



January 2020 Newsletter

All School Announcements

Attendance Matters:

ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

ORLA Attendance Rates for the current year by program:

- h/iConnect attendance is down from 60.29% to 52.53%
- Montessori and MAST attendance is down from 78.7% to 71.42%
- District attendance is down from 82.07% to 80.49%

Is your student late to school? All students should check into the front office before going to class. Parents need to sign student into school with the front office staff. Students in elementary grades PK-6th grade must have a parent walk them into the building students in 7-12th grade parents can call the front office. Students will be marked unexcused if there is no parent communication.

Attendance Line: Please remember to call our 24/7 attendance line to let the office know if your student(s) will be out of school. Please remember to leave your name, student(s) name, date they are out and the reason. Thank you for your continued cooperation. ATTENDANCE LINE: 360-596-7773

Students should NOT come to school if they have a fever over 100 degrees, have diarrhea/vomiting, have a bad cold and/or cough, if they have eye redness and drainage, or have other communicable illnesses. Students must be symptom free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

Families invited to OSD Tech Info Evening: The Olympia School District invites you to attend a technology informational evening with Jeff Utecht, a technology consultant. Utecht specializes in the impact of the digital world on our students, from tech devices, to social media and communication. Utecht started off the school year with a presentation to OSD teachers and now wants to bring his message to you as well. The presentation will be held in the Capital High School Auditorium on January 15 and will begin at 6 p.m. Students grades 6th-12th are encouraged to attend the event with their families.

Following the presentation there will be multiple follow up activities available with Jeff and OSD Technology staff:

- Q&A with Jeff
- Viewing of the video Screenagers 1 (in preparation for viewing Screenagers 2 at a later date)
- Accessing and utilizing the Common Sense Media resources
- Accessing and utilizing the district provided SecURLy student web monitoring system

Help us cover our Family Photo Wall with what makes ORLA the best place ever...YOU!!! We will be attaching our family photos (staff and families) to the Love is the Answer wall by the family copy machine. Please add your photo!!

Inclement Weather Conditions-Please keep the following information readily available in case you need to check if school has been canceled or delayed due to weather or other emergency conditions.

Radio: KGY 1240 AM or 96.9 FM; KMAS 1030 AM; KXXO 96.1 FM; and KAOS 89.3 FM.
 Internet: <http://osd.wednet.edu>.

Parents, please keep in mind that there is **no student supervision** when school starts late or is canceled. Web or media alerts will inform families if emergency/snow bus routes are being used. For more information, access the EMERGENCY INFORMATION link on the OSD home page at <http://osd.wednet.edu>.

hConnect/MAST/iConnect 2-hour late start time is 10:30 am

If we have a 2-hour late start in hConnect we will start at 10:30. If your student has a 9:30-11:25 class they will attend the class starting at 10:30. Students can arrive at 10:15am

Montessori late start time is 11:00 AM. Students can be dropped off after 10:30 AM.

hConnect & iConnect

Registration for 2nd semester is January 24th at 9:30. The schedule and registration information has been sent. IF you didn't receive it please check your spam folder. Please make sure that you can log into Skyward. If you would like help with registration or need a computer, please come to the CRC between 9:15 and 10:45.

High School Diploma Track Registration- All high school students who are on diploma track need to meet with Laura Herman or Kristy Grinnell to get pre-registered for 2nd semester classes the weeks of January 13th and January 21-23. Call the front office to make an appointment.

9th Grade students meet with Laura Herman

10-12th Grade students meet with Kristy Grinnell

Empower Hours--Every Friday any student who needs help can come to Empower Hours and receive additional help in ELA/Social Studies and Math/Science. Empower Hour is canceled January 31st.

English/Social Studies

10-11 - Ashenhurst in room 119

11-12 - Bingaman in room 120 Math/Science:

12:30-1:30 - Erickson in room 118

1:30-2:30 - Ong room 119

MAST & Montessori

MAST 2nd semester registration paper work will be sent home with students Tuesday, January 14th. Students in yearlong classes will remain in the class unless otherwise requested on the paperwork. Registration paperwork needs to be returned to the front office by January 27th. You can email this form to kajohnson@osd.wednet.edu or you can deliver it to the front office. Paperwork will be date/time stamped in the order it is received and that will determine how we register students for electives.

Upcoming Events

January

- 13-17 MAP assessment testing (2-8 Montessori and MAST)
- 15 Tech Info @ CHS at 6pm (see above)
- 20 No School –MLK, Jr Day
- 21 OSD Parent Workshop 6:30 PM at ORLA
- 24 hConnect 2nd semester registration
- 30 hConnect/MAST Winter Performance Night
- 31 ½ day for Semester Grading (No Empower Hour)

February

- 4 PTA General meeting 6:30
- 5 OSD Parent Workshop 6:30 PM at ORLA
- 7 Arts Alive Performance and Dessert Theater 7 PM
- 17-18 No School-- Mid-Winter Break
- 20 Science Fair

ORLA PTA

January

21 PTA Board Mtg

31 Movie Night

February

19 PTA General Mtg

20 Science Fair

March

6 Movie Night

17 PTA Board Mtg

21 Silent Auction

More information about each event can be found at <http://www.orlapta.org>

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The Olympia School District will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request to individuals with disabilities.

The Olympia School District offers many Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs/courses in the following areas: Skilled and Technical Sciences/STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics); Agriculture/Natural Resources; Business/Marketing; Family and Consumer Sciences; and Health Sciences. For more information about CTE course offerings and admissions criteria, contact Pat Cusack, Director of College and Career Readiness, 111 Bethel St NE, Olympia, WA 985016, (360) 596-6102. Lack of English language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in CTE programs.

The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies, reports of alleged sexual harassment, concerns about compliance, and/or grievance procedures:

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