing their 2017-18 badges.**
- **All School Retake Picture Day is Wednesday, November 15, 9-Noon.** Students must return their original picture package to have their picture retaken. Last chance to get your 12 and Older Badge photo taken for 2017-18 school year.
- **ORLA All grades K-5th: Play Day Monday, November 20, 3:30-4:30 pm** in the Gym. A truly unique ORLA event where our middle and high school Service Leadership students host games for our Kindergarten thru 5th-grade students. This event blends not only all of our grade levels but all of our programs as well. Older students in Montessori, hConnect, iConnect Academy and MAST 7/8 are all welcome to participate thru our leadership groups sponsoring these activities!
- **Winter Festival - update and call for vendors!** This year's Winter Festival will take place December 7, 2017 4:00-7:00 pm. The ORLA Winter Festival includes a handmade market (including student vendors), carnival games for the kids, and a bake sale. We would like to add more local arts and crafts vendors to this year's event! Special thanks to MAST 7/8 for partnering with the PTA to help with this event this year! Student Vendors - Please fill out an interest form (forms located near the PTA mailbox in the office) ASAP so that we know how many student tables to plan for. There is no fee for students to participate. Non-Student Vendors - The participation fee is \$20 (sliding scale available). Please email ORLAWinterFestival@gmail.com for more information and feel free to share with friends and family that may be interested.

- Consider being Friends with ORLA on Facebook! Search for Olympia Regional Learning Academy
- **Free & Reduced Lunches:** All families who wish to apply for free or reduced meals with the Olympia School District are encouraged to fill out an application at any time during the school year. A new application needs to be completed at the beginning of each school year. Applications are available at all schools and on the Child Nutrition Services website. Once an application is completed, it can be submitted to a school's lunchroom manager or mailed directly to the Child Nutrition Services Office for processing. Click on the link(s) below for a copy of this school year's Free & Reduced (F&R) application. [2017-18 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals](#)
- Other Benefits: If your student qualifies for free or reduced-price meals, discounted or free school services may also be available. Ask your school for more information about benefits available at your school as benefits vary from school to school. Benefits may include:
 - Advanced Placement Tests
 - Running Start Books
 - Athletic Fees
 - Associated Student Body Fees
 - Event Fees
 - Pre-College Exams (PSAT/SAT/ACT)
 - College Application Fees
 - Field Trips
 - Medical, Dental and Vision
- **Parking Lot Etiquette -**
 - When dropping students off, use the drop-off line.
 - or park in the parking lot and walk your student into the building.
 - The parking lot area should not be used to drop your students off.
 - Be safe & use crosswalks. The parking lot at the beginning & end of day is very busy! Teach safe traffic habits.
 - Abide by the rules of the road - Boulevard is a very busy road and it is a right-turn-only out of the north parking lot exit. If you are taking a left onto Boulevard, exit onto 15th Ave.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Winter Festival volunteers needed! Are you able to help our students bring their creativity to market during ORLA's handmade marketplace? Please let the office know if you are available for any of the following:
 - Organization & Coordination
 - Event Communications
 - Event Day Setup
 - Event Day Clean Up
 - Photobooth

ORLA PTA Info

- Join PTA and be part some of the amazing programs being brought to ORLA this year! Contact Kelly Morgan for membership information.
- Things are rocking with your PTA this year! Planning is well under way for many fun events and activities, including movie nights, a theater program, Winter Festival, and a spring silent auction. Stay tuned for all scoop.
- Your PTA is very pleased to present our first annual Theater Program performances of 'The Lion King, Jr.!' These 31 actors have worked their tails off for four weeks to present an amazing emotional musical to our whole ORLA community. Come cheer on our talented student thespians as they head into an African journey with Simba, Nala, Rafiki, Scar, and the rest of the animal crew through the Pridelands and the jungle! It's a musical treat! Be sure to pick up a cookie from our concessions table, and enjoy the show. **Two performances: Friday, November 17 at 6:30pm & Saturday, November 18 at 12:30pm.** Tickets available at the door for \$4 per person. Children 4 and under are free.



ORLA Students, Staff, & Parents Showing AWARENESS & LEADERSHIP!

- Leadership class demonstrated fantastic **OWNERSHIP** during the Superintendent's visit last week. Way to represent our school!
- **hConnect & iConnect students and families showed all 4 aspects of the ORLA Way by responding to their child's October Progress in a timely manner.** This is a huge success and we want to say thank you. You have no idea how much time you save us by doing that. That's the WAY!!!

ORLA iConnect & hConnect News

- Arena Scheduling is now closed, adding classes is no longer an option. However, if a class does not fit your schedule, you can always drop it. Please stop into the office and fill out a form.
- Please note that monthly progress will be emailed out on 12/1/17. Parents must respond within 48 hours.
- Students in grades 9 - 12 are able to respond to their own progress reports.

- Every student enrolled in the iConnect & hConnect programs receive monthly progress reports. Additionally, every progress report must have a response so we know it was received. These actions are requirements of the Alternative Learning laws in Washington.
 - Lorana Hoopes is available to give tutorials for learning to use the schoology. Please email her for more information lhoopes@osd.wednet.edu. Parents go to www.schoology.com, please refer to the email you were sent from schoology about your account.
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