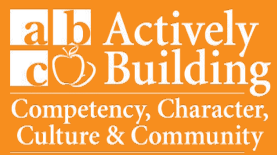


# Superintendent Report

December 9, 2024



The purpose of the Superintendent Report is to give the Board a high-level overview of the amazing things going on across the district.

Thanks to  
Our OSD  
Substitutes!

THANK YOU

OSD Substitute  
Educators

Substitute Educator Day  
November 22, 2024

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We celebrated Substitute Educator Day on November 22 and we want to thank all of our OSD substitutes! ❤️

We are so thankful for you and want to recognize your efforts to keep learning continuous throughout our classrooms. You are an essential part of our schools and classrooms and we appreciate you! 🙌

You can write a note of appreciation through the [OSD Appreciation Station](#).

We are always looking for substitutes to join our team. If you know someone who is looking to make a difference for kids and would be a good fit for the OSD, please ask them to check out current opportunities and apply at: [www.oregonsd.org/district/join-our-team](http://www.oregonsd.org/district/join-our-team).

# Mike Derrick Receives Outstanding Educator Award



☀️ As an award recipient of the WEA Outstanding Educator award, OHS educator Mr. Derrick was recently recognized during an upcoming UW-Madison football game. Mr. Derrick was one of 10 educators throughout Wisconsin selected for this honor. Congratulations!!

Learn more about the award here:

<https://www.weabenefits.com/outstanding-educator/>

# OSD Receives Communication Awards of Excellence



The Oregon School District was recently honored by the Wisconsin School Public Relations Association (WSPRA) with two Spectrum Awards of Excellence for its work in school communications.

WSPRA presented the Spectrum Awards at its annual conference held November 13-15. OSD earned an Award of Excellence, including Best in Category for the newly designed website: [www.OregonSD.org](http://www.OregonSD.org). The District's [video about what it's like to work in the OSD](#) was also recognized with an Award of Excellence.

Thanks to our team of Tech Department professionals and administrative assistants at each school who worked together to make the new website launch a success.

# Learning Fun in 4K!



Learning through hands-on fun! Students at Oregon Preschool, Inc. 4K have been exploring with shaving cream to draw pictures and practice their letters. What a perfect blend of creativity and skill-building!

## BKE Reading Buddies



Ms. Aebly's first graders had a fantastic time reading with their 3rd-grade buddies in Ms. Beauchaine's class at Brooklyn Elementary! Our first graders proudly shared their books, and then they were all ears as their 3rd-grade buddies read fluently, setting a wonderful example of confident and expressive reading.

It's always special when older students inspire younger ones to grow as readers. Way to go on building skills and friendships along the way! ❤️📖

## BKE Celebrates PBIS Goals



☀️ Brooklyn Elementary students recently achieved their PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) goals by showing perseverance, initiative, and responsibility! 🎉

To celebrate their hard work, they enjoyed a "Cozy Comfy Kindness Coloring" all-school celebration. 🖍️❤️

Way to go, BKE!

# NKE Kindness Retreat



Fourth grade students at Netherwood Knoll Elementary recently united for a Kindness Retreat. The key learning objectives of the retreat were to understand why and how to make kind choices, practice empathy skills to understand how words and actions affect others, and to develop conflict-resolution strategies that can be used in response to unkind actions. The students enjoyed a high-energy day practicing kindness and developing a stronger sense of belonging.

## PVE Students Celebrate Literacy Learning



Students in Mrs. Mayne's class at Prairie View Elementary recently completed their first literacy module, Schools and Community! ✨📚

To celebrate their hard work and learning, the students visited Miss Diane's kindergarten class to share the amazing books they created. These books compare and contrast different schools and highlight the most important aspects of school life.

Seeing our students share their learning with younger learners is what Prairie View is all about—building connections and fostering a love for learning across all ages! Way to go! ✨

# RCI Orchestra Concert



Congrats to our Rome Corners Intermediate musicians on an amazing orchestra concert! 🎵

Your hard work and preparation have certainly paid off.

Your music brings great joy and we love hearing you play!

# RCI STEAM Robotic Petting Zoo Activity



Check out these innovative creations from our 6th Grade STEAM students at Rome Corners Intermediate School!

🤖 They designed and built robotic animals that use sensors, LEDs, and motors to interact with their environment. We love your amazing creations!!

Thanks to Ms. Sengos for designing this engaging learning experience.

You can check out a video of the fun on the OSD Facebook page: [Robotic Petting Zoo](#)

# OMS Library



Check out this book display at our own Oregon Middle School library!

We can always count on our libraries to help students find the most timely and relevant materials to complement their learning. We appreciate all you do!

# OSD Lego League



👏 Congrats to our OSD Lego League students who participated in the Wolfpack Badgerland Regional Tournament.

Teams were all smiles all day long as they participated in the three heats and presented their project to a panel of judges. One OSD team, ElectricSpeks, earned the Excellence in Engineering Award and will be advancing to the Regional Tournament in December. 🙌

## Turkey Meatball Pho Noodle Try-It Day



We have the best School Nutrition Team and they are consistently taking the extra step to make the cafeteria an extension of the classroom.

Recently, the team hosted a “try-it” day at OMS that featured a Turkey Meatball Pho Noodle dish. During try-it days, our School Nutrition Team offers samples of new food items to students and gathers feedback, and this one was a clear hit, with many students requesting that it be added to the menu rotation.

Thanks for offering this experience to our students.

## Winter Band Clinic



Congrats to our six OHS students who chose to attend the UW-Madison Winter Band Clinic earlier this month with guest conductor and Emmy Award winning composer, Julie Giroux:

- ♪ Braden Bartlett, Clarinet
- ♪ Cameron Fox, Tuba
- ♪ Lucy Fradkin-Annen, Euphonium
- ♪ Gage Klarich, Bass Clarinet
- ♪ Hannah Minser, Clarinet
- ♪ Alex Nelson, Trumpet

In addition to a day of learning with students from all over Wisconsin and Illinois, students also had access to sessions with UW-Madison students and professors, as well as performed in a shared concert that night with the UW-Madison Wind Ensemble. We love hearing you play!

# Badger Conference Honors Band



Congrats to our 14 OHS student musicians who recently performed in the Badger Conference Honor Band at Verona High School:

- 🎵 Lira Azzopardi, Alto Saxophone
- 🎵 Braeden Bakken, Trumpet
- 🎵 June Berquist, Clarinet
- 🎵 Henry Burmeister, Tenor Saxophone
- 🎵 Philip Emmerich, Horn
- 🎵 Julia Ibrahim, Clarinet
- 🎵 Gage Klarich, Bass Clarinet
- 🎵 Elliot Lesperance, Percussion
- 🎵 Chloe Marin, Bassoon
- 🎵 Hannah Minser, Clarinet
- 🎵 Alex Nelson, Trumpet
- 🎵 Simon Niemcek, Percussion
- 🎵 Henry Rothering, Euphonium
- 🎵 Gus Sampson, Clarinet

Students joined others from across all 15 Badger Conference Schools to come together, study and perform a wide range of music. Learning in action was on display during the rehearsals and concert as students had the opportunity to work with conductor Dr. John Lynch, Director of Bands at UW-Stevens Point.

# OHS Football Recognition Banquet








Our OHS Football Team recently celebrated the 2024 season with the annual awards banquet. Each student athlete received a special certificate and coaches discussed season highlights. We love that many of our coaches are also educators and that they go above and beyond to create an inclusive environment in which there is a place for each and every student athlete on the team.

We are so proud of our student athletes and have loved watching you play! 🧡❤️🏈

# OHS Swim Team State Meet



Congratulations to our OHS Swim Team on an amazing showing during the WIAA State Meet! Our team placed 5th overall out of 84 Division 1 teams, which is the highest ever for Oregon. Here are a few highlights from the meet:

-  Our team scored in every individual swim at the meet!
  -  7 individuals swims were new lifetime bests
  -  2 new team relay school records (200 Medley Relay and 400 Free Relay)
  -  3 new individual school records (200 IM, 100 Fly, and 100 Back)
  -  Olivia Sina became our first-ever Division 1 State Champion (100 Back)
  -  4 swims are up for All-American consideration (200 Med Relay, 400 Free Relay, Indv. 200 IM and Indv. 100 Free)
- and Olivia Sina's 100 Back is an All-American Swim Time

A special thanks to our amazing coach, Justin Sawran, who has created an inclusive and encouraging team environment that allows our student athletes to succeed.

We are so proud of you and love watching you swim!

# OHS Legislature Is In Session!



Students in our simulation-based political science classes recently put their learnings into practice during a day of committee hearings. Students read the bills they had prepared and engaged in deliberation, debate, and ultimately a vote to determine which would move on to the full session that will take place next month. The committees used parliamentary procedure to run the committee meetings, which offered a way for students to fully experience the political process.

Thanks to Mr. Wiegman and Mr. Bonsall for designing this fantastic hands-on learning experience.

# OHS Panther Construction Home



Our OHS Panther Construction crew, led by Mr. Prah, is doing a fantastic job with their home building project. 🛠️ It is always nice to have an enclosed classroom once the season starts to change! We're looking forward to seeing your progress as building continues.

What an amazing learning experience!

# OHS Annual Photo Contest & Food Drive



## OHS ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST & FOOD DRIVE 📷 🥫

All students, staff, and community members are invited to join our OHS Photography and Agriculture classes in our annual photo contest & food drive. This contest is an opportunity to celebrate culture, heritage, and traditions by sharing stories through photography and giving to others.

The deadline is Friday, December 13. To enter, just select a category and send your photo (jpegs format please!) and name to Mr. Mike Derrick at [mjd@OregonSD.org](mailto:mjd@OregonSD.org). Multiple entries are accepted! Items for the food drive can be dropped off at the OHS main office.

### \*\* Photo Contest Categories \*\*

📷 Wisconsin Backroads & Backyards: any outdoor Wisconsin scenery or landscapes.

📷 Wild About Wisconsin: any Wisconsin wildlife in their natural environments!

📷 The Trophy Shot: this is for hunters to respectfully showcase their special trophy.

📷 Trail Shot: share special moments captured on trail cameras.

📷 Martha Stewart Still-Life: still-life shot that symbolizes the season.

📷 Orange Crush Selfie: sport your orange clothing and take a selfie!

Find the details on our OSD Facebook page: [OHS Annual Photo Contest & Food Drive](#)

# Celebrating 125 Years of Wisconsin's State Parks



These beautiful hand painted pieces created by students in Mr. Derrick's painting class at OHS will be on full display on the Wisconsin State Capitol this December.

The project was part of an invitation from Governor Evers to design handmade ornaments. This year's theme is "125 Years of Wisconsin's State Parks" and the ornaments will be on display through the end of the year.

Thanks to all who participated - we love seeing your creative work!

See Governor Evers' invitation here:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/3c1a5b4>

Plan your visit to see the project here: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/about/visit>

# Youth Apprentice Spotlight

## YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP *Spotlight*



Brynn is gaining invaluable skills and experience working as a Surgical Pathology Specimen Control & Receiving Technician at UW Health.

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Did you know that our students have the opportunity to gain valuable skills and get a preview of potential career opportunities while they are still at OHS? It is just one of the many options students have as they progress toward our OSD Portrait of a Graduate!

Today's spotlight is on Brynn, an OHS senior, who is currently working as a Surgical Pathology Specimen Control & Receiving Technician at UW-Health. Brynn is exploring the Healthcare career pathway through our OHS Youth Apprenticeship Program. Courses that have led up to this capstone experience include: Biology, Chemistry, Biotechnology, Promega Biotechnology summer camps, Basic Lab Skills at MATC, and Phlebotomy at MATC.

If you or your student is currently a sophomore or junior, now is a great time to start thinking about these options, as class registration will be coming up soon. Students are encouraged to contact their school counselor and Ms. D'Amelio, our School to Career Coordinator.

There is also information about this program and others on our website:



OHS Career Based Experiences:

<https://ohs.oregonsd.org/academics/school-to-career>



OSD Portrait of a Graduate:

<https://www.oregonsd.org/district/vision-and-strategic-plan>

# OHS Special Visitor



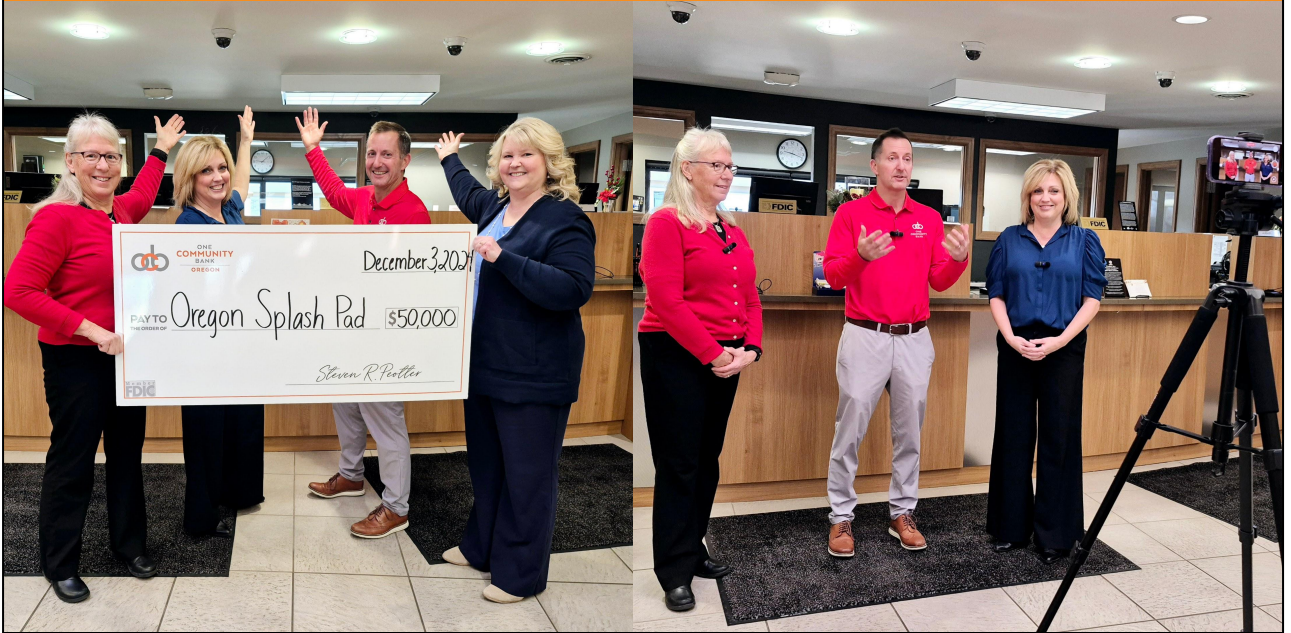
We recently had a very special visitor at OHS, who traveled all the way from Kansas to visit OHS, where his father, Robert E. Lewis, was a teacher in the 1970's. During the visit, Mr. Lewis toured the school, shared memories from his father's time there, and even ran into Mrs. Buyarski, who was a teacher at the same time. Here is an excerpt from Mr. Lewis' thank you note to Mr. Pliner:

"I wanted to get in touch with you to express my gratitude for you taking the time out of your day to visit with me about my father, Robert E. Lewis, and giving me a tour of the school. Of course, the highlight of the tour for me was being able to see my dad's old classroom. Believe it or not, but that was the first time that I had been in that room.

I also can't thank you enough for introducing me to Mrs. B. Hearing her memories of Dad was very enjoyable, especially the part about how early he would arrive to complete classwork. That is exactly in line with my recollection of him from that time....."

We enjoyed your visit and are glad that you were able to make this trip.

## Splash Pad is in Final



We have some exciting news to share. As you may know, the Oregon-Brooklyn Optimists have been raising funds for a splash pad. The splash pad will be located next to the Oregon Community Pool, which is on OSD property. Recently, we became aware that a \$350K grant was awarded to the splash pad project, which means that the project is now in reach, with \$150K to go. In an effort to push to the finish line, One Community Bank has graciously offered to donate \$50K in a matching donation format.

You can get involved and make a donation by visiting: <https://www.oregonsplashpad.com/>. The deadline for raising funds is January 1, and construction is expected to begin in next summer.

We are so grateful for the hard work of the Optimists and generosity of One Community Bank, which will help to make this project a reality.

# Remember to Tune In to the OSD Podcast!



Make sure to check out our podcast: Inside the OSD! You can find all episodes at [OregonSD.org/podcast](https://OregonSD.org/podcast), and anywhere you get your podcasts.

Our most recent podcast features a discussion about predicting winter weather and the implication on snow days with Oregon resident and Sr. Chief Meteorologist from WKOW, Bob Lindmeier.

Make sure to like and subscribe to Inside the OSD wherever you get your podcasts to get the most recent episodes delivered directly to you - we have some great podcasts coming up!

