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CENTURY JR HIGH
WILDCATS

HIGH POINT SCHOOL
HORNETS



JERLING JR HIGH
JAYHAWKS

LIBERTY SCHOOL
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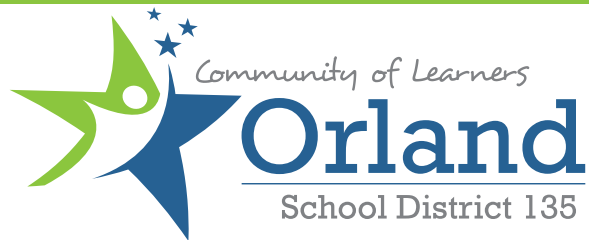
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OSD135 STRATEGIC PLAN

Orland School District 135 recently announced the development of a new five-year strategic plan to guide the district's future endeavors. The plan outlines the district's goals and how they were established through a collaborative effort with Board members, District staff, parents, and community members.

Building on past achievements and fostering a culture of continuous improvement are central themes of the strategic plan. District 135 is

committed to academic excellence and ensuring the success of every student.

To learn more about the strategic plan including the timeline of events and the goals that have been Board approved, scan the below QR code to visit the District website.



ORLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



FALL 2024



Photo credit: Allie Kaleta

Construction Complete!

After a year of construction, Orland School District 135 is thrilled to announce the completion of five school additions across the district. These new facilities were ready to go for the first day of the 2024-2025 school year, welcoming students and staff into expanded and improved learning environments.

Centennial School's addition boasts five new classrooms, versatile meeting spaces, and a dedicated early childhood area. Prairie School, expanded by 7,500 square feet, incorporates five new classrooms and additional collaborative areas.

With the new addition, Prairie is home to the District's self-contained program for grades kindergarten through 2nd (pictured). Liberty School's 5,500-square-foot addition features three new classrooms, flexible meeting spaces, and an enhanced school entrance. High Point added a state-of-the-art gym, four new classrooms, modernized meeting spaces, and an upgraded art room. Orland Junior High's new fitness center complements the main gym, which also received updates including new bleachers.

The District would like to thank Tria Architecture and R.L. Sohol for their partnership with this project as well as the Board of Education, the Buildings & Grounds Department, and District administrators for their dedication to these projects.



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SIXTH GRADE SCIENTISTS

Jerling Jr High 6th graders in Ms. Callis' class hit the ground running with a splash of color and science! On the very first day of school, they delved into a fascinating experiment involving milk, food coloring, dish soap, and a Q-tip. The results were nothing short of mesmerizing as they observed the captivating chemical reactions. This hands-on activity sparked curiosity and excitement, setting the stage for a year of scientific exploration.

6th grade students get to have science every day in junior high, which is a new addition to their daily schedule coming from 5th grade.

Technology In The Classroom



Photo credit: Gabi Whitehead

Students in 2nd grade at Centennial are starting their mornings learning how to code! Code.org is a part of Mrs. Haenle's morning routine with her students at the start of the school year.

By starting each morning with Code.org, students are introduced to the world of coding in a fun and engaging way. The app offers a variety of interactive activities that teach fundamental programming concepts, such as sequencing, loops, and conditionals. As students progress through the levels, they learn to create their own animations, games, and stories. One of the key benefits of using Code.org is that it encourages independent learning. Students are able to work at their own pace and explore the app at their own leisure. This fosters a sense of autonomy and self-discovery.

In addition to problem-solving and independent learning, Code.org also helps students develop important social skills. The app often involves working in pairs or groups, which teaches students how to collaborate and communicate effectively.

Our kindergartners are becoming digital experts, too! They've been using the Seesaw app to learn all about safe iPad care. Through engaging activities and videos, our little learners have discovered how to handle their iPads gently, keep them clean, and use them responsibly.

Within OSD135, each student receives an iPad to enhance their learning each day. This initiative provides our young learners with the opportunity to explore and discover the world around them through technology. By teaching them proper iPad care, we're ensuring that they can use their devices safely and effectively throughout their educational journey.



Photo credit: Beth Cascio



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Our High Point students are making waves in the world of journalism! With HPTV, our students are learning the ins and outs of news production. Using iPads and microphones, they've been creating their own newscasts, from researching topics to conducting interviews and editing footage.

By rotating through different roles, our students gain valuable experience in all aspects of news production. They learn how to write scripts, operate cameras, and even edit footage. This hands-on experience is happening at all three intermediate schools and is preparing them for future careers in journalism, media, or other related fields.

Scan the QR code to check out HPTV episodes!



PRIMARY PRINCIPALS

Every morning at Center & Centennial, students enjoy a special activity! A few lucky students are selected each day to join the principal in the office for a unique experience that begins with the morning announcements and the school pledge. Students bring a book from their classroom and spend quality time reading it together with their principal after announcements are done. As a reward for their participation, each student gets to choose their own book to take home and keep, thanks to the generous donations from Parents For Education (PFE). By the end of the year, every student in the school will have had the opportunity to be a PrinciPAL!



Photo credit: Lindsay Reipsa

Meet The New Assistant Principals!



Bryanna Agudelo

Orland School District 135 is thrilled to announce the addition of three new administrators to its team.

Bryanna Agudelo has joined Orland Junior High as the new Assistant Principal. With a wealth of experience in education, including roles as a seventh-grade science teacher, high school biology department chair, and instructional coach, Ms. Agudelo brings a unique perspective to her new position. She is eager to foster a welcoming and supportive environment for all OJH students.



Melissa Bessler

Melissa Bessler has been appointed as the Assistant Principal at Prairie School. Mrs. Bessler's 18-year career in education, including 14 years as a special education teacher within Orland School District 135, has equipped her with valuable insights into the needs of students and staff. She looks forward to building strong relationships with the Prairie School community.

Lindsay Fredin has taken on the role of Assistant Principal at Jerling Junior High. With prior experience as a third-grade teacher within the district, Ms. Fredin is committed to creating a positive and engaging learning environment for JJH students.



Lindsay Fredin

In addition to these administrative appointments, Orland School District 135 has also hired numerous new teachers. To learn more about the new staff members and their areas of expertise, please scan the QR code below.

Scan the QR code to meet new teachers who have joined the OSD135 staff this school year!

