

Superintendent Report

May 13, 2024



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

As always, we are going to begin with staff recognition - and that is specifically something I want to call out this evening because there are quite a few things to highlight in addition to last week being Educator Appreciation Week!

Andy Weiland Goes to Washington

The White House Summit for Sustainable and Healthy K-12 Schools and Grounds

April 26 | 1PM - 3:30PM

Bolstering K-12 School Infrastructure Using Federal and Partner Resources to Cut Emissions and Energy Costs



Sara Ross

*UndauntedK12
Moderator*



Tiffany Finck-Haynes
SMART Union



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CMTA, Inc.



Dr. Eric Becoats
*William Penn School District
Pennsylvania*



Richard Best
*Seattle Public Schools
Washington*



Andy Weiland
*Oregon School District
Wisconsin*



OSD Business Manager, Andy Weiland, recently served as a panel expert at the White House Summit on Sustainable and Healthy Schools! Andy has been a leader in the OSD on the topic of sustainability and we are so proud that he is receiving national recognition for these efforts.

You can find a recording of the summit here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-m1pC1rWUE>

Educator Flight



Congrats to Oregon High School educators, Chris Adamatis and Brian Bothwell, who were recently nominated for an Educator Flight with the Air National Guard at Truax Field in Madison. They participated in an aerial refueling training mission of F-16s and F-35s. This is quite an honor and an amazing experience.

We are so fortunate to have you as part of our team!

School Lunch Hero Day

May 3

Thank You,
OSD School Nutrition Team!



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Our OSD School Nutrition Team has the amazing superpower of creating healthy meals for students each day, and today we celebrate you! We appreciate you and are very thankful for all you do!

School Nurse Day

May 8



Thank You, School Nurses!



Nurse Alycia

Nurse Becky

Nurse Jamie

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We are so appreciative of our OSD nurses who care for our students each day. You are a very important part of our team! We'd also like to give a special thanks to all of our Health Paras who work in our school health offices!

School Nurse of the Year



Congratulations!

**BECKY
MCCABE**

School Nurse of the Year

Wisconsin Association of
School Nurses

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It is very fitting that we recently celebrated School Nurse Day because in addition to that, we have something very special to celebrate. Our very own Nurse Becky McCabe, who has been named 2024 School Nurse of the Year by the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses!

This incredible honor is awarded annually to a school nurse who exemplifies excellence in practice using the Framework 21st Century School Nursing Practice. This approach includes demonstration of excellence in the competencies of leadership, collaboration, education, scholarly inquiry, and quality of practice.

Congratulations, Becky! We are so fortunate to have you as part of our team.

Educator Appreciation Week

May 6 - 10



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We were thrilled to celebrate our amazing staff members last week during Educator Appreciation Week. Our team works tirelessly each day to help our students along their journey to acquire the skills, knowledge, and attitudes to achieve their individual potential. We are so grateful for each and every one of you!

Mike Derrick Receives Crystal Apple Award



As part of Educator Appreciation week, we are also so proud to celebrate Oregon High School Art Teacher, Mike Derrick, who received a Crystal Apple Award! Mike was nominated by OHS students and staff members and is one of five area educators to be recognized with this honor. Mike was presented with the award during a surprise ceremony of students, staff, and family members in April.

The Crystal Apple Award recognizes teachers who touch the lives of students in extra special ways. There were over 640 educators across 265 schools nominated for Crystal Apple Awards this year.

You can watch the Crystal Apple news story here:

<https://www.wmtv15news.com/2024/05/06/oregon-art-teacher-earns-crystal-apple-award/>

PVE Bird Bonanza!



Our first-graders at Prairie View Elementary School (PVE) took flight with curiosity during Bird Bonanza! After diving into research on birds' body parts and survival skills, they became experts on specific feathered friends. From crafting riddles to scientific drawings, they soared in showcasing their newfound knowledge. This work culminated in a "Bird Bonanza" where PVE students and staff were invited to come and guess the answer to their riddles and celebrate their hard work. Way to spread your wings, first-graders!

Spring Has Sprung in the BKE Garden!



Students, staff and community volunteers recently engaged together to prepare Brooklyn Elementary's garden for spring. They weeded and planted a variety of fruit and vegetable seeds. This is a great example of one of our Five Values in action - Strong Family & Community Partnerships.

FES 6th Grade Art Display



Sixth-grade students in Ms. Dall'Osto's art classes at Forest Edge Elementary recently designed and carved linoleum blocks during their linocut relief printing unit this spring. Some learners chose to work independently, while others chose to collaborate and print using multiple linocut designs.

The display will be up at The Firefly Coffeehouse through the month of May for our community to enjoy! We love seeing your artwork!

FES Students Study Rainforest Biodiversity



Fifth graders at Forest Edge Elementary just finished an exciting unit on rainforest biodiversity! Their classroom was transformed into a lush rainforest for the duration of this English Language (EL) unit, complete with a beautiful blue morpho butterfly, a hardworking leafcutter ant, and a variety of other rainforest creatures, all created by the students themselves!

We're so proud of their creativity and enthusiasm for learning about the rainforest's incredible biodiversity!

RCI Learning Showcase



Students at Rome Corners Intermediate recently showcased their projects about Canada! In addition to preparing special displays and dishes, there were also performances by our student musicians. Keep up the great work!

FES Multilingual Student Field Trip



Multilingual students from Forest Edge Elementary had a fantastic time exploring during their recent field trip to the Madison College campus. They hiked and engaged in bird-watching activities. Following this, they had the invaluable opportunity to interact with a student panel and learn about various college pathways from other multilingual students. To top it off, our students also had an enriching experience exploring a biology lab!

OMS Convivio Celebration



Oregon Middle School was buzzing with excitement last week as family and students gathered for Convivio - a special celebration of our school community.

Highlights of the evening included an Art Show showcasing the talent of our students, an enthralling Dance Performance, and delicious offerings from Food Trucks. It was a delightful evening filled with creativity, entertainment, and camaraderie.

OMS Urban Challenge



7th grade students on the 7-O team at OMS recently took to downtown Madison in an Amazing Race style scavenger hunt called 'Urban Challenge'. Students had to work with their teams to plan a route around the city, select a lunch destination, and complete challenges at different locations. Examples challenge locations included the Veterans Museum, State Capitol, food pantry, Memorial Union, Henry Vilas Zoo, and more! They used Madison Metro to get between locations and some teams logged over 8 walking miles during the day. One team even ran into the UW Men's Hockey Team while on State Street!

The Urban Challenge seeks to:

- Foster a caring school climate
- Nurture positive peer relations
- Develop interpersonal competence
- Strengthen problem-solving and decision-making skills

It was a day to learn important life skills and practice working in teams. A HUGE thank you to our 7-O educators for planning this learning opportunity and to our chaperones for their help in making the day possible.

NOTE: Students in 7M do a special team building day at Upham Woods, which includes challenge and team activities in the winter.

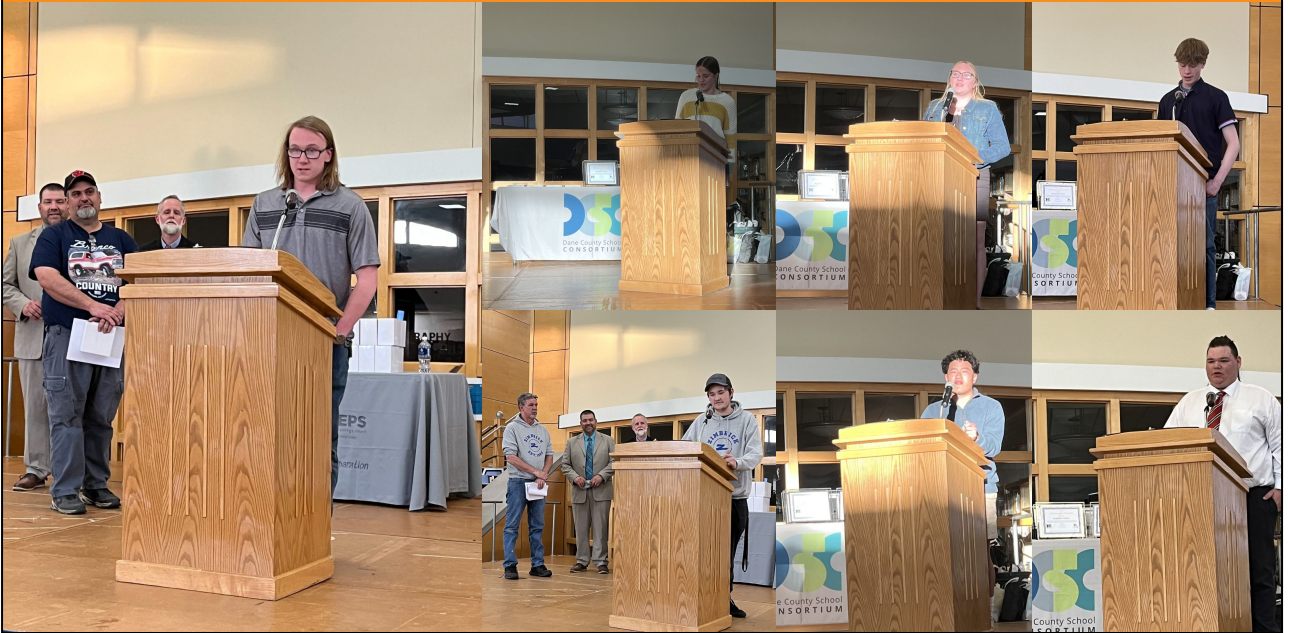
History Comes to Life for OHS Students



History came to life for OHS students when some of our own Vietnam Veterans made a visit to Mr. Wiegman's history classes. Students heard about the life changing experiences they had at an age not much older than our students. The Q&A was particularly impactful in helping students understand this period of history. This is also a display of Strong Family & Community Partnerships - one of our Five Values.

We are so thankful to our veterans for their time and service.

Youth Apprenticeship Students



What a wonderful celebration of our senior Youth Apprenticeship (YA) students and their mentors! Congratulations to all Level I and II Youth Apprenticeship students on achieving this amazing certification.

Thank you to all Oregon High School YA seniors for your hard work and dedication, Oregon High School YA parents for seeing the value in this program, and thank you to our local YA mentors for your partnerships to support our students in this program!

OHS Students Attend Skills Trades Boot Camp



Congratulations to our two OHS students who recently participated in the Skills Trades Boot Camp at Hooper Corporation, which offers this opportunity to a limited number of students from each school district throughout the region. Participants had an opportunity to view demonstrations and gain hands-on experiences in the areas of safety, sheet metal/custom metals, steamfitting, fire protection, plumbing, electric power, and virtual design.

This experience, in addition to taking courses in the Technology Education Department and participating in SkillsUSA, allows students to have a better idea about what they might like to specialize in as a Youth Apprentice or which career they would like to pursue post high school.

We love to see our students exploring their passions!

Congrats OHS HOSA Students!



Congratulations to Oregon High School students - Maya Pechan and Elise Schuman - who recently participated in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) State Leadership Conference.

HOSA is a global student-led organization focusing on empowering HOSA-Future Health Professionals to become leaders in the global health community, through education, collaboration, and experience. HOSA actively promotes career opportunities in the health industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

We are so proud of you!

Congrats
OHS
FCCLA
Students!



Congratulations to our students who recently competed in STAR Events at the 2024 Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference:

- Kayla Clevenger: Baking and Pastry Level 3 Skill Demonstration - Silver
- Jadilyn DiMola: Baking and Pastry Level 3 Skill Demonstration - Gold
- Natalie Swenson: Baking and Pastry Level 2 Skill Demonstration - Silver
- Nicholas Seitz-Kluever: Knife Skills and Food Garnish Skill Demonstration Level 3 - Silver
- Quyen Wirts: Culinary Math Level 3 - Silver

FCCLA is a national Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for students in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education. FCCLA offers intra-curricular resources and opportunities for students to pursue careers that support families.

OHS National Honor Society Inductees



Congratulations to our students who were recently inducted into the National Honor Society! We are so proud of you!

NextGen Responders Academy Graduation



Congrats to our Oregon High School students who were recently honored at the Madison College NextGen Responders Academy graduation ceremony. It was a wonderful event to celebrate high school students in the area who successfully completed the Fire Recruit Academy and/or the Emergency Medical Responder Academy.

- Brock Buskager: Fire Recruit & Emergency Medical Responder Academies
- Noah Hansen: Fire Recruit Academy
- Beckett White: Fire Recruit Academy
- Teagen Simpson: Fire Recruit Academy (not able to attend ceremony)

OHS Variety Show



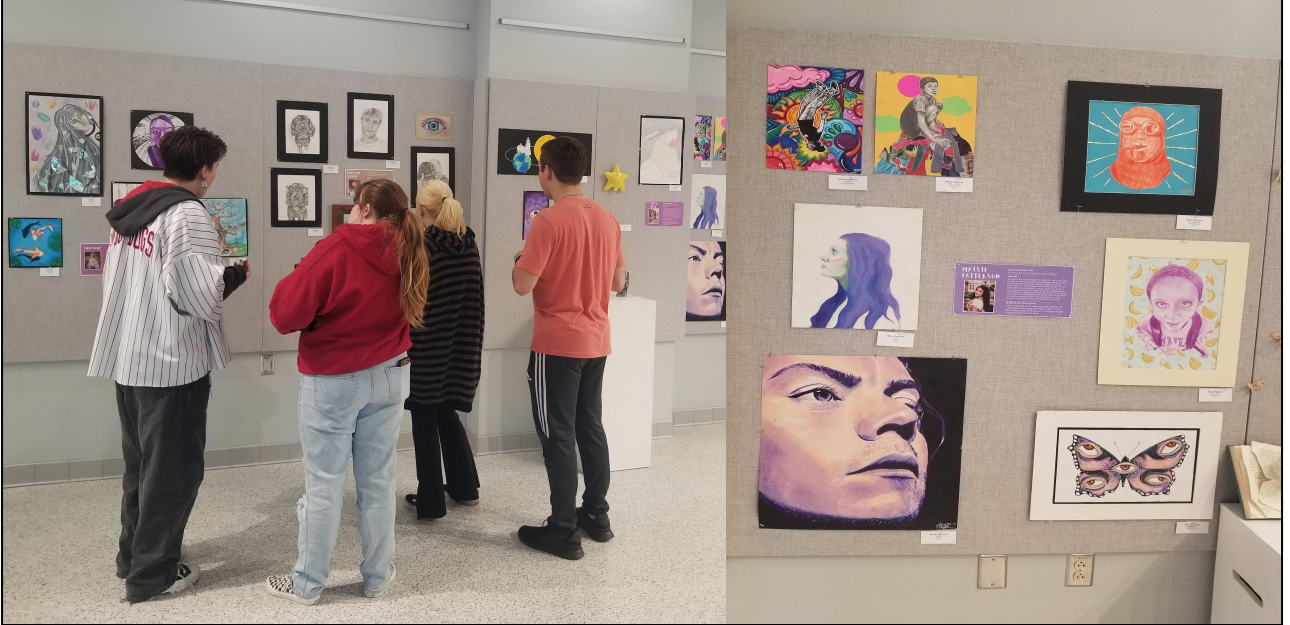
Congratulations to Oregon High School choral students on an amazing variety show! We love watching you perform. Thanks to Mrs. Yancey for working so hard to coordinate this event.

OHS Prom



Saturday was a gorgeous evening for Prom. The weather was amazing and our students who attended had a fabulous time. Staff who attended received compliments that this was one of the best behaved groups that they had seen in the venue. Thanks to coordinator, Brandi Hussli, for the hours of work on this successful event.

OHS Art Portfolio Class End of Year Show



Ms. Coutre's Art Portfolio class is hosting their end of year art show in the gallery. It is up right now and there are some really amazing works to see. It will be up for another week, so make sure to stop in and check it out. This show is designed and organized completely by students.

We love seeing your creativity and art pieces.

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