



**Vision: To promote a culture of inclusive excellence for students, staff, and families. Our department is committed to ensuring that policies, structures, processes, and educational opportunities are free from bias and discrimination and that we affirm the rich diversity of our school community. We believe that by creating a sense of belonging for all students, they will flourish in the classroom and beyond.**

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## ONE Community Conference Event Series Recap

***MLK Day of Service - January***

Thank you to the Olentangy community for

## UPCOMING EVENTS

[MONTHLY CALENDAR](#)

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showing up to support this annual day of giving. Your generosity significantly impacted our local non-profit partners. Even during a snow emergency, we were able to collect the following donations:

- Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS) – 93 Welcome Kit Bins
- Delaware County Diaper Bank (DCDB) – 173 Packs of Diaper and Wipes
- Franklin County Children Services – Malaika Mentoring Program – 126 STEAM Kits/Books and Culturally Affirming Self-Care and Wellness Items
- LSS Food Pantries – 616 Personal Care Items and Canned Fruit
- Neighborhood Bridges – \$150 in monetary donations
- Olentangy Schools Clinics – 93 Clothing and Food Items
- Seeds of Caring – 80 Grief Care Kits
- Turning Point – 516 Clothing, Personal Care and Household Items

***African American Read In Panel Presentation - February***

Thank you to all that joined our African American Read In virtual author panel. If you missed the live event, a recording of the presentation is available through this [Microsoft Teams link](#). A special thank

[March](#)

[April](#)

**MARCH 1-31**

Women's History Month

**MARCH 19**

[District Service Plunge](#)

**MARCH 23, 6-7:30 p.m.**

District Diversity  
Committee Meeting

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**APRIL 1-30**

Arab American Heritage  
Month

**APRIL 19, 8:30-11:30  
a.m.**

Global Scholar Student  
Take Action Fair and  
Graduation, Otterbein  
University

**APRIL 23, 8 a.m.-12:30  
p.m.**

[Mini Conference and  
Student Keynote](#), Liberty  
High School

you to our author panelists for sharing their experience, work and insight with our One Olentangy community.



## Upcoming ONE Community Conference Events

### ***District Service Plunge - March 19***

This year the service plunge recognizes and supports 11 organizations serving the Delaware and Northern Franklin communities. To view all projects and to sign up to volunteer, visit the [Service Plunge Interactive Notebook](#).

### ***Mini Conference & Student Keynote - April 23***

[Register now](#) for the final event in this year's ONE Community Conference series, the ONE Community Mini Conference and Student Keynote on April 23 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Liberty High School. The mini conference seeks to put student voice in conversation with our district

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mission. Please join us for expert and student facilitated workshops across a variety of diversity, equity and inclusion topics.

## Professional Development

**Olentangy teachers participated in a district-wide professional development day on February 18.** The essential question this year is "How do we position students in a more empowered role as learners?". During this final PD day, teachers developed a deeper understanding of the role voice and choice plays in developing agency. And students shared how they feel when they are given agency in the classroom. In a feedback survey, 88.5% of our educators found the day valuable or very valuable to their professional growth.

## Parents, Staff Invited to Get Involved

We need all stakeholders to continue creating a culture of inclusive excellence that leads to maximizing learning for every Olentangy student. There are many opportunities to engage in diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. In your building, you can serve on the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO); offer your expertise in the classroom as a "guest speaker"; work with the

Diversity Liaison(s) on programming and providing resources; or volunteer to assist student club advisors. At the district level, you can participate in ONE Community Conference events or become actively engaged with the Olentangy [District Diversity Committee](#).

As a reminder, community members and volunteers may purchase a ONE Community Conference t-shirt to show your support of the work throughout the year. Visit the [online store](#) today to place your order.



### Teacher Spotlight

This month's [Teacher Spotlight](#) features four remarkable educators who are making a difference through their involvement with *Seeds of Change*.



### Monthly Resource Documents

- SEP - [Hispanic/Latinx](#)
- OCT - [LGBT History](#)
- NOV - [Native American and Indigenous Peoples](#)
- FEB - [Black History](#)
- MAR - [Women's History](#)



### Thank You, BMAD

Thank you to Brothers Making A Difference (BMAD) for the generous book donation toward the African American Read In.

APR - Arab American  
MAY - Asian American

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