



OSD Newsletter

Every Child, Every Day

April 30, 2015

Note from the Principals

Denyse Woods & Greg Mendenhall

It's hard to believe that we only have a month before the end of the school year! Time this year has flown by! May is notoriously a busy month at OSD, so please keep an eye out for upcoming events in May. A calendar is attached for you to keep track of events. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page as well. In addition to the activities, there are a number of end of the year assessments that we need to focus on and ensure that students are showing academic growth over the past year. Please make sure that your child is getting enough rest and is arriving to school on time, before 8:10 a.m.

Thank you for a wonderful year, and thank you for the support you have given to the OSD Spartans community. We have learned, thrived, and grown as a community this year, and we look forward to our continued collaboration and combined efforts for the students. Again, thank you for your support, dedication, and belief in Ohio School for the Deaf.

~ Denyse and Greg

May 2015				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 HS Prom Weekend
<i>Sun. May 3</i> <i>PTA Carnival</i>	4 5	6	7	8 *
11	12	13	14	15
18 *	19 *	20 *	21 * Spring Variety Show 7:00pm	22 *
25 No School Memorial Day	26 *	27 * High School Awards Day	28 * Elem and MS Awards Day	29 Graduation Day/Noon Dismissal

*Department specific events are listed in newsletter section.



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OSD Spring Showcase

Thursday, May 21, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Ohio School for the Deaf Gym

Admission \$3.00 Adults, \$1.00 Students

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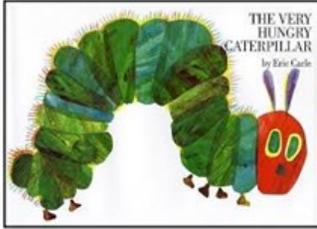
Do you Wanna buy a Yearbook?

2014-2015 yearbooks can be pre-ordered now. The books will arrive in August. Cost is \$30 if you pre-order, but will be \$35 if you wait for books to arrive!

School Updates

Preschool

Megan Key & Leslie MacFarland



[The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle]

It is almost the end of April! We are looking forward to May with beautiful green trees and colorful flowers blossoming. This past month, we have learned about the lifecycle of butterflies—how they grow from the egg to butterfly. We also applied this knowledge while reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. Kiddos had the opportunity to act out the story and they had so much fun doing this! The next and final unit of the school year will be all about reduce, reuse, and recycle. This is the most fun unit for kiddos, because there will fun and enjoyable activities to do. ■



Elementary

Kaleigh Bowling, Gretchen Douglas, Chris Kuhns, Emily McDermott, Veronica Shonkwiler, Morgan Sipka, Jessica Sloan, Jeani Thomas

Kindergarten/First Grade

The K/1 class has been learning about economics in social studies. The students have practiced identifying *needs* and *wants*. They have also learned that we have limited resources (money) to use, to buy the things that we need or want, and need to make choices. In science, they have learned about living things and their needs. They will continue to experiment and focus on how living things cause environmental changes.

Second/Third Grade

The second and third graders have been learning about environments and communities. In science, we have been learning how people affect the environment with pollution, and how the environment affects people, animals, and plants. We can find evidence of plants and animals that are no longer living by looking at fossils. There are five different kinds of fossils, and we even practiced making one ourselves. We also talked about how rocks are formed and observed many different kinds of rocks that are found in Ohio as well as rocks that we found at OSD! We carried over these concepts in Social Studies by learning about how communities have developed over time, and were effected by their environments.

Fourth/Fifth Grade

The fourth graders learned about different kinds of landforms. Each of them made their own model of their chosen landform. The fourth graders will continue to learn about how landforms are made through different processes (weathering, erosion, and deposition). The fifth graders learned about the characteristics of each planet, which was so fun to learn! Each of them made their own model of the sun and the planets. Also, the fifth graders have been learning about asteroids, meteors, and comets. We are so impressed with the fourth and fifth graders' artistic skills!! They all did an amazing job!!

Fifth graders finished up government systems

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and have been working on geographical characteristics of the United States. With partners they have explored geographical features, Indian Nations, Shelter, foods, transportation, and cultural products and features of ten different regions. Maps were made to showcase their discoveries! Fourth graders completed work on the Northwest Ordinance. The First Amendment was broken down to understand what the five statements mean to us today. We will all be working on Economics units as we prepare for Alex's lemonade stand coming soon!

Chris's Class

This month came fast, yet, our students blossomed fast! We learned so much about calendar and days in ASL during our morning routines. During our reading time and social skills, we focused on this month's theme- Community Workers. We identified who, what he/she does, and where he/she works in our community. Our students love to dress up as community workers! We went to two field trips this month- COSI and Columbus Zoo with the Elementary department! We also learned how to care our planet- Earth. We used the 3 R's (recycle, reuse, and reduce) during our Earth's Day lessons. The final theme of the month, we learned how to help others at home (yes, chores!) by taking turns role-playing in class, such as cleaning, washing dishes, making the bed, pulling weeds, feeding animals, carrying bags, and more. See you next month! ■



May Dates to Remember - Elem. specific

May 8

Elem. field trip to the Victoria Theater

May

OAA Reading Testing (grade 3)

Science and Social Studies Testing (grades 4, 5, 6,8)

May 28

Elementary School Awards Day

May 29

Final day of school. Noon dismissal.

Alex's Lemonade Stand

The Ohio School for the Deaf elementary students and staff will host our 7th Annual Alex's Lemonade Stand during the week of May 11th from 12pm – 1:30pm daily in front of Panera Bread (4519 N. High St. Columbus, OH 43214). This year all donations from Alex's Lemonade Stand will be made in honor of Dr. Ed Corbett (former superintendent of the Ohio School for the Deaf) and Cynthia Johnson (former superintendent of the Ohio State School for the Blind).

You can stop by our lemonade stand at the Panera Bread on N. High St for a cup of delicious lemonade or you can make a donation on our website

<http://www.alexlemonade.org/mypage/1122205>

For those of you who have never heard of Alex's Lemonade Stand, it is a foundation which evolved from a young cancer patient's front yard lemonade stand to a nationwide fundraising movement to find a cure for childhood cancer. Since Alexandra "Alex" Scott (1996-2004) set up her front-yard stand at the age of four, more than \$25 million has been raised towards fulfilling her dream of finding a cure for all children with cancer.

The Ohio School for the Deaf has earned more than \$7,000 for the organization since our first Stand in 2009. ■



Middle School

Susie Bachtel, Brooke Hohlbaugh, Phyllis Moore, Michele Ogden, Terry Stewart

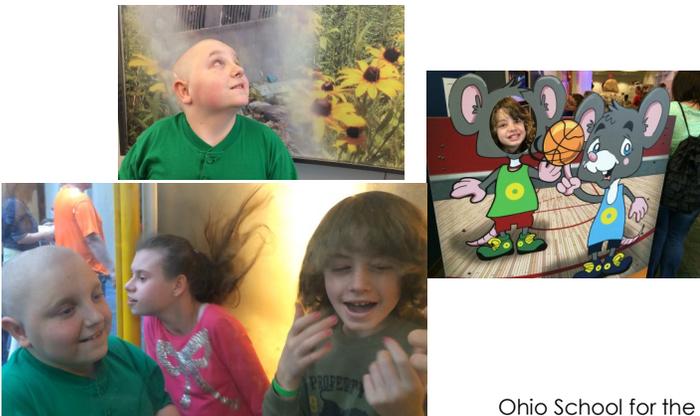
In math class, the sixth graders are learning about multiplying decimals and subtraction with borrowing. Some Seventh graders are studying subtraction with borrowing and time, while others are studying multiplying and dividing fractions. The Eighth graders are currently learning about negative numbers and understanding the relationship between decimals and fractions.

In language arts, the sixth graders are studying Aesop's Fable; the seventh graders are writing Poetry, while Eighth graders are analyzing Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night Dream*.

In science, students will be attending Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama the week of April 26th. Students will simulate space missions, learn about the history of the space administration, simulate what it's like to walk on the moon and learn to work together as a team to accomplish numerous other tasks. Congratulations to these students who will be attending:

- ⇒ Averie Panozzo
- ⇒ Chloe Kuhns
- ⇒ Chris Adams
- ⇒ Jordyn Snapp
- ⇒ Jason Harlan
- ⇒ Malia Schneck
- ⇒ Jordan James

The Middle School MD class went to COSI last Friday. We had a blast time!



On Friday, April 17th, two of our Middle School students, Chloe Kuhns and Mierra Robinson, received the Clintonville Student Citizen Award. The students were accompanied by two of their teachers, parents, and our school principal, Denyse Woods. The awards breakfast was held at the Fawcett Center on OSU's campus. This breakfast honored middle school students from schools all over Clintonville. The students received the award for showing good character and great community involvement. The girls really enjoyed the breakfast and each went home with a gold medal. See the front page picture of Mierra in the local Clintonville newspaper, [ThisWeek Booster](#). [hyperlinked to online article] ■



May Dates to Remember - M.S. specific

May

ELA and Math Testing (grades 3-8)

Science and Social Studies Testing (grades 4, 5, **6,8**)

May 22

M.S. Challenge of the Minds

May 26

M.S. end of the year trip

May 27

M.S. OSD tour with CCEC and Field Day

May 28

Middle School Awards Day

May 29

Final day of school. Noon dismissal



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High School

Tamara Burnett-Penny, Bill Costello, Mary Ellen Cox, Anthony Coy-Gonzalez, Charisse Heine, Jeff Jones, Melissa Lago-Jones, Angie Layman, Amy Massey Norton, Laura Smith, Kim Sutton

Mrs. Burnett Penny and Mrs. Cox's classes, along with student teacher, Ms. Libby Swanson, started a new science unit on biomes with a work experience based trip to the Franklin Park Conservatory. Students worked in the conservatory for the morning, ate lunch and explored different created biomes on the grounds as well as experienced the 70,000 tulips that are now in full bloom.



Anthony Coy-Gonzalez's leadership class took a field trip to Ottawa-Glandorf High School and met with students taking ASL classes. Mr. Coy-Gonzalez's students spent the day leading the ASL learners in activities involving ASL and Deaf culture.

Laura Smith, Kim Sutton and Melissa Lago-Jones' math classrooms:

"May the odds be ever in your favor!"

This line from *The Hunger Games* inspired the first annual "Probability Games", held on April 21.

The event was planned and hosted by the high school math teachers, along with student teacher, Cody Seesholtz, and retired OSD math teacher, Jane Switzer. Students from Integrated Math 201, 202, and 203 tossed coins, rolled dice, drew cards, and used M&Ms to understand and demonstrate the concepts of probability. The evening ended with a competitive game of "Deal or No Deal". ■



May Dates to Remember - H.S. specific

May 1 (Open Weekend)

High School Prom

May 18-22

Exam week

May 19

DACC Completion Ceremony (Graduating Seniors)

May 25-27

Senior Trip

May 27

High School Awards (12:45p)

May 28

Graduation Rehearsal and Senior Dinner

Ohio Historical Society fieldtrip

May 29

Last day of school/Graduation Day



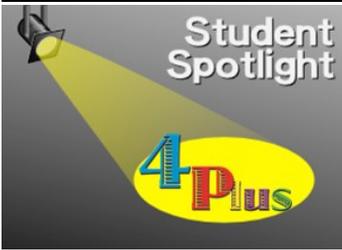
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2015-16 Academic Partnership

We have some very exciting news to share! A partnership with Whetstone High School (WHS) is in the works for the 2015-2016 academic year. Such a partnership benefits Ohio School for the Deaf and their students greatly, as students would have the opportunity to take a few courses at WHS with hearing peers. For students interested in taking courses at Whetstone High School next year, students must meet the requirements, parents must approve their child(ren) going to Whetstone High School, and the local educational agency must be willing to cover the costs of an American Sign Language interpreter. Whetstone High School's class schedule for the 2015-2016 academic year will be shared sometime after spring break, at which time students can select classes they would be interested in taking.

For more information on the requirements or about the collaboration with Whetstone High School, please contact Gregory Mendenhall, High School Principal, at mendenhall@osd.oh.gov or 614-678-5643. ■

4Plus and Transition Updates



Nancy Swisher, Bill Newman

The 4PLUS spotlight is on David Grant. David is a first year 4PLUS student who started working here on campus in the OSD cafeteria. He was employed by OSD for over four months and learned excellent work skills. David is now employed by Ohio Dominican University in their Food Service Department under Sodexo and is working full-time. He is proving to be a polite, hard-working young man. As an ODU employee, David enjoys the benefits of campus life and is able to attend sporting events and use the campus facilities, such as their library, exercise room and café. David is saving money for his future and is excited for next year as he exits the 4PLUS Program. ■



Transition Updates

Sheri Uhrin, Transition Services Coordinator

Summertime Events

2015 Driver's Education Day Camp June 1-12, 2015

CampUS at OSU: *Positively influencing transition for teens with hearing loss* June 12-13, 2015

Flyers for both events are attached to this newsletter.

Summer Jobs 2015?

Just a reminder to set up an appointment with your Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)/Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (BVR) while students are at home over spring break. Summer youth programs are starting to fill up. If you are not sure who your child's BVR counselor is, please contact Sheri Uhrin, OSD Transition services Coordinator at Uhrin@osd.oh.gov or 614.728.1419.

Tip from the Nurse

Diana Dick, Tobbi Valentine, Tammy Woodyard

Eye health is extremely important so let's not forget about our sight over the summer. Student Health Services encourages students to have regular eye exams to identify any vision problems. Vision exams results are also a required part of a student's Individualized Education Program or IEP. During your student's eye appointment, please notify your provider that you would like the exam results faxed to the Student Health Services office at the Ohio School for the Deaf and we will include them in the IEP. Our office fax number is 614-995-0047. ■

Reading Tips and Specialists

Reading Tips

Angela Smith, Reading Specialist

In collaboration with *National Library Week* and *Drop Everything and Read day*, Nancy Boone and I started a Twitter campaign to try and get famous actors, which were filming a new movie in Columbus, to come read to our students. After a few weeks of our social media campaign, I finally heard back from Asante Jones. He said that he and another actress were interested in coming to read to our students the following day. We put together everything in less than 24 hours and on Wednesday, April 15, Asante Jones and Amanda Schull came to read to the entire student body at OSD. They read two books to our students and then answered questions for the next 45 minutes. They stressed the importance of being a strong reader if you want to become an actor/actress. They discussed what they did and how hard they had to work before they got into acting. Our students and staff were extremely moved by their visit and impressed with their kindness while they were here. Their visit is something that we will remember forever. ■



Specialists

Bobbi Colatruglio, Leanna Goss, Susan McTyiere, Rae Ann Brown, Miranda Walker, Ann Ramsey

April is National Occupational Therapy Month!

What is occupational therapy?

Occupational therapy (abbreviated OT) is concerned with a person's ability to participate in desired daily life activities or "occupations." When working in a school setting, an occupational therapist can help children to better participate in and perform learning and school-related activities and to fulfill their role as students. Occupational therapists often help children who have difficulty with fine motor skills, visual motor skills (eye-hand coordination), and self-help skills, but can also help support many other areas related to how the child is functioning in the school setting.

Occupational therapists know how to observe a student engaging in an activity and provide strategies to facilitate the student's full participation, and can be helpful in determining what supports, modifications, and accommodations are required for the student to achieve their annual IEP goals. Common skills for a school OT to address are handwriting, managing tools and materials, and accessing the school environment. For example, a student may require occupational therapy due to difficulties with handwriting, using scissors, opening food containers at lunch, and accessing his or her locker.

Occupational therapists may work directly with students or provide consultative service to teachers or other school staff. When the individualized education program (IEP) team determines that occupational therapy is needed for a student in order to meet his or her annual goals, then occupational therapy should be included in the student's IEP.

For more information regarding occupational therapy, please visit the American Occupational Therapy Association's website at www.aota.org. ■

OSD SPARTAN-PTA Page

OSD Spartan-PTA Mission Statement

The OSD Spartan-PTA exists to empower families and school staff to serve students by creating and hosting events and by independently organizing in ways that will elevate a school spirit where every child might reach their fullest potential.



Wendy's

Ohio School for the Deaf

Spirit Night Burger Bash

15% of proceeds will be donated to
the

OSD Spartan - PTA

Wendy's Graceland

5026 N. High St.

High St. and Morse Rd.

614-846-1728

Event: Friday May 1st 2015

From 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm



Wanna Come to a Meeting?

Meetings happen 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month in the Multi-Purpose Room at OSD from 4:15 to 5:15 PM.

To receive PSA Meeting Minutes via email, contact Brad Pritts, Bpritts75@gmail.com.

PSA Fundraiser & School Spirit



Kids- \$15

Adults (s-xl)- \$20

Adults (xxl)- \$25

Interested in showing your OSD pride? You can order the above shirts and 25% of the proceeds come directly to the PSA!

Pick-up an order form at the school office.

For your convenience, there is an order form attached to this month's newsletter.



Sunday May 3, 2015 12:00p-6:00p we will be hosting our *PTA Spring Carnival*, located at the Ohio School for the Deaf. Please join us for family fun, food and take part in our silent auction. Bring the whole family, and have a great day at the PTA Carnival!



Like OSD PSA on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/OSDPSA>

Library

Nancy Boone, Donna Henderson

Poetry Night Pictures



Top Left to Right: Andy McGraw, Robert Buckingham.
Bottom Left to Right: Emcees Nicole Greene, Gregory Rinker and Nancy Boone

The Spartans go to OSU Shoe



Some of the students ready to load the bus and head to the spring game.

Thank you Buck-I-Guy for the great pregame fun and the OSU spring game tickets. Our students, families and staff had a blast! We are lucky to have a friend like you.



Actors, Amanda Schull and Asante Jones, came to read to the students during **National Library Week**. They got us fired up about reading!



Ohio School for the Deaf Programs and Services

The **Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD)** offers a PreK-12 education program and other services for Ohio students who are deaf or hard of hearing. It is OSD's mission to ensure that all of Ohio's deaf and hard of hearing students achieve their maximum potential and become successful citizens.

The **Alice Cogswell Center (ACC)** is part of the comprehensive educational program at OSD. ACC's curriculum, immersion in American Sign Language and exposure to English auditorially and in print, allow deaf and hard of hearing youngsters to have maximum opportunities to ensure readiness for kindergarten. OSD operates under the supervision of the Ohio Department of Education.

The **4PLUS program**, housed at OSD, is a transition program designed for young adults who are deaf and hard of hearing who desire extra support or need extra time to transition to the world of work, internships, vocational training and/or postsecondary education. The 4Plus program also focuses on independent living skills, self-determination and community awareness.

The **Center for Outreach Services**, also housed at OSD, provides resources and support for families and professionals providing services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing throughout Ohio. Outreach services are free or low cost and include consultation, professional development, and support to educational agencies and professionals to assist them in offering services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing, families, and schools using various communication modes, including both visual and auditory methods.

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Athletics



Ephraim Arnold clears the high-jump pole during his latest meet.



More to come about the H.S. boys track team and other sports information in the May edition of the newsletter.

You can also get the latest OSD schedules, scores, news, photos & videos at the OSD Spartans official athletics website www.osdspartans.com. You will have access to our full line of Spartan apparel at the online spirit store.



Summer Camp Fun for 2015

The registration deadline has been extended for these amazing camps, but some camps are almost full. Submit your form a.s.a.p. for the best chance of getting your preferred camp. If you need a registration form, you can find it on our website www.osd.oh.gov.

Day Camps

Drivers Ed Camp	June 1-June 12
STEAM Camp	June 8-June 12

Residential Camps

Lego Robotics Camp	June 8-June 12
STEM Camp	June 8-June 12
Leadership Camp	June 29-July 3
Junior Work Camp	July 13-July 17
Summer Work Academy	July 6-July 24
Career Connections	July 6-July 24