OWL Weekly Email
January 13, 2025

In an effort to increase communication with our students and families, we send a weekly email on Sunday evenings or Monday mornings highlighting upcoming school events. This information will also be shared with students in Schoology and in Crew on Mondays. Events are listed in chronological order.

Welcome to Week 7: Monday, January 13 is an **A day**.

Monday is survey day: but we are taking this week off - enjoy the extra time in Crew!

NEW! Read the latest edition of the OWL School Newspaper: Find the PURPLE PRESS HERE

THIS WEEK! Prospective Family Showcase is Thursday, January 16 from 6:30-8pm: If you have another child or any relatives, friends or neighbors who may looking for a secondary school, let them know about our Showcase evening. It is a great way to get an overview of the program. You can also register for Tours and Shadowing during the school day

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is Monday, January 20: No School

OWL Community Meeting: Students and Families are warmly invited to join the OWL Community Group—the organization that combines our PTO and Site Council functions. This is a great way to have your voice heard in the vision of our school community and to find out what is happening at OWL. Here are the dates of the meetings for this school year:

- **Tuesday, January 21 - 6:30 - 8:00**
- Tuesday, February 18 - 6:30 - 8:00
- Tuesday, March 18 - 6:30 - 8:00
- Tuesday, April 15 - 6:30 - 8:00
- Tuesday, May 20 - 6:30 - 8:00

All are welcome and encouraged to attend—hope to see you!

NEW! Flipside Family Day Wednesday January 22 - families of flipside students are welcome to join us on Wednesday January 22nd for a family event! Hear about the different classes, enjoy food cooked by our Youth Farm Class, and see what students have been working on! It runs from 3pm-5pm in the Humboldt Cafeteria.

NEW! No Flipside or 5pm Busing on Thursday January 23rd - There is no Flipside on Thursday January 23rd. This also means there are no 5pm buses on that day.

Winter Dance is Friday, January 31: The Middle School dance is from 5:30-7PM and the High School Dance is from 7:30-9:30PM.

Spring Play Auditions on Monday, February 3 and Tuesday, February 4: Call backs will be on Thursday, February 6 and rehearsals start on Monday, February 10.

OWL History Day Wednesday, February 5 from 5:30-8 PM: Come celebrate all the great projects as students vie for the chance to represent OWL at Regional History Day.

NAAPID during the school day is Monday, February 10: Families are invited to come spend some time at school with their student in celebration of National African-American Parent Involvement Day.

NAAPID Evening Celebration is Thursday, February 13 from 6-8 pm: Families are warmly invited to spend the evening in celebration of National African-American Parent Involvement Day with cultural presentations, activities and great food.

Application Deadline to OWL for Fall 2025 is Friday, February 14: If you have another student applying to OWL for next year, be sure to submit your application by 2/14.

Presidents' Day is Monday, February 17: No School

PSEO Info Night (Virtual) is Wednesday, February 19 at 6pm: Families of students iin grades 9-11 who are interested in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option for next school year can join us **virtually** to find out more about the program and application process.

NEW! This month in Crew we are studying civil discourse with a fun series of discussions. Last week, students participated in easygoing discussions about best vacation spots, best movies, and best times to do homework. This week, juniors and seniors get to show their younger Crewmates how to hold a fishbowl discussion. As the month progresses, we will tackle increasingly complex topics to hone our ability to agree to disagree.

NEW! Thank you to the donors who funded our schoolwide grant project, Friday Fun Time: De-Stress and Celebrate. Each Crew will get two games, two balls for teambuilding games, and access to our new Crew puzzle library. Your generosity is appreciated!

BILINGUAL SEAL TEST REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Does your student speak more than one language? It is time for them to be recognized and earn up to 20 FREE semester college credits per language!

What? A Bilingual Seals assessment is a language proficiency test. The test includes listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Earn your Minnesota Bilingual Seal or Certificate with a qualifying score!

Where? OWL - Open World Learning

When? April 21, 2025 / (calendar link to all schools)

Curious? Have a look at a sample test HERE or HERE.

Register today! Registration ends **January 31, 2025.**

Assessments are available in:

Amharic • Arabic • ASL • Bulgarian • Czech • Dakota • Dari • French German • Hebrew • Hindi • Hmong • Hungarian • Italian • Japanese • Karen Korean • Lakota • Mandarin Chinese • Ojibwe • Oromo • Pashto Portuguese • Russian • Slovak • Somali • Spanish • Swahili • Tamil • Ukrainian • Vietnamese

Talk to a language teacher or counselor for more information, or email lisa.showers@spps.org

NEW! Weekly Athletic Update: There will be 4 nights of home athletic events this week, come out and support!

As always, please refer to the Weekly Athletic Calendar for the weekly schedule, as well as the Humboldt Athletic One-Stop Document if you have any questions.

ADAPTED FLOOR HOCKEY won their first game of 2025 with a 6-1 win over Robbinsdale. The Hawks host Rochester this Wednesday at 4:30pm in the AUX gym.

BOYS BASKETBALL is into conference play. They will travel to Como Park tomorrow for games at 4:00pm (B), 5:30pm (JV) and 7:00pm (V). Then on Thursday they Hawks host Washington with only 2 games at 4:30pm (JV) and 6:00pm (V).

BOYS SWIMMING had a close battle with Johnson last week, falling 85-88. This week they will compete against Harding on Friday at 4:30pm. Then on Saturday the Hawks travel to Tartan for an invitational starting at 11:30am.

GIRLS BASKETBALL picked up 2 wins last week, including a conference win over Harding. They Hawks will play 3 more games this week starting with conference opponents; hosting Como Park on Tuesday (4:30pm/6:00pm) and at Washington on Thursday (4:30pm/6:00pm). The Hawks then host Columbia Heights on Thursday (4:30pm/6:00pm).

WRESTLING started the year with a conference win over Central to move to 3-0 in the conference. This week the Hawks travel to Harding for a triangular with Columbia Heights. Then on Saturday they participate in a multiteam meet at St. Croix Lutheran.

GO HAWKS!

The Middle School Winter sports season is underway, with the only active team currently being the Middle School Wrestling team. They will compete until January 15th, after which the Middle School Boys Basketball team will begin their season.
The Wrestling team schedule:
1/15 at Txuji Ci - 4:30pm

One proven way to live a happy life is to express gratitude. Is there a staff member at OWL that has done something you are grateful for?

Shoot them an email! An alternative and way has been made available by filling out this link. (This form requires an email but is sent anonymously.)

OWL believes that access to menstrual/period products is a right. If you are able to donate to help us provide free menstrual/period products so that they are always available, please consider donating some by dropping them off with Tammy in the front office. From there we will make sure they get to where they are needed.

Community Announcements:

NEW! Summer Youth Employment Opportunity with Tree Trust: Click HERE for more information about a great job in the great outdoors.

Community Resources for Eye Care and Glasses HERE

Important Reminder about Attendance:
If your child is going to miss school, please call, email owlattendance@spps.org or write a note to explain the reason for the absence. If we do not hear from you, the absence is documented as unexcused. After 3 days of unexcused absences, you will receive a letter from the school reminding you to please communicate with us so the absence(s) may be documented accurately. If your child continues to

miss school, unexcused, he/she will be referred to the SAM (School Attendance Matters) Program for intervention.

The following reasons for absence qualify as an excused absence; illness, doctor, dental or therapy appointment (please be sure to obtain a note to give to the school), extreme family emergency or religious holiday not already recognized by our school district. When a student misses 3 or more class periods in one day, this is considered to be a full day of absence. Please call us if you have any questions/concerns.

OWL Schoolwide Norms

- Respect people, their boundaries and identities, materials, and spaces
- Be kind, caring and friendly, especially when it's difficult
- Keep an open mind: engage in opportunities and courageous conversation
- Help create safe and brave spaces so that everyone can be their authentic selves and speak their truths
- Actively listen and participate (one mic, one voice), staying engaged and following through on commitments and expectations. *We are Crew, not passengers.*