



# OSD Newsletter

## Every Child, Every Day

September 27, 2013

### Note from the Principals

Denyse Woods & Greg Mendenhall

This has been a very exciting beginning of the year so far. We have a brand new school, lots of new staff, and even more new students.

We have started having breakfast in the dorms for residential students and breakfast in the school building for day students. Drop off and pick up is going well and we appreciate all of the patience in making it go smooth.

Please remember that when you are interested in having students stay after school for rec. it is important to contact the school office, the youth leader and send in a note. This all needs to happen 24 hours in advance. All three of these things need to be done in order to stay after school. Parent communication is key for a successful year.

Please contact us if there is anything we can do to ensure the best education for your child.  
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### New Staff to OSD

Veronica Shonkwiler comes to us from St. Rita's School for the Deaf in Cincinnati where she taught preschool and kindergarten. She is starting her fifth year of teaching and is currently one of our kindergarten teachers.

Veronica received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Kentucky in Deaf Education. She just recently finished her Master's Degree from Marygrove College in Elementary Math.

Veronica and her husband moved to Columbus this past summer with their 10 month old daughter.

We are very glad to have Veronica on staff and welcome her to the Spartan family!



#### REMINDER

2012-2013 yearbooks are available for purchase for \$28. Please see Nancy Boone

### October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3 k-3 Field Trip	4
7	8 3rd Grade Reading OAA	9	10	11
14 NO SCHOOL	15	16 School Picture Day	17 PSA Meeting 5:-6	18
21	22	23	24 Elem. Literacy Night 5-7:30	25
28 OGT	29 OGT	30 OGT	31 OGT	1 OGT



### Our new Teachers!

Anthony Coy-Gonzalez, Brooke Hohlbaugh, Emily McDermott, Kaleigh Bowling, Veronica Shonkwiler

We will be featuring our new teachers each month so that you can learn a little about them.

# School Updates

## Preschool

Megan Key & Leslie MacFarland

Leslie and Megan's classes have covered a few themes since school began: all about me, our community, growing up, and plants grow. The kids enjoyed learning from each theme especially plants grow. We had the opportunity to visit Hidden Creek Farm and picked pumpkins. The preschoolers enjoyed walking through the hay maze, petting chickens and goats, going on a huge slide, riding on a hay wagon, picking up pumpkins, and playing in corn kernels. We had a great experience on this field trip. Lastly, we will begin our brand-new creative curriculum filled with many fun themes this year. We are looking forward to making many fun and educational experiences for our classes.

## Elementary

Jennifer Cole, Gretchen Douglas, Ross Leighner, Emily McDermott, Veronica Shonkwiler, Jessica Sloan, Julie Stewart, Jeani Thomas,

The Elementary Department has had a busy first month of school! Kindergarten through third grade is preparing for our first fieldtrip to Slate Run Historical Farm! The kindergarten students have been busily identifying, writing, comparing, ordering, and counting objects to represent numbers 0-5, sight words, nouns, and retell strategies. In science and social studies, the students have been thinking like scientists, conducting experiments, learning how they are unique individuals, and identifying our nation's symbols. In 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade, the students have been interviewing people related to how they run various areas of the school such as the gym, library, also the principals and even the superintendent. We talked about the rules at school. In math, we have been working on adding with manipulatives and will soon begin subtracting. In reading, students have been reading about school and working on sight words, nouns, verbs and have begun working on complete sentences (in ASL and English). In 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade, the students did so many cool things! The kids created a very creative bulletin board based on the classroom rules they invented. In Math, we learned the place value of 2-digit numbers and even and odd numbers. In Social Studies, we learned about the rules, what a good citizen means and what it takes to be a good citizen. In Science, we practiced on how to think like a scientist through many different experiments. In the 4th and 5th grade Math, students have been learning and practicing place value concepts. We have just recently practicing our multiplication facts and concepts. In 4th and 5th grade Science we discussed plant and animal cells with a follow up project of an "edible" cell. We just started discussing kingdoms and classification of different animals and plants. Mr. Ross' class has been hard at work learning about various community settings, rules and safety, and the jobs and roles of different citizens throughout the community.

## Reminder!

K-3 field trip permission slips for Slate Run Historical Farm due ASAP!!

## Middle School

Susie Bachtel, Bill Estes, , Brooke Hohlbaugh, Phyllis Moore, Amy Massey-Norton Michele Ogden

This year, we have 0 periods for 45 minutes on Friday mornings. We are using this time to focus on critical topics like being a Spartan, changing hormones, anti-bullying, and positive social skills.

Being a Spartan focuses on being respectful, responsible, and safe. Students learn how to be respectful, responsible, and safe in the hallway, classroom, cafeteria, bathroom, and fire lane.

Hormones are changing! Girls and boys have separate classes which are taught by male teachers and female teachers. They learn what is happening to their body.

It is not right to bully anyone at the Ohio School for the Deaf! Student's role played in the buddy circle. They learned that each person in the buddy circle has a role. They can either be a person who starts bullying, a person who follows and does what the bully starter does, a person who laughs or gets attention of others, a person who watches the bullying, a person who tries not to watch the bullying, a person who wants to but is afraid to help the bullied, a person who tries to stop or help the bullied, or finally a person that is being bullied. Students learn that a person who tries to stop or help the bullied can prompt the next person in the circle to help out. The more people that are on the victim's side, the more they will help stop the bullying.

Positive social skills are what many middle school students need the most. They learn how to say hello when greeted. They learn how to take turns appropriately. The list of positive social skill activities is very long.

Every Friday, middle school students are gathering a wealth of information. Hopefully, they will share this with you. Please be sure to check your student's homework log daily (day students) and on the weekend (dorm students). If your child finishes their work, please initial on the homework log.

## Middle School Student of the Month

Students in middle school are being recognized for their good behavior on a daily basis. Each good behavior earns a blue ticket. When given a ticket, the student writes his/her name on the ticket and puts it in the blue box. Every Friday, all blue tickets are compiled into one box. Three tickets are drawn and the winners gets a free prize. Middle School students love the prizes. They can't wait to win.



## Elementary Literacy Night

Stay tuned for more information to come about our literacy night. October 24 from 5-7:30!

# High School Updates

## High School

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

Spartan **P.R.I.D.E.** is in the air this year in the High School Department. School is in full swing with a new school, new friends, and new teachers. Kaleigh Bowling and Anthony Coy are our newest addition to the HS Department. Currently Kaleigh's ELA classes are reading *The Freedom Writers* in preparation to watch the film at the completion of the various projects and activities. Her media class is working on daily announcements, posts, and videos in order to have students **Prepared** for the daily in's and out's at OSD; also check our OSD Facebook page for student information. Anthony's ASL classes have completed presentations of famous Deaf Artists and have learned about Deaf/ASL Idioms used in advanced ASL. Bill Costello's horticulture classes have been **Responsible** for pruning and planting an outdoor landscape area at OSD. They have also planted cool weather crops (spinach and lettuce) to taste test and share. Kim Sutton and Angie Layman's health classes have completed the topic of Wellness and what it means to have balanced Physical, Mental, and Social health on a daily basis. The students are currently studying about digestive health and good nutrition. Charisse Heine and her students are excited about the spaciousness of the new HS science room. Physical science classes are completing the unit on Introduction to Matter. Physics students are working on Graphing and Interpretations of two-dimension vectors. Lastly the Environmental Science classes are studying formations of the universe, the solar system, and the cycles of stars. Mary Ellen Cox's ELA students have been learning, discussing, and writing a research project about the **Integrity** of Martin Luther King Jr. and his role in history. They are learning about citing references and bibliographies. On 9-11, they read and wrote about the tragic event. Jeff Jones's American history students have been working toward the Reconstruction Era and will soon start researching the events of the Industrial Revolution. The Government classes are learning about local representatives and state government and the Financial Literacy students are studying about credit reports and the importance of having good credit. Nancy Boone and Mary-Ellen Cox's yearbook students are **Determined** to capture photos, interviews, and stories of all the exciting events at OSD. The 2013-14 yearbook's theme is – A New Chapter! Tamara Burnett-Penny's classes are working on various service projects. The life skills classes are acclimating themselves on how to navigate a food store and the culinary classes are well on their way to reading a recipe, following a recipe, and preparing a variety of foods. Laura Smith's mathematics classes are solving decimal computations and started an introduction to data analysis and statistics. The HS students have been displaying their **Excellence** on the STAR Math test administered by Melissa Lago-Jones. This year, students will have a fall and spring STAR Math score so that we can better record their growth during the school year. Your child's IEP teacher should have the fall scores for you by the end of October. All of the HS students are reading the book *Wonder* either in their ELA classes or independently...pick up your copy today to read and discuss with your child about a world where bullying among young people is an epidemic.

## Save the Date

Ohio School for the Deaf will be hosting a College/Career Fair on November 18, 2013. More details to come.

## Class of 2014 Update

Fee for caps and gowns is due **now**. Bring \$20 to Laura Smith's room (Room 158). Checks can be made to OSD. "Growing up" pictures for the Graduation slide show are also due. Bring 5 to 8 photos to Laura Smith. We will scan the pictures and return the originals.

Questions or comments: Contact Laura Smith ([smithl@osd.oh.gov](mailto:smithl@osd.oh.gov)) or 614-468-8714 (v/tty/relay).

## Academic Bowl

The Spartans OSD Academic Bowl team is set-up for the upcoming Midwest regional competition. Two returning players: Gregory Rinker and Zachary Davenport (juniors), John Michael Taylor (sophomore) and Juli Wallen (2<sup>nd</sup> year senior) are on the team.

## 4Plus

Nancy Swisher, Bill Newman

The 4 PLUS Program offers real-world opportunities for Ohio high school students who are deaf and/or hard of hearing who have finished their high school credits. Opportunities and support include working full or part-time, college classes, vocational training programs, internships and independent living practice from the kitchen to the community. Each program is designed to meet the needs of each student. The 4PLUS department sends a warm welcome to the new students and their families and encourage a successful year.



# Athletics Page

## Athletic Director Memo

Bill Estes

Our varsity volleyball and varsity soccer teams are underway for the season. The volleyball team is sporting a 5-6 record. This weekend we will be hosting the Central States Schools for the Deaf (CSSD) Volleyball Tournament on campus, 9/27-28. The girls have won 3 straight games and have shown steady improvement over the last few weeks.

CSSD will be a great time to come to campus and watch Deaf Schools compete for title of Champion. Please look online for game schedule if you are interested.

Our soccer team is at 0-1-1 and is to travel to Rochester, NY to take part in the tournament at Rochester School for the Deaf.

Please check our schedules in [www.osdsports.com](http://www.osdsports.com) and we update them on regular basis. Check out and purchase neat-looking OSD Spartan apparels and merchandises in this website.

Basketball season will be starting in November. For those interested in playing, that have not already done so, need to have their physical forms done and turned in before the first practice of the season.

For any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at [estesb@osd.oh.gov](mailto:estesb@osd.oh.gov).

**Go Spartans.**

## Tip from the Nurse

Diana Dick, Tobbi Valentine, Tammy Woodyard

We would like to remind you if your child is on daily medication we need a physician statement on file in order to administer the medication. When the medication is delivered it needs to be in the pharmacy bottle with the student's name. Pharmacies upon request will give you an extra bottle with a label for storage for your home supply. If you are not delivering the medicine to us please accompany the medication with a note of how many pills you are sending in. Thank you for your help to ensure safe medication administration to your child. We look forward to a happy and healthy school year.



## Boys Soccer

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time/Score
09/05/13	Thursday	Western Penn. S.D.	OSD	T 1-1
09/11/13	Wednesday	Whetstone JV	Clintonville, OH	CANCELLED (WEATHER)
09/12/13	Thursday	Torah Academy	OSD	L 2-5
09/27/13	Friday	TBA	Rochester, NY	TBA PM
09/28/13	Saturday	TBA	Rochester, NY	TBA PM
10/01/13	Tuesday	Torah Academy	Columbus, OH	5:30 PM
10/02/13	Wednesday	Hilliard Bradley JV	OSD	5:00 PM
10/23/13	Wednesday	Western Penn. S.D.	Pittsburgh, PA	3:30 PM

## Girls Volleyball

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time/Score
09/12/13	Thursday	Torah Academy	OSD	W 25-19, 23-25, 25-22, 25-21
09/16/13	Monday	Columbus Horizon Science	OSD	W 25-22, 25-18, 16-25, 25-12
09/24/13	Tuesday	St. Rita SD	OSD	4:30 PM
09/27/13	Friday	CSSD Tournament	OSD	TBA PM
09/28/13	Saturday	CSSD Tournament	OSD	TBA PM
10/01/13	Tuesday	Torah Academy	Columbus, OH	5:30 PM
10/03/13	Thursday	Columbus Horizon Science	OSD	6:00 PM
10/10/13	Thursday	St. Rita SD	Cincinnati, OH	4:30 PM
10/21/13	Monday	Veritas Academy	OSD	6:00 PM
10/23/13	Wednesday	Western Pennsylvania SD	Pittsburgh, PA	3:30 PM



## Specialists

Bobbi Colatruglio, Leanna Goss, Susan McTyiere, Mitzi Stephens, Miranda Walker

Hearing aids and cochlear implants, to varying degrees, offer access to spoken language. In order to ensure that your student's technology is working correctly and consistently, it is important to do daily checks. Once you have checked that the battery of the hearing aid is working and the earmold isn't clogged with wax, place the hearing aid and earmold on your child. For a child with a cochlear implant, check to make sure the battery is charged, the processor is turned on and the magnet is secure on your child's head. Then perform the Ling-6 sound test.

The Ling-6 sound test is easily administered to children to check their detection and recognition of speech sounds. The sounds /ah/, /ee/, /oo/, /m/, /sh/ and /s/ span the range of speech sounds. The Ling-6 sound test was developed as a quick and easy test that parents and professionals can use to check that their child has access to the minimal amount of sounds required to hear, understand and learn speech. The test checks that your child's entire auditory system is working correctly – from the sound processor microphone to their brain.

## Specials

Nancy Boone, Kaleigh Bowling, Bill Costello, Anthony Coy-Gonzalez, Bill Estes, Angie Layman, Nona Pierce,

This year we have added Horticulture as a specials class to the specials rotation. Bill Costello is teaching this class. With elementary, he has started growing a bean plant. Students so excited about growing their own bean plant. They also measured the growth of their bean plant-what a great story starter for your version of Jack and the Bean Stalk!



## PSA Corner

This year, we are hoping to get the Parent Staff Association back up and running. With more than half of our student body being day students, and with the overwhelming number of residential parents wanting to get involved, this seemed like a perfect time to do this. Our first meeting will be held on October 17, 2013 from 5-6pm in the Multi Purpose Room. If you have any questions, please contact Denyse Woods at [dwoods@osd.oh.gov](mailto:dwoods@osd.oh.gov)

## November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs.	Friday
				1 OGT
4	5	6	7	8 ACC Closed for conference
11 No School	12 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00	13	14	15
18 College/Career Fair	19	20	21	22
25	26 High School Mid-Ohio Food Bank Volunteering	27 Dismiss @ 12:00	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	29 No School



Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (BVR) will become Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency (OOD) on October 1<sup>st</sup>

## Library

Nancy Boone, Donna Henderson

The library has been a very busy place these first few weeks of school! We, like everyone else, have had a lot of work to get our new space set up, but it is looking great! Much praise is due to Mrs. Donna Henderson for all her hard work over the summer to make the library move go smoothly. Various classes have been coming to use the library for independent reading, reading practice, and research. The elementary specials classes have started reading the first of five books nominated for the Buckeye Children's Book Award. The middle school specials classes are learning about the organization of the library and the Dewey Decimal System.

Our circulation statistics (number of books borrowed) for the first weeks of school are:

Week of	# of items
Aug. 19	6
Aug. 26	9
Sept. 2	135
Sept. 9	189
Sept. 16	177