



WEEKLY WINS

On Friday, October 9th, Team 701 CDL students in Mrs. Schneemann's Social Studies classes and Mrs. Robinson's English classes, participated in a Humanities 101 Epic Journey. Students attended a combined English

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 16

No School, COTA day

and Social Studies class in the morning and then they were able to go on an epic journey to explore the myths and legends associated with some of Greek mythologies' most well-known stories. The journey for Social Studies allowed students to explore more about Homer, the Iliad, and the Odyssey. Students read two poems about Helen of Troy and analyzed her connection to the Trojan War for English class. It was a fun way to combine classes that don't usually have the opportunity to work together! - Ms. Robinson and Ms. Schneemann



Every day I start my class by sharing with students what National or Weird Days are being celebrated. They love this and we often enjoy talking about each day. October 6th was National Mad Hatters Day. This is a day began in 1864 as a way to set aside your silly side in honor of the Mad Hatter, and really all of Lewis Carroll's colorful characters that were illustrated by Sir John Tenniel. My classes were encouraged to create their best Mad Hatter Hats and join in the fun! - Ms. Neely

October 29

Asynchronous School Day
for High Schoolers/ PSAT
Testing

October 26

Start of Red Ribbon Week
for Elementary students

October 30

No School, Teacher Work
day

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the [olsd_CDL@olsd.us](mailto:olsd_cdl@olsd.us) email
for questions regarding the
Committed Distance
Learning program.

Their week our class celebrated all of our hard work and learning with a popsicle party! - Ms Sekula



We have been voting on fun ideas to make our Friday morning meetings something to look forward to! Letting the students come up with ideas and vote, as given them real ownership of our virtual classroom. This picture is from when we shared our favorite stuffed animals! - Mrs. Curtis' Class

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Tonight is the first night of middle school and high school Parent/Teacher Conferences. Families with conferences scheduled for tonight should have received an email with information on how to access your Parent/Teacher conference link. The Signup Genius for middle school and high school parent/teacher conferences will be available again starting Friday, October 16th for any families who wish to sign up for the second night of parent/teacher conferences.

Elementary families will receive or have already received information from the classroom teacher about conferences.

DIVERSITY CLUB

Diversity Club is for all CDL students in grades 6-8 and students at Orange Middle School. The goal of Diversity Club is to create a positive school climate so that all students feel welcomed and appreciated for who they are.

Diversity Club meets online from 3:30-4:15 p.m. on Microsoft Teams on the following dates: 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, and 12/17.

CDL Diversity Club is still accepting members. If interested in joining, please complete a brief [interest survey](#), and e-mail Mr. Barkhurst with questions: brian_barkhurst@olsd.us.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Be Happy, Be Healthy, Be Brave Red Ribbon Week

The week of October 26 - 30, Elementary CDL students have the opportunity to take part in our "Be Happy, Be Healthy, Be Brave Red Ribbon Week." The purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to empower students to make healthy decisions and focus on overall well-being, while strengthening connections across our CDL community. Students will participate in various activities throughout the week that encourage unity around making healthy choices.

More information about Red Ribbon Week activities will be shared in next week's Family Newsletter.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

We are excited to announce that students can now begin their unified arts coursework delivered through Apex

Learning. As previously communicated, we have reduced the amount of content required for these courses to ensure it can be completed by the end of the first semester (January 14, 2021). Please take some time to review the information below and share with your student. Information for students will be shared on the respective unified arts Schoology courses.

1. Students can access Apex Learning at www.apexvs.com. This link will also be in the unified arts Schoology courses
2. Students will use the same username for Apex Learning as the one used for their myOLSD portal.
3. Every student's initial password is set to be happy123. Students will be prompted to create a new password and set up answers to security questions the first time they login. Please ask your student to record their password and answers for their security questions, as staff will not have access to that information.
4. Please encourage your student to review the linked Getting Started Guide for students, Art/Music/PE Pacing Guides, and watch the following videos prior to starting their coursework: [Student Getting Started Video](#) / [Spanish version](#) (6 mins) [Courses at Home](#) (5 mins) [Student Overview](#) (4 mins)
5. Parents/guardians are encouraged to watch the following video: [Overview for Parents](#) (11min)

If you have questions regarding middle school electives please contact Jeremy Chirpas: jeremy_chirpas@olsd.us

ATTENDANCE

Please continue to report student absences using the CDL Absence form. Absences need to be reported when a student will be out of school (either for a specific period of

time or an entire day) and if a student has a technology or internet issue.

Attending live lessons and small group instruction is essential to CDL coursework. CDL teachers take daily attendance, so please prioritize your student's attendance in live lessons and small group instruction.

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