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The Obion County School System Newsletter



A Message from Mr. Watkins

Almost There!

We are in the home stretch of the school year. Spring always seems to be the busiest time of the school year. We are pushing to finish the curriculum in every class and there is an extra-curricular event every afternoon. Proms and Graduation will become the focus of our communities and students who 13 years ago could barely tie their shoes will leave us as young men and women ready for the next chapter of their lives.

I would like to wish the members of the Class of 2022 good luck on their futures. I have enjoyed watching you grow, compete, and achieve over the past three years. I hope that each of you will pursue your dreams and accomplish your respective goals. Whether you are a Devil or a Rebel, be proud to tell people where you went to school. Thank you for what you have given to the schools while you have been part of the OCS family.

TCAP and EOC exams will begin soon. I hope everyone will view these exams as opportunity. These exams provide us with an opportunity to identify areas where we can improve instruction, to plan any extra supports that a student may need, and tangible data of the results to the hard work that has been put in by everyone since August. It is important that you stress to your students to give their best effort. It is also crucial that the quality of instruction remains at high level.

I want to wish good luck to all our spring sports teams. I have thoroughly enjoyed the events I have already attended and look forward to watching our teams continue to be successful.

Thank you to everyone who invests themselves in our students. Your investment makes Obion County an awesome place with a bright future.

- Tim Watkins

Director of Schools

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Important Dates

**Pre-K & K
Pre-
Registration**



"Education means inspiring someone's mind, not just filling their head."

- Katie Lusk



Assistant Director of Schools
Greg Barclay

Despite Pandemic, Obion County Students Show Academic Growth

Obion County Schools' teachers and students displayed resiliency and determination in a time when learning stalled for a large number of students across not only the state of Tennessee but also the entire nation and world. In a press release from the Tennessee Department of Education, the department used its Tennessee Value Added Assessment System (TVAAS) tool to make determinations relative to student progress before the pandemic and once students were assessed at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Through that determination, 7 school systems showed positive growth on all math assessments, and 9 school systems showed positive growth on all English Language Arts (ELA) assessments. Obion County Schools made the cut in both math and ELA assessments, making it 1 of only 4 school districts in the entire state of Tennessee to show student growth on end-of-year assessments.

Such a determination shows that Obion County Schools' teachers, administration, staff, and students rose above adversity unlike any that most have ever faced in the field of education. A special congratulations and thank you is extended to the teachers, administrators, and support staff of Obion County Schools for the tireless work that ensured our students had the opportunity to continue to learn during such an unprecedented and difficult time.

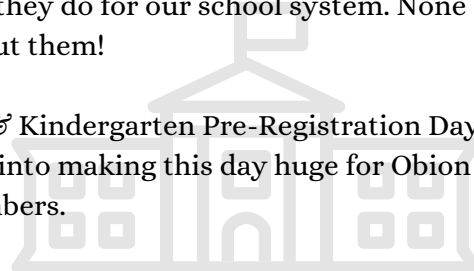
Communications Director
Lauren Kendall

Old Communication. New Communication.

I am so excited about the evolution that Obion County Schools communication is currently going through! We are continuously updating and modifying how we are communicating with our staff, students, parents, and community. One of the biggest updates that we are currently working on is our website. Our website is becoming more user friendly and easier to navigate. With that said, I just ask for your patience while our website is under construction. Along with updating our current forms of communication, we have also added new ways to connect with Obion County Schools. You can now find Obion County Schools on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Newsbreak, and LinkedIn. We will also be releasing a new form of communication for the start of the Spring 2022 semester and can't wait to see how it will allow easy access to our district's most important updates.

A big thank you to our technology department and all that they do for our school system. None of this would be possible without them!

I hope you enjoy this special edition newsletter. Our Pre-K & Kindergarten Pre-Registration Day was a huge success. All of our schools put in so much effort into making this day huge for Obion County Schools' newest members.





MRS. MORGAN'S CLASS CELEBRATES 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL.
1/21/22



MRS. SUSAN'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS WORE CUTE HATS AND SMILE TO CLASS.
1/27/22

3/3/22
STUDENTS ENJOYED GREEN EGGS ON GREEN EGG AND HAM DAY.



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2/9/22
MRS. SUSAN'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS SENT VALENTINES TO MAGNOLIA PLACE



3/25/22
MRS. KATIE'S CLASS HELD A GLOW DAY TO LEARN ABOUT THE COORDINATE PLANE.



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1/19/22

STUDENTS DRESSED UP FOR THE 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL



1/27/22

DYERSBURG STATE NURSING STUDENTS VISITED PRE-K STUDENTS.



2/11/22

4H 4TH GRADERS AND THEIR HOMEMADE PIGGY BANKS.



2/16/22

TWIN DAY AT LRS!

3/21/22

4TH GRADE HELPING BUILD THE NEW LRS GREENHOUSE



3/9/22

PRE-K MADE TRAPS TO CATCH TRICKY LUCKY LEPRECHAUN.



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Lake Road: Pre-K & K Pre-Registration



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Hillcrest



1/12/22
MRS. CINDY'S 2ND GRADERS PLANTED HERBS TO CHART GROWTH.



1/29/22
CONNOR FORBES AND LAURA HOOKS WERE CHOSEN FOR UTM HONOR BAND.



3/18/22
KINDERGARTENER DRESSED UP FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY.



2/16/22
4H SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS.



2/18/22
HILLCREST STAFF GAME NIGHT.



3/3/22
8TH GRADERS ATTENDED THE CARRER EXPO IN RIPLEY.

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Hillcrest: Pre-K & K Pre-Registration



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Black Oak



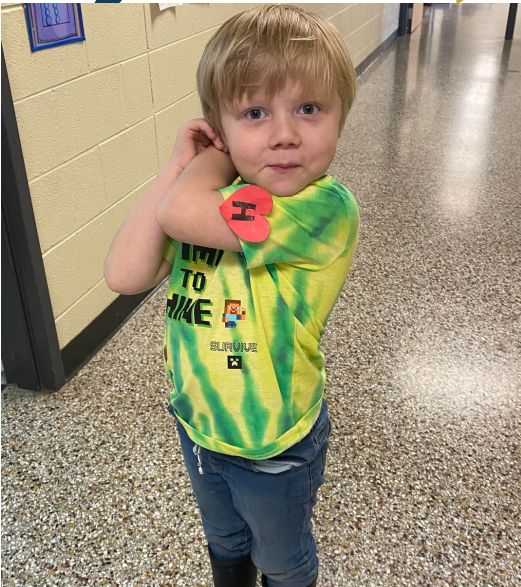
1/19/22

MISS ALI'S STUDENTS MADE MONSTERS FOR THE 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL.



1/26/22

MISS BRANDY'S CLASS WROTE OUR SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION NOTES.



2/28/22

STUDENTS WORE HEARTS FOR READ ACROSS AMERICA



2/1/22

SPENDING TIME IN THE LIBRARY!



3/4/22

"FOX IN SOCKS" FRIDAY!



3/23/22

JILLIAN MENEES WINS FIRST PLACE IN FARM BUREAU ESSAY CONTEST

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Black Oak: Pre-K & K Pre-Registration



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South Fulton Elementary



1/19/22
100 DAYS AT SFE



1/8/22
DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE.



2/15/22
SFE CELEBRATED THEIR SRO OFFICER TAYLOR



1/14/22
SFE ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS CHAMPION MARIANA NDIKUMASABO



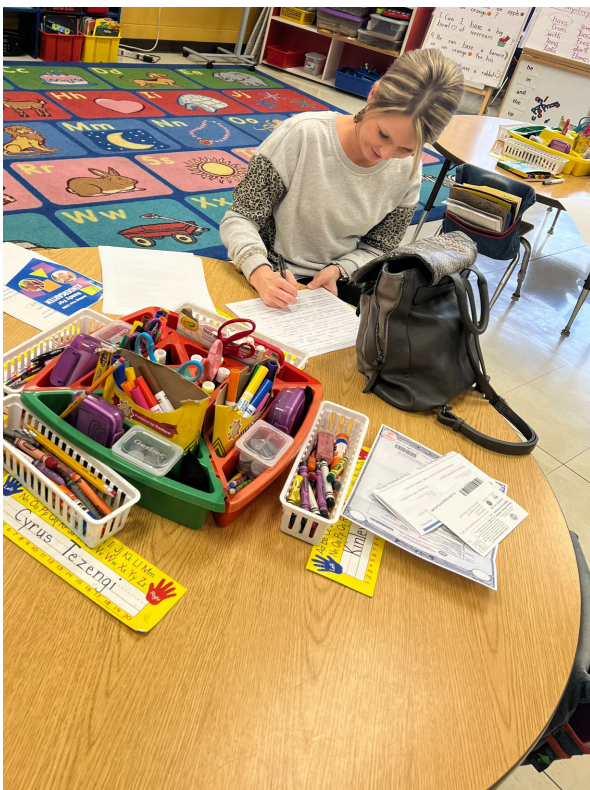
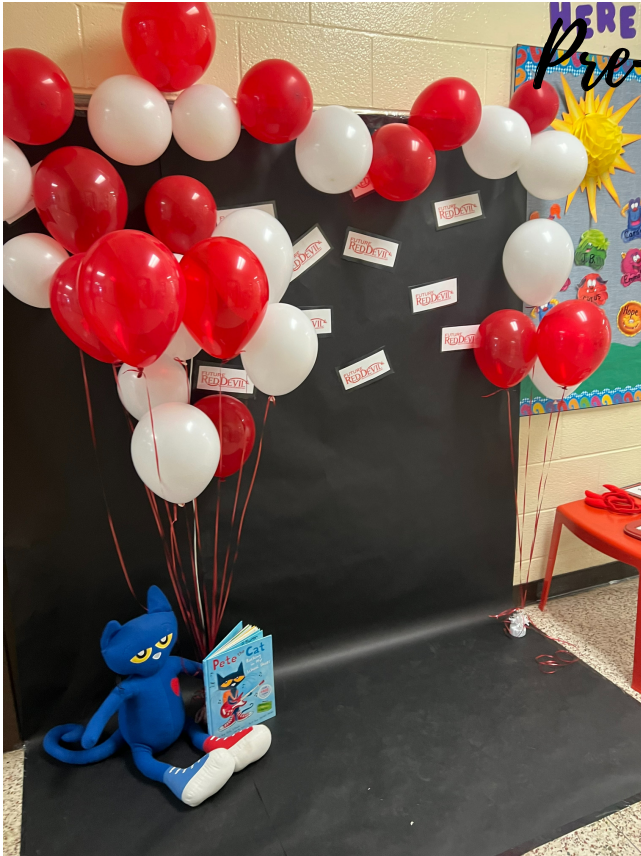
3/19/22
PETE THE CAT VISITED SFE



3/15/22
SFE'S GROOVY BOOK FAIR AD

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Obion County Central High School



3/3/22
MRS. FRAXIER'S GROOMING STUDENTS.



2/24/22
OCCHS STUDENT LOVING ON A SWEET BABY GOAT.



2/25/22
OCCHS SHOWED BUS DRIVERS THEIR SUPPORT.



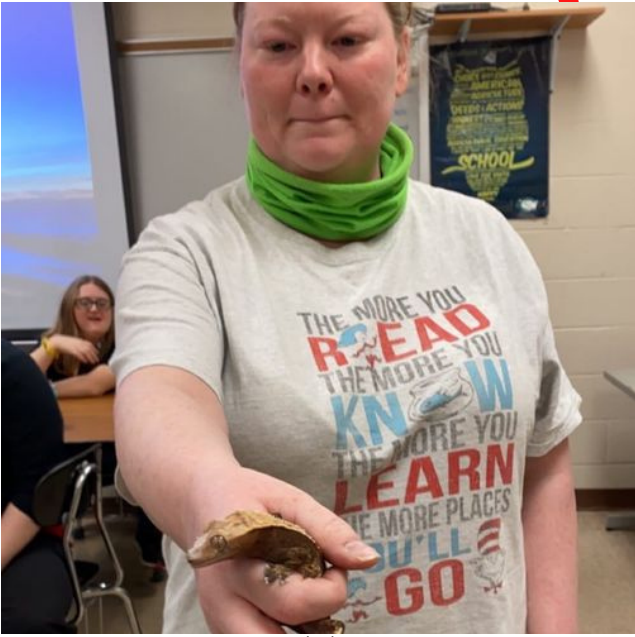
3/24/22
OCCHS JOB FAIR



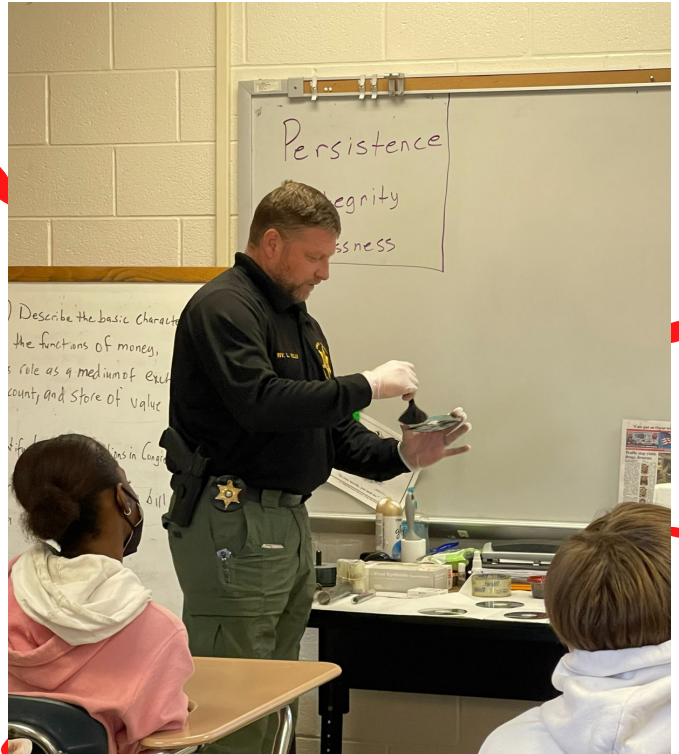
3/17/22
OCCHS HOST LRS STUDENTS.

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South Fulton Middle & High School



1/14/22
MS. MARY JANE WISEMAN BROUGHT HER GECKO FOR SMALL ANIMAL SCIENCE.



3/10/22
OBION COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. VISITED MR. SPAIN'S CONTEMPORARY ISSUES CLASS.



3/17/22
MOCK INTERVIEWS.



2/1/22
SFMHS STUDENTS IN FRONT OF DISCOVERY PARK OF AMERICA.



3/3/22
CARMEN BARCLAY SHOWS OFF SOME CHEER MOVES DURING PEP RALLY. PIC CREDITS: GREG BARCLAY

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****THE OBION COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT CONTINUE TO SUPPORT EDUCATION AND STUDENT SUCCESS IN OBION COUNTY. YOUR SUPPORT IS NOTICED AND APPRECIATED. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO IN OUR COMMUNITY.****