



- Follow the Olentangy Parent Mentors on X (@OLSD\_ParentMntr) for event reminders and quick community event updates (the page will not be closely monitored, so please continue communicating with us via email or phone).

## Pupil Services Update

Transitions to a new building and level of school can be stressful. Check out our [transition resources](#) for families who have a child moving to kindergarten from preschool, to 6th grade from 5th grade, and to high school from middle school to help answer some of your questions and alleviate some of the stress and anxiety. Scroll down the Transtion website to find our resources.

## Preschool Update

The intent forms for the 2024-20245 school year are being sent out this week via email for parents to indicate if their peer model is going to kindergarten or returning to preschool. IEP students that are not transitioning to kindergarten, were also sent an intent form. Please fill out the intent form via the survey link by Friday, February 9th.

## Olentangy Parent Mentors

[DCBDD is hosting a Planning for the Future Discussion at the Library, Orange Branch](#)

February 28th, 6:30 PM

Special Education Resource

Series: [Fostering Independence Through The Years](#)



Looking for fun activities, camps, or events for your kids or even for the whole family? Check out [this list of potential opportunities!](#) Be sure to keep checking back, we

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will update as 2024 information comes available.



## OCECD New APP

The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD) is thrilled to introduce the OCECD App, a dynamic Android application designed to bring you swift access to a wealth of resources, events, and training information. We're putting everything OCECD at your fingertips, ensuring you stay seamlessly connected with the support and knowledge you need.



## Parent/Teacher Conference Tips

PACER's Minnesota Statewide Family Engagement Center has developed a handy tip card for use at parent/teacher conferences. The tip card includes suggested topics and questions for parents to ask. [Download it here](#) and take it along to conferences. Other helpful resources to consider as we head into conference season include:

- [How to decode what teachers say about your child](#)



## We Thrive Together Program

[WE THRIVE TOGETHER](#) is an Ohio based nonprofit organization. Since the beginning of the pandemic We Thrive Together has hosted over 6,000 virtual programs including games, classes, virtual trips, advocacy training, educational presentations, arts & crafts, discussion groups, parties, and so much more. Check out all the free virtual programming available to you and your friends during the day, at night, and on the weekends.

- [Surprising news from a parent-teacher conference? Here's how to handle it](#)

- [Download: School communication log](#)



## Supporting Kids with ADHD

Helping kids with ADHD thrive is an on-going adventure. Check out these resources from The ChildMind Institute to help on your journey.

- [ADHD and Exercise](#)

- [Helping Kids Get Organized](#)

- [What We Know About ADHD and Food](#)

- [Sports for Kids with Learning and Emotional Challenges](#)

- [Behavioral Treatments for Kids with ADHD](#)



## Columbus Zoo Sensory-Friendly Events

- Spring Quiet Hours: March 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

- Sensory-Friendly Easter Bunny Experience: March 24, 2024 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (required to purchase reserved tickets in advance)

- Zoombezi Bay Quiet After Hours: August 23, 2024 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (required to purchase reserved tickets in advance)

- Fall Quiet Hours: September 29, 2024 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



## Tips for Homework Challenges and Frustration

Our Neurodiverse kids can have homework challenges that other kids don't. Check out these tips to help your child with homework from Understood.org.

- [Homework Challenges and Strategies](#)

- [How Assistive Technology Can Help Kids with Notetaking](#)

- [Printable Frustration Log](#)

- [How Brain Breaks Can Help Kids with Homework Frustration](#)

- [Homework Anxiety: Why It Happens and How to Help](#)

- [Complete Guide to ADHD Medications](#)

- Sensory-Friendly Halloween Character Experience: September 29, 2024 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (required to purchase reserved tickets in advance)

- Sensory-Friendly Light Stroll: November 19, 2024 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (required to purchase reserved tickets in advance)

- Sensory-Friendly Santa Experience: December 8, 2024 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (required to purchase reserved tickets in advance)

For more information and to buy tickets for these events (once they are available, please [visit the website](#)).

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