

Superintendent Report

October 14, 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 there are many special recognitions since the last board meeting.

Hispanic Heritage Month: Sept 15 - Oct 15



Hispanic Heritage month is September 15 - October. You'll see displays throughout the OSD, as well as a banner on the front page of our website to acknowledge this celebration. Of course there are meaningful discussions and learning opportunities in our classrooms as well.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage



One of many examples of Hispanic Heritage Month recently took place at Forest Edge Elementary, where multilingual students enjoyed a special breakfast and then visited Mariposa to create an art piece called *repujado*, a traditional art form that uses tin or other metals to craft intricate and beautiful artwork. They loved spending time with little ones.

IT Professionals Day

September 17

Thank You, OSD Tech Educators!

IT Professionals Day | September 17, 2024



Liz Arinen



Rich Clark



Deana Condra



Velvet Holmes



Jeremy Jones



Angie Knott



Rory Kroehn



Kevin May



Eric Rogers



Lynn Schulz



Josh Weis



Tim Wszalek



Brandi Yates



Ryan Zoellick

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September 17 was IT Professionals Day! We are so grateful for our team of educators who ensure our students have the technology they need for learning each day, along with the essential life skills of digital citizenship.

Recognizing Our Amazing Principals

National Principal Month



Lindsay Elmerman



Dawn Goltz



Anna Seidenstricker



Kerri Modjeski



Cyndi Olander



Heidi Walter



Jim Pliner

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We ❤️ LOVE our principals!

October is National Principal Month and we want to recognize this fantastic group of professionals who lead our schools! You work tirelessly day in and day out to provide leadership for staff and care for students and families.

We appreciate you SO much!

Thank You
School
Custodial
Team!

October 2

School Custodial & Grounds Appreciation Day



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Our OSD Building & Grounds team is amazing and we are so appreciative of everything they do to keep our schools and grounds in tip-top shape! You are an essential part of our school community and we appreciate you very much.

Instructional Coaches Appreciation Day

October 6

Thank You, OSD Instructional Coaches!



Jackie Amlong
4K



Alexis Packer
BKE



Mitch Elbe
NKE



Gini Kosharek
PVE



Ashley Weiss
FES



Andrea Fuller
RCI



Kim Manny-Brown
OMS



Andrea Anderson
OHS



Brad Breunig
OHS



Michelle Kretschman
K-4 SEL



Betsy Delzer
5-12 SEL



Cindi Hedstrom
New Teacher
Mentor

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October 6th is National Instructional Coaches Appreciation Day! Please help us celebrate our amazing instructional coaches throughout the OSD! Our coaches help to support our educators and students each day and we are incredibly grateful for you.

WI School Board Appreciation Week

October 6-12



Krista Flanagan
President



Troy Pankratz
Vice President



Mary Lokuta
Treasurer



Ahna Bizjak
Clerk



Caleb Bush
Member



Heather Garrison
Member



Leslie Wright
Member

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October 6-12th is Wisconsin School Board Week!

Our students benefit every single day from the leadership and vision of our amazing school board.

Join us in thanking the Oregon School District Board of Education members for their time, dedication, care, and service to our students, families, and community. We appreciate you!

Congratulations Andy Weiland

Mike Roshar WASBO
Shining Star Award



Congratulations to OSD Business Manager, Andy Weiland, who received the 2024 Mike Roshar Shining Star Award from the Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials (WASBO).

Andy was presented with this award at the Fall WASBO conference, along with colleague Pete Grender, Director of Finance for the Verona Area School District. Andy and Pete were selected for this honor for the vital and timely information regarding school levy tax credits they provided school officials last year. The pair spent countless hours working with government officials, pouring over data, and performing calculations. This information helped school officials around the state make critical decisions.

The experience and knowledge that Andy humbly and graciously shares with colleagues has made him one of the most trusted business managers in the state. We are so fortunate to have Andy as part of the OSD.

OSD Educators Present at State Conference



Last week, Ashley Painter, MultiLingual Coordinator & Teacher, Tina Springer, MultiLingual Coordinator & Maestra bilingüe K-6, and Terrie Schmoldt, Advanced Learning (AL) 4K-12 Coordinator & FES AL teacher, had the honor of presenting at the Wisconsin Association of Talented & Gifted State Conference. Their presentation on Positioning Students for Success: Leadership for Linguistically Gifted Students was very well received.

Great Apple Crunch



Last week, students throughout the OSD are had a blast crunching on fresh apples as part of the Wisconsin Great Apple Crunch! 🍏🍏

We also want to give a special shout out to our new School Nutrition Director, Mandy Bienlein for expertly playing the part. We love our apples and teaching kids about healthy foods!

National School Lunch Week



This week is National School Lunch Week and we are so grateful to our School Nutrition Team for working so hard to offer fresh and healthy meals for our students. Our team takes great care in making sure our kids have nutritious food because we know that healthy kids are better learners!

4K Family Event



Our 4K families recently gathered for their first outreach event at Kaiser Shelter. Over 80 families came together for an evening of fun, food, and connection!

4K staff and families had the chance to meet each other, enjoy a delicious dinner, and participate in a Story Walk. The students also had a blast playing at the park and meeting Ms. Kelly from the Oregon Public Library.

BKE Welcome Assembly



Brooklyn Elementary had their kick off assembly to celebrate the new school year. They reviewed PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Systems) expectations and goals.

This focus this month is how to take INITIATIVE. Students are doing a great job taking INITIATIVE by picking up trash in the hallways, helping friends when needed and making sure they are staying safe. Way to go!

Once the Tower of Power is filled up with pucks that classrooms earn by following expectations, an all school celebration will take place.

NKE Welcome Back Assembly



Netherwood Knoll Elementary had a beginning of the year assembly in which sportsmanship was highlighted.

Both staff and students participated in a game of, "musical chair basketball" and demonstrated skills and strategies that can be used daily such as saying, "good game" and giving high fives and fist bumps.

This year's 4th graders modeled friendly sportsmanship and culture-building for the school.

PVE Students Accept Important Mission!



Students from Prairie View Elementary recently gathered for the first assembly of the year. Students met the Panther and learned about the school theme: Mission Pawsible.

Following this, students accepted their mission for the week. Each mission corresponds with the monthly theme, which is coordinated with our English Language Arts curriculum, Habits of Character.

Congrats on accepting this important mission!

PVE Back to School Bash



Prairie View Elementary students and families had a great time at their recent Back to School Bash!

🎉 The event was filled with games, music, balloons, and LOTS of laughs and smiles. 🎵😊

Thanks to the Oregon Fire Department and Oregon Police Department for joining us and helping to make it a great evening for everyone!

BKE Fall Family Festival



Brooklyn Elementary held its Fall Family Festival to kick off the new school year. Families enjoyed many fun activities including playing games, making crafts, and time with friends and family.

FES Welcome Back Event



There were many smiles and lots of laughter at the Forest Edge Elementary Welcome Back event.

Thanks to our dedicated group of PTO members and community partners who made this possible.

FES Student Is Cycling Champion



Congratulations to Forest Edge Elementary 4th grade student, Steele Steger, who earned first place in the 2024 Badger State USA Cycling Junior MTB Championship Race.

The mountain bike (mtb) championship race, sanctioned by USA Cycling, was held Sunday, September 22, 2024 at Nordic Mountain in Mount Morris, Wisconsin. The course was 3 laps long, with 200 feet of climbing in each of the 1.5 mile laps for a total of 4.5 miles and 600 ft elevation.

Steele raced in the WI USA Cycling State Championship Race Boys 9-10 category. For winning, he earned a State Champion bike jersey and two first place medals - one from USA Cycling and one from the Midwest Youth Cycling League.

RCI Student Speaks About Traffic Safety



We are so proud of Zoe and her family for bravely sharing their story at the Dane County Traffic Safety Commission event to urge community members to keep kids safe by slowing down near schools and stopping for crosswalks and school buses. Zoe was struck by a vehicle last April when attempting to board a school bus.

We are so grateful for our crossing guards from the Oregon Police Department, bus drivers, and staff members who help students get safely to and from school each day. We would also like to thank Safe Communities for helping to bring awareness to this important topic.

See more on this story, including words from Zoe and her family, and crossing guard Kim Wisdon:

- [Dane Co. initiative aims to reduce risk of students being hit by drivers](#)
- ['They might not be so lucky': Families, law enforcement speak on critical need for safer travel near schools](#)
- [Oregon 6th grader wants drivers to be more aware after being hit by SUV trying to board school bus](#)
- [School crossing guard advises how to keep students safe on their way to and from school](#)

RCI Orchestra



Even though it's early in the year, the beautiful sounds of string instruments are filling the orchestra room at Rome Corners Intermediate School as students are already hard at work preparing for their concerts!

We can't wait to hear your music!

OMS Students Enjoying Friends and Food



The OMS lunchroom is a popular place in the school, as our students take a break to enjoy healthy meals, connect with friends, and have a little fun.

Thanks to our School Nutrition team for making sure our students have healthy food to fuel their bodies so they can stay ready for learning.

OHS Physics Students Learn About Velocity



Oregon High School Physics students are hard at work collecting data from toy cars to model their behavior mathematically! They're learning about constant velocity through hands-on experimentation. Keep up the great work!

Oregon Equestrian Team Goes To State



Congratulations to all of our students on the Oregon Equestrian Team, who recently were crowned grand champions of the District 2 Wisconsin Interscholastic Horsemanship Association show (Division 2A) in Elkhorn.

The team will advance to the state competition at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison on October 26-27.

Winning Bass Fishing Duo!



Congrats to OHS students, Tanner Bailey and PJ Mortenson, who have become quite the fishing duo!

🔗 They have been participating in local and national bass fishing tournaments and were recently named Team of the Year 2024 by the Madison Tuesday Night Bass League. In addition, Tanner was named Angler of the Year 2024. 🌟

Youth Governance Program Representative



Congratulations to OHS student, Jacsyn Disrud, who is one of 15 students from Dane County to be selected to serve as a representative to the Youth Governance Program (YGP). This program gives students the opportunity to engage in county government decision-making, provide a youth perspective for local projects and community issues, and gain the skills necessary for a new generation of active leaders and professionals.

Jacsyn was officially inducted into the program earlier this school year during a special "pinning" ceremony. Jacsyn will be assigned to serve on various standing Dane County committees, boards and commissions, and will also have a County Board Supervisor as a mentor throughout the program.

We are so proud of Jacsyn and are thrilled that you will be representing the OSD in this important role.

Congrats OHS National Merit Semifinalists



Let's give a huge round of applause to our three students from Oregon High School who have recently been named National Merit Semifinalists:

👏 Jacsyn Disrud
👏 Ryan Fahey
👏 Colin Nettsheim

Your hard work and dedication have paid off and we are so proud of you!

OHS Dance Team Dazzles



The OHS Dance Team has been dazzling crowds with their dance performances, and anyone who has seen these performances can tell that practice is really paying off!

We love watching you perform.

State Golf Tournament



Addi Sabel and Delainey Halverson are competing in the State Golf tournament today. They play one more round tomorrow.

State Tournament Qualifiers



Congrats to our three students competing in the state tennis match, which begins this Thursday:

Kate Thorne
Baylee Knott
Gianna Golesh

Homecoming Week Festivities



Homecoming was a fun-filled week of special activities that showcased school spirit throughout the district. From dress up themed days to preparing for pep assembly dances to being welcomed to school by our own OHS pep band - it was a week of great memories.

The theme that runs through all of it is the involvement of our excellent educators - they are there every step of the way to join our students and make it a great week.

Homecoming Pep Rally



The OHS Pep Assembly energized students and staff! 🎉🎊

The event started with music from our pep band followed by our choir, who sang the Star Spangled Banner. Activities included a student/staff volleyball match-up, friendly class relay races, class dance competition, and crowning of the Homecoming royalty. The energy was electric, and the school spirit was on full display.

Homecoming Parade



What a beautiful afternoon for a parade! Thanks to our students, staff, and community partners who made this day a success - and a special thanks to Angie Dunn, who coordinated this year's event.

Homecoming Game



The Homecoming game was a perfect end to the week. We sure love watching our team play, and we ended up with a 35 - 6 Panther victory!

Extra special thanks to the Oregon Area Fire/EMS District and our Village of Oregon Police Department for being great partners and supporting the game!

Homecoming - Golden Hour



The final event in our Homecoming week was the OHS dance. The theme was Golden Hour, and it was a fantastic event filled with dancing, laughing, and fun with friends.

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Tune In to the
OSD Podcast!



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