

**ORLA hConnect & iConnect
October 2017**



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***Ownership - Respect - Leadership -
Awareness***

Upcoming Events

October

9 OSD School Board mtg @ 6:30
11 hConnect Parent Meeting @ 10:30 in Commons
Early Release @ 2:32
12 hConnect Parent Meeting @ 10:30 in Commons
13 No School
16 hConnect Parent Meeting @ 10:30 in Commons
17 hConnect Parent Meeting @ 10:30 in Commons
18 Early Release @ 2:32
20 PTA Movie Night @ 6:30
23 OSD School Board mtg @ 6:30
31 Happy Halloween – NO COSTUMES PLEASE

Lost & Found

It's the end of the first week of October and already the LOST & FOUND is FULL! Please put a weekly reminder in your calendar to check for items belonging to your family. Thanks!



hConnect Parent Meetings

Please attend one of the parent meetings we are hosting over the next 2 weeks in the ORLA Commons. There will be a sign-in sheet and we need every student to have an adult attend on their behalf. Normally we do this the first full week of school to provide information to families about the upcoming year, expectations, and norms. We are sorry for the late occurrence of these meetings but know it is an important part of the hConnect program. Keycards will also be available before and after these meetings.

New hConnect Classes Beginning This Week

Mrs Hoopes is starting a Math Intervention & Lab on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:00 beginning tomorrow 10/10/17. Schedule adds will be taken through Wednesday October 11th. This class does not count toward hours on your child's learning plan!

Mrs. Hoopes is also starting a wonderful course integrating geography, history, and art called "Prettify Your Passport" for grades 7-12 on Thursdays from 2:00 - 3:00 & counts for 3 hours towards the learning plan. Add forms will be accepted through Wednesday October 11th and the course begins next week on Thursday 10/19/17.

Prettify Your Passport Course Description: *Always wanted to travel? Want to learn about different cultures? The come prettify your passport. We'll learn about famous places to visit around the world: where they are, what foods they are famous for, what landmarks they are famous for, and a little history about them. With each area, you will get to create a stamp to go in your passport book after you have finished the assignments for that area.*

Volunteers at ORLA Thank you to all our volunteers who day in, and day out, come to ORLA to volunteer with our students. In accordance with the Olympia School District Volunteer policy, all volunteers who work with students, help in the classroom, go on field trips, etc. must be an Olympia School District approved volunteer. Volunteer forms are available online at <https://osd.wednet.edu/community/volunteer>

Each hConnect family is required to log 20 Parent Partnership Hours per school year. Parent Partnership Hours for each family can be by various family members (parents, grandparents, guardians). The Parent Partnership Log is a black binder located in the Office.

Examples of valid Parent Partnership Hours:

- * Assisting a teacher (inside or outside of class time)
- * Helping at PTA events (such as Movie Night, Science Fair, etc.)
- * Helping at ORLA events (such as Arts Night)

How to log your Parent Partnership Hours

1. Fill out a blank log sheet from the front of the Parent Partnership Binder (Please use your OLDEST student's name at the top of the sheet.)
2. Place your family's log sheet behind the appropriate tab, alphabetically by your OLDEST student's LAST name.
3. This is the log sheet your family will use to log Parent Partnership hours all year. You can easily see what hours have been logged and keep track of your total hours.
4. If your sheet is full, simply fill out and add a second sheet behind it to continue logging hours.
5. All adult family members that are at the school can log hours on your family's log sheet.

Thank you for supporting ORLA!

ORLA Playground Rules

1. Parents must be outside supervising their students on the playground.
2. Playground Para Educators are in charge when Montessori is out for recess.
3. Stay within playground boundaries.
4. Use equipment in a responsible, appropriate and safe manner.
5. Rough play such as wrestling, kicking, play fighting or pushing is not allowed.
6. Inappropriate language or gestures are not allowed.

7. Dirt, rocks, sticks and bark are to remain on the ground.
8. Walk in the walking zone.
9. Play in a non-competitive, fun and friendly manner to ensure safety.

MAP Testing

Are you interested in a baseline fall assessment for your student(s) with a winter follow-up to check mid-year progress (grades 2-8)? If you'd like to do this progress monitoring for your hConnect student, please email Inger - iowen@osd.wednet.edu. October 20th will be the reading portion of the test and the 27th is Math. This test does not count for the annual testing required by Washington and is only for your use in planning instruction for your child.

The Great Washington ShakeOut ORLA is joining millions of people worldwide practicing how to Drop, Cover and Hold on October 19th at 10:19am.

Lunch Menu The Olympia School District Food Service Department has changed procedures and now will be offering the school menu online only. Please refer to the OSD website or ORLA website for the link to the menu. A few copies will be available in the school office for those families that do have a computer.

Community Flyers Olympia School District will no longer be distributing hard copies of community flyers to all students at the elementary school level. Instead, OSD will post flyers electronically to the school district's website. You can find approved flyers in the "Community Events & Activities" section at: osd.wednet.edu/community_events__activities.

Cell Phone Policy Reminder Each year we see an increase of families who have their children bring cell phones to school. We understand the purpose and appreciate that families utilize this tool for the safety of students. Please remember that our school policy allows students to bring cell phones to school as long as they are turned off and left in a backpack during school hours. Teachers or our office staff can also hold them for students during the day if they did not bring a backpack. Students can access school phones during the day with permission of an adult. This policy reduces interruptions in the classroom and keeps our focus on learning. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

School Attendance Regular school attendance is important for school success. It is also required by state law. The following are valid reasons for excused absences: If your child is absent, call the school office before school begins to let them know the reason for the absence and when your child will be returning to school. Please complete the student absence verification/note and have the student take to school upon their return. For an extended absence to be excused, a parent/guardian must make a request in writing to the principal prior to the absence. If the principal deems that the absence will be approved, as excused it will be recorded as a pre-arranged excused absence. Any absence from class may affect a student's grade.

- Participation in a district or school-approved activity or instructional program;
- Illness, health condition or medical appointment (including but not limited to medical, counseling, dental or optometry);
- Family emergency, including but not limited to a death or illness in the family;
- Religious or cultural purpose including observance of a religious or cultural holiday or participation in religious or cultural instruction;
- Court or judicial proceeding or serving on a jury;

- Post-secondary, technical school or apprenticeship program visitation, or scholarship interview;
- State-recognized search and rescue activities consistent with RCW 28A.225.055;
- Absence directly related to the student's homeless status;
- Absence resulting from a disciplinary/corrective action. (e.g., short or long-term suspension, emergency expulsion); and
- Principal (or designee) and parent/guardian, or emancipated youth mutually agreed-upon approved activity.

Unexcused Absences - If you do not communicate with the school about your child's absence, their record will show an "unexcused absence" for that day. Unexcused absences may affect the child's grade. Regular attendance is extremely important to your child's learning. Certain non-medical absences may be recorded as "unexcused" even with a note from home. Tardiness - Please make sure your child arrives at school on time every day.

ORLA Way...

Thank you to all the families who showed *respect* and *ownership* by picking up your child's progress reports at ORLA. *That's the WAY!!!*

hConnect parent, Mike, showed *leadership*, *ownership*, and *awareness* by problem solving an issue for students who struggle work in the iConnect hallway. Thank you for bringing the need for shades on those



windows to our attention! iConnect students will appreciate being able to see their screens in rain or shine!



In Little Cooks and Books, Jessica and Abby showed Ownership, Respect, Leadership, and Awareness by noticing a mess on the floor, taking the initiative to get the broom and dustpan, and working together to clean it up! Thanks for taking care of our classroom and each other!

Where do you see students, parents, teachers, and families exhibiting the ORLA Way? Please email Inger, iowen@osd.wednet.edu, to let us know! We'd love to have more eyes looking and recognizing!