

Superintendent Report

November 11, 2024



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

Veterans Day



I'd like to begin with an acknowledgement that today is Veterans Day, and students across the OSD engaged in learning activities about the history and importance of Veterans Day. As an educational institution, teaching about the history and significance of this day is one of the best ways to show honor and respect to our veterans.

What you're seeing on the screen is a project in which students from Mrs. Lynch's class at Brooklyn Elementary wrote cards to veterans - and just one example of an activities that took place today.

We thank all veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Staff Professional Development Day



We had a great professional development day on October 30, with staff throughout the OSD taking time for learning and collaboration - and as you can see, each site finds way to have fun doing it. We are grateful to be part of a district that values professional development for our staff.

OSD Counselors Attend Conference

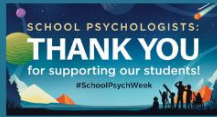


Our OSD School Counselors recently attended the Wisconsin School Counselor Association (WSCA), where they had the opportunity to learn about the latest trends in school counseling, collaborate with other school counselors from around the state and hear from experts in our field around best practices. They even got a special photo with the conference keynote speaker.

We are so proud that our counselors are dedicated to professional learning to be the best for our students!

School Psychology Week

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Hannah Connolly
BKE



Kelsey Antoniewicz
NKE



Karli Volk
NKE (Interim)



Sophie Gullfoose
PVE



Jen Casperson
FES



Sarah Hughes
RCI



Gina Bednarek
OMS



Rachael Hansen
OHS



Julia Laube
OHS

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This week is National School Psychology Week and we want to recognize our fantastic OSD School Psychologists. Thank you for everything you do to support our students! We appreciate you.

Mike Derrick Named WEA Outstanding Educator



Oregon High School welcomed a very special guest at their recent staff meeting. Bucky Badger was in the house to celebrate longtime educator, Mike Derrick, who was selected as a recipient of the WEA Outstanding Educator award. Mr. Derrick was one of 10 educators throughout Wisconsin selected for this honor.

As an award recipient, Mr. Derrick will be recognized during an upcoming UW-Madison football game. Congratulations!!!

Learn more about the award here:

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

NKE Students Learn Perspective with Toys



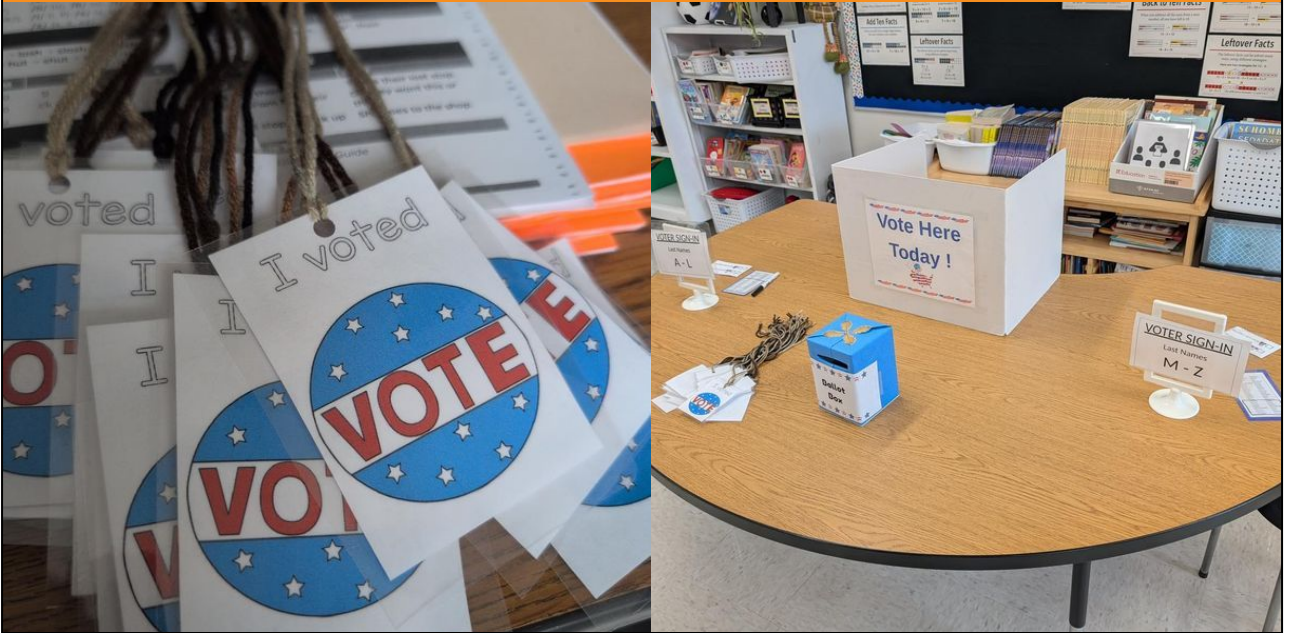
Kindergartners in Ms. Smith's class at Netherwood Knoll Elementary have been working on building their understanding of perspective through the lens of toys and play as part of our English curriculum. Students listened to the text, "Have Fun, Molly Lou Melon" by Patty Lovell, a story about a child using their imagination to have fun.

Students then became designers as they imagined a new toy they could make from recyclables brought from home. Students' perspectives about toys changed as they made their toys instead of purchasing them. Some designers kept to their original design while others made adjustments along the way. What an amazing activity!

Check out the Molly Lou Melon story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zekKH0a0gs>

PVE Students Learn About Democracy



Third graders in Mrs. Janssens class at Prairie View Elementary learned about our democratic process by voting in their classroom. A great example of relevant learning experiences.

RCI Self-Awareness Assembly



Students at Rome Corners Intermediate School headed off to the long weekend on a high note after celebrating at the schoolwide "Self-Awareness Assembly" this afternoon. They began by recalling the important learning on self-awareness that they've done so far this school year and participated in fun team games.

Thanks to our all-star staff band who provided the uplifting music for this event.

Middle School Honors Band Festival Participants



We're thrilled to announce that two talented OMS band students have been selected to participate in the prestigious UW-Milwaukee Middle School Honors Band Festival! These outstanding students were nominated and will have the incredible opportunity to learn from Mrs. Kathryn Ripley of Kenosha, WI, and Dr. Stacey Larson Dolan from Illinois.

They'll join other dedicated young musicians for a weekend of intensive rehearsals from November 15-17, with a final performance to showcase their hard work and new skills on November 17th.

Congratulations! 🌟 Your hard work and talent are inspiring, and we can't wait to hear you shine!

OMS Leaf Raking Community Service Project



It was an absolutely gorgeous morning for our annual 8th grade leaf raking community service project. Neighborhoods surrounding Oregon Middle School were bustling with our 8th grade students who were determined to make the largest piles of leaves possible. Our amazing educators were in on the action as well and are responsible for making this happen!

What a great way for our students to practice teamwork, get some exercise, and have a little fun while performing this service for our community. We are so proud of our 8th graders!

A special thanks to Jason Symes for coordinating this year's event.

WSMA State Honors Project

Middle Level



Milo Burns
violin



Lorenz Fradkin-Annen
bassoon



Kaitlyn Motiff
violin



Liam Nott
bass



Dan Schuetz
flute



Jacob Schmidt
horn



Henry Sieglaff
bass clarinet

High School Level



Lira Azzopardi
alto saxophone



Brady Bartlett
clarinet



June Berquist
clarinet



Maya Engwall
treble choir



Lily Fellenz
mixed choir



Drew Hill
mixed choir



Gavin Thompson
percussion

Congratulations to our OSD students who participated in the Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) State Honors Project! Performances were held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Music Educators Association (WMEA) Festival at the Overture Center and Verona Areas High School in late October. There were participants at both the middle and high school level.

Learn more about the WSMA State Honors Project:
<https://wsmamusic.org/state-honors-project/>

OSD Drumming Ensemble Prepares for Concert



Students in the Oregon Drumming Ensemble are working hard to get ready for their upcoming concert! The awesome ensemble is composed of students in grades 5-12 and led by OSD educator, Megan Weimann. The group explores Ghanaian and Afro-Cuban music by playing it on the drums, xylophones, recorders, and more! Members learn communication, listening, cooperative teamwork skills, and respect for others. They are working together to write a piece for this concert called Shifting Sands and they arranged Bye Bye Bye by N'Sync.

If you'd like to see and hear these musicians in action, come out and support their concert on November 14th, 6:30 p.m. at Forest Edge Elementary School. It's going to be a fantastic show!

German Electro Swing Band at OHS



Oregon High School recently had the privilege of hosting Friedrich Rau and his electro swing band from Germany for a daylong event, which included workshops and a concert.

Students were able to learn about German history, the songwriting process, how to collect sounds to use as beats, and the featured song on their newest album, Brücken bauen (Build Bridges). After the concert students were able to take pictures with the band and get their autographs. The band said that they enjoyed working with the students and getting to experience the cultural exchange. They were impressed with our school facilities and the kindness they were shown.

A special thanks to the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German and Simply Saxony for making this event possible.

OHS Students Attend College Matters Forum



These Oregon High School students had a great day attending the College Matters Forum at UW-Madison!

During the day, students learned how to research universities they might like to attend and heard about college life, academics, tips, and advice from a panel of current college students.

Congrats Fall Season All Conference Athletes



Maclane Hoelker
1st - Soccer



Liam Holtzen
1st - Soccer



Carson Stebbins
1st - Soccer



Keagan Cram
2nd - Soccer



Alexander Seitz
2nd - Soccer



Drew Jochmann
HM - Soccer



Federico Mariani
HM - Soccer



Ashton Ghostley
2nd - Football



Peter Nowka
2nd - Football



Kaiden Breon
HM - Football



Tavaris Funderburg
HM - Football



Carson Hannemann
HM - Football



Ethan Pagels
HM - Football



Sabastian Soumphonphakdy
HM - Football



Zion Gratz
2nd - Cross Country



Delainey Halverson
1st - Golf



Addison Sabel
2nd - Golf



Gretta Schriever
1st - Volleyball



Sophie Tsai
2nd - Volleyball



Alexis Fields
HM - Volleyball

We want to give a big congratulations to athletes who have recently been named to 2024-2025 Badger Large All-Conference teams. As you can see, OHS has representatives on either 1st teams, 2nd teams, or Honorable Mentions (HM) for soccer, football, cross country, golf, and volleyball. We are very proud of you and love watching you play.

Congrats OHS Swim Team



Congrats to our OHS Swimming Superheros! The team placed 3rd at sectionals this past Saturday at Sun Prairie West with some great times. Full results are available on the [WIAA Website](#).

Next up: Division 1 State meet in Waukesha this coming weekend.

Best of luck - we love watching you swim!

OHS Play - Shakespeare's Macbeth



Our OHS students put on a fantastic production of Macbeth this past weekend. All students from the performers to the stage crew to our student lighting experts worked so hard on this challenging piece and we are so proud of their performance. Congratulations on another amazing production.

Thanks to Mr. Ducett for directing and Ms. Heuer for producing this show.

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, and anywhere you get your podcasts. Our most recent episode features cast members from this past weekend's OHS production of Macbeth.

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