

Tuesday Tidbits

September 26, 2017



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Important Dates

- Early release Wednesday!
 - Montessori Dismissal = 2:32
 - hConnect, iConnect, & MAST Dismissal = 2:10
- **Back to School BBQ!! All ORLA Programs!**
 - Thursday from 4:00-7:00
 - Come have a burger & visit with friends!
 - Tickets available in the office!
- **Progress Pick-Up Due Thursday Sept. 28th! This is a requirement for enrollment in alternative learning. You must come in and pick it up. - hConnect & iConnect only**
- Oct. 5, 2017: School pictures – **All ORLA**
- Oct. 5, 2017 – Curriculum Night from 6:00-7:00 pm - **Montessori only**
- Oct. 13, 2017: No School – Teacher In-Service – **ALL ORLA**

Volunteer Opportunities

- PTA Theater Program - PTA is in need of some parent volunteers to help with the K-6 theater program coming to ORLA. Information is available at ORLA & will be sent home with Montessori students.
- Lunchtime Balcony help - Would love some parents available during MAST & hConnect lunch to help ensure students take their trash to the garbage can & return food trays to the kitchen.
- Playground help - Lunchtime for hConnect & MAST is busy! We'd love some help out on the playground so students can go outside more often. Please stop in the office if you are able to supervise from 11:20-11:55 on a weekday and we will show you the ropes! - **hConnect & MAST**

Spotlights & Thank You Notes!

Thank you to Cristy Austin for all your hard work organizing the Parent Connection Log & notebook in the office. I know parents will appreciate being able to record and track their own Parent Partnership hours in the hConnect & iConnect programs. You are always willing to jump in and help at a moment's notice and we really appreciate it!

A huge shout out and thanks to the PTA for organizing such a great first meeting and to all the parents who came out to support ORLA through PTA. They are working hard to bring innovative programs for our students this year and we are SO excited!!!

Thank you to Jill Lemon for donating sandpaper letters your family was no longer using. Mrs. Stoddard was VERY thankful for them and is excited to use them in her ABC Read with Me classes. Love it when our ORLA families support one another!!

Shout outs for Traci Armstrong & Heather Bessent who have done an amazing job organizing & supporting hConnect families with younger siblings! Thank you for your time and efforts in providing an organized preschool co-op! You are amazing and we really appreciate what you do.

ORLA Students Showing OWNERSHIP!

- In orchestra today, Montessori & hConnect students worked as a group to play songs written by other students using the notes they have learned so far. Students were kind and supportive of the songs and enthusiastically played each one! A wonderful example of students taking *ownership* over what they are learning in order to create something unique and individual! That's the *WAY!!*
- In Mrs. Havens & Mrs. Whittaker's Arts Alive class, Isabel, Colson, & Markelly showed *ownership and initiative* in regards to the space by approaching the costume closet and beginning the task of organizing it so the program can more effectively use it. They did this without being asked but saw it as a need and took action. That's the *WAY!!*
- Sometimes we show *ownership* over negative stuff too (and it's really hard to do that)... Today a student made a poor decision in and hit someone with their backpack. This student owned up to their behavior and apologized to their friend. In addition, this student moved to another space in the room so they could focus on their work. That's the *WAY!!*



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Requests from ORLA Teachers & Staff

- Please use the wheelchair button at the front doors only if you need it and make sure to talk to your children about hitting them repeatedly. The motors are wearing out already and it is due to being hit repeatedly.
 - Our wifi will work a lot better in the building if you turn off the hotspot feature on your devices and reduce the signal interference.
 - **hConnect, iConnect, MAST** - Keycards - If the pink "Keycard" sign is out in the office, families can pop into the office to pick up a keycard. Student keycards are available for students 12 and older who have a signed Code of Conduct and a student ID badge. Last year's badge is what to use until new ones are issued on Oct. 5th.
 - Building hours: Doors unlocked @ 8:15 am and are locked at 4:00 pm.
 - OSD is in need of substitute bus drivers! If you are interested, please call 360-596-7727
 - **hConnect** - Students must be supervised on the playground. Please be outside with them.
 - **Staff, students, & parents** - If you need something from the kitchen, please speak with Carmen who can help you.
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