

OSTRANDER NEWS

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Dear Ostrander Families:

We kick off the month of March with **Read Across America** week! This is a time for you and your family to explore new books, read together, and have some fun with your child as they dress up to a new theme each day the week of March 3.

As the weather warms up, I encourage you to get outside and explore some new ways to stay active and engaged. Go for a walk through the neighborhood, visit a park, or simply play in the backyard. It's the perfect way to recharge as we gear up for the last stretch of the school year!



Sincerely,
Alyssa Greany



National Day of Unplugging

What would you do if you unplugged for 24 hours? Join us by spending a full day away from technology on National Day of Unplugging (sundown-to-sundown) March 7-8. Participation is open to all students. Those who complete the challenge are encouraged to return their signed slip to the main office. All entrants have a chance to win a fun raffle prize donated by PTO. What will you do when you unplug?

NYS Assessments

Next month we begin to administer NYS assessments to our students. All state testing in grades 3-8 will be administered on Chromebooks. The testing schedule is as follows:

Science (Grade 5 & 8): April 9
ELA (Grades 3-8): April 29-30
Math (Grades 3-8): May 7-8

Please be sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.

After-School Program

The K-6 after-school program for ELA and Math resumed on Monday, February 24 and will run through Thursday, May 15. There will be no program the week of April 21. Each session begins at 3:30 p.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. Parents/guardians should arrive promptly at the conclusion of the program to pick up their child(ren).

Jump for Health

Our annual Jump for Health event will be held Wednesday, March 12. At the end of the school day, students who have signed up will jump on over to the gymnasium to participate in various jump rope activities and contests. More information coming home soon!

Morning Arrival

Students may enter the school building between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. to unpack, eat breakfast and prepare for the school day. Learning begins at 9:00 a.m. Please be sure your students arrive on time to ensure a smooth, stress-free start to the school day.



Upcoming Events

- 2/28 End of Five-Week Marking Period
- 2/28-3/1 All-County Band
- 3/3-3/7 Read Across America Week
- 3/7-8 Unplugged Challenge
- 3/7-8 YEMS, All-County Orchestra
- 3/11 Spring Picture Day
- 3/12 Ostrander Jump for Health 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- 3/12 PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 3/19 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ OES
- 3/20 Elementary Honors Band & Orchestra Concert 7:00 p.m. @ JGBMS
- 3/25 Science Fair Project Dropoff between 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- 3/26 Science Fair 5:30 p.m.
- 4/1 4th Grade Orchestra/Recorder Concert 9am

OSTRANDER ELEMENTARY IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

895-7225 Announcement Line
895-7232 Attendance Office
895-7231 Health Office
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