



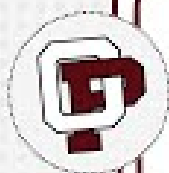
October, 2023

Orchard Park Schools October Update



Superintendent's Message 🗣️📢🔊

October Update with Superintendent Lilleck



A Message From
the Superintendent

**Click to learn about how we are maximizing the potential of all
students.**

Congratulations Tenure Recipients 🎉

At the Board of Education meeting on October 10, this group of educators was recognized by the Board. We look forward to seeing them continue to grow as educators here in Orchard Park!



What's Happening in Our Buildings!

Orchard Park High School

Environmental Literature and Ecology students participate in the Day in the Life of the Niagara River/Lake Erie Watershed Program 🌲

OPHS Environmental Literature and Ecology students took a field trip to Honeycrest Playground and Yates Park to participate in the Day in the Life of the Niagara River/Lake Erie Watershed program. Under the guidance of Mary Ronan and the staff of Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 36 students spent a day assessing water quality in Smokes Creek at Honeycrest Playground and Yates Park. The data collected, along with that collected by a couple dozen other school groups in the area, will help scientists better understand and protect natural habitat, recreational resources, and our drinking water.



Human Rights Class Travels To Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Culture Center*

On October 13, Mrs. Giallella's Human Rights class travelled to the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Culture Center. The museum is committed to educating visitors on the Underground Railroad as well as the role that Niagara Falls played at the time in United States History.

The class was able to stand at the former site of the suspension bridge that permitted “Freedom Seekers” to escape enslavement by traveling to freedom in Canada. One of the most famous Conductors, Harriet Tubman, made 13 crossings into Canada - she crossed this bridge 8 out of those 13 times.



Official Launch of Quaker Wall Street 📍

On Tuesday, October 24, the OPHS Business Department “rang the bell” to officially launch Quaker Wall Street, the new stock ticker displayed in the first floor hallway of the high school.

The Business Department is grateful for their partnership with the Carson Senfield Impact Foundation and for the generous donation that made this project possible. The Senfields had hoped to use the foundation to do something that would benefit Business students at OPHS in memory of Carsen. The stock ticker will have a positive impact on Orchard Park High School students for years to come.

The stock ticker will be utilized in the curriculum of classes like: Personal Finance, Social Studies, Corporate Economics, in addition to making students more aware of investments and the stock market. The stock ticker also works as a sports ticker and will be utilized by the Sports Management class in that capacity.



Orchard Park Middle School

OPMS Outdoor Wilderness Club Visits Beaver Meadow 🦫🌲

The OPMS Outdoor Wilderness Club went on a field trip to Beaver Meadow earlier this month. Students in 7th and 8th grade learned survival skills and went on an adventure hike. The students had opportunities to call in various types of birds, hike, and build survival shelters.

The Outdoor Wilderness Club has approximately 30 student members and is advised by Mr. Pufpaff and Mr. Sheer at OPMS. The club's goal is to introduce students to all things outdoors including but not limited to hiking, wilderness survival, kayaking, rafting, hunting, fishing, trapping, archery, cross-country skiing, and sledding. Typically the meetings are doing an outdoor activity on the Orchard Park Middle School campus like: skiing, sledding, archery and snowshoeing.



Eggert Elementary

Eggert Holds Trunk or Treat Scooptacular 🎃👻🚗

Eggert Elementary held their Trunk or Treat and Scooptacular on October 20. Eggert Elementary teachers and staff decorated their trunks and distributed candy to nearly 700 people! The Transportation Department provided an eerily entertaining surprise, offering students and their families a chance to creep aboard a haunted bus and explore. Officer Wheeler, Eggert's SRO, was also on hand, providing valuable Halloween safety tips. A whopping 400 lbs. of candy was distributed to the delighted students and their families. This fantastic event wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Eggert Elementary PTO and the assistance of numerous high school volunteers!



Ellicott Elementary

Ellicott Students Learn About Fire Safety 🚒🚒🚒

Volunteers from the Hillcrest Fire Company came to Ellicott in October to teach students about fire safety! Pre-K - 4th grade students visited the smoke house. There, they practiced how to call 911, check for a fire and they learned what to do if they see or smell smoke/fire. The 5th grade students were shown how to use a fire extinguisher and they had the opportunity to use the fire extinguisher and put out a small contained fire.



South Davis Elementary

South Davis Bikes to School 🚲🚲

South Davis Elementary held their second Bike to School event in early October. The event is done in coordination with the South Davis PTO and the Orchard Park Police Department. Approximately 100 students Pre-K - 5, along with family members, gathered at Green Lake to ride to South Davis Elementary! It was a great day for a bike ride.



South Davis Bike to School



Windom Elementary

Windom Students Attend Play 60 Kickoff Event 🏈

The Buffalo Bills invited students from Windom Elementary to attend their annual Play 60 Challenge Kickoff event. Mr. Waack and Mrs. Krone's class was selected to participate. Both students and staff had an awesome time at the event!

For more than 15 years, the NFL PLAY 60 initiative has been the League's national Youth Health and Wellness platform to empower youth to get physically active for at least 60 minutes a day and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

Windom Play60 Kick-Off at Highmark Stadium





Family Solutions Center to Hold Gift Card Drive

The Family Solutions Center is holding a Gift Card Drive from October 25 through November 9. The center is collecting gift cards to provide resources for students within our district and the Family Solutions Center. They are seeking gift cards from Tops, Target and Walmart but gift cards of any kind will be accepted at any OPCSD school building.




Gift Card Drive

To provide resources for students within our district and the Family Solutions Center



 **Drop Off To:**
Any OPCSD School Building

 **When:**
October 25 - November 9

 **More Information:**
www.opschools.com/familysolutions

GIFT CARDS NEEDED:

Preferred in increments of \$5 - \$25

- ✓ Tops
- ✓ Target
- ✓ Walmart



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Family Solutions Center October Newsletter

Playground Updates

Three out of four of the Orchard Park Elementary playgrounds have officially opened and the students are loving their new inclusive playgrounds at Eggert, Ellicott and Windom Elementaries. The South Davis playground is coming soon!

Eggert Elementary

The inclusive playground at Eggert Elementary opened on September 21, 2023.



Windom Elementary

The inclusive playground at Windom Elementary opened on September 26, 2013.

Windom Elementary



Ellicott Elementary

The inclusive playground at Ellicott Elementary opened on October 10, 2023.

Ellicott Elementary



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