Family Engagement News

by: Cindi Rhoades

Hello Families! I have some exciting news to share with you: The state approved our free dental clinic for each of our 4 buildings! This means that in May, we will be offering every student the opportunity to get a free dental screening and tooth care products! They also have the opportunity to have a cleaning, fluoride treatment, sealants and even dental x-rays if needed. This will be at no cost to the family. Look for more information on this amazing opportunity coming home soon!

March means that Spring is right around the corner, and it can't come soon enough for me! This means it's time for PreK and Kindergarten Registrations & screenings. If you know of anyone with a preschoolers who is eligible to start PreK this Fall (turning 4 by December 1st) or to start Kindergarten (turning 5 by December 1st and not already enrolled in UPK), please encourage them to get their registrations & screenings done now and not wait until the end of summer. We have scheduled a full week of screening for March 10th through the 14th. The registration portal is open (www.oleanschools.org/registration)). Call (716) 375-8998 with any questions.

Finally, don't forget there is also the awesome opportunity to come into the school for the **Olean CSD Future Forum from 5-8 on March 19**th!

East View: East View held their annual Book BINGO and Title I Parent Night last month and about 12 families braved the weather to attend this awesome event. Each child in attendance took home multiple new books. (see pictures below). The PTO put on a fantastic Pirate & Princess Dance where about 85 families (roughly 250 people) came to enjoy the festivities (see pictures below). New parents are always welcome to join the PTO. The next meeting will be on March 10th at 6:30 in Lauren Caya's room. Upcoming events include the Family Ice Skating on March 20th from 5-6:30 at the Rec Center, and the end of the year Carnival on June 13th! Don't forget there is no school March 5th for Staff Development.

Washington West: Washington West did a big fundraiser last month selling bundt cakes just in time for Valentines Day! Upcoming events will include a themed dance later this month, their

Family Literacy Night in April and of course the annual Spring Break Party! Don't forget there is **no school March 5**th for Staff Development.

OIMS: OIMS held their annual "No One Eats Alone" event on Valentine's Day. They had a huge turnout of community and staff members participated in this inclusive lunch event! (see photo) Upcoming events will include their Family Literacy Night coming soon. Don't forget there is **no school March 5**th for Staff Development.

OHS: Mr. Ahl and his team are planning a student trip to Quebec and Montreal in February 2026. A meeting was held for 27 interested students and their parents with a turnout of over 20 families. There is still room for a few more students so if you are currently in 8th through 11th grade and are interested in it, please reach out to him at sahl@oleanschools.org! The Winter Sports Banquet is scheduled for March 3rd. The annual OCSD vs. Police Basketball Game will be on March 12th at 6:00. It is the third annual fundraiser that will benefit the classes of 2025 & 2029! Tickets are only \$5.00! Come out and support our huskies! Don't forget there is no school March 5th for Staff Development. They are also planning the Spring Musical which you can come in and see on April 4th & 5th at 7:00PM in the Auditorium.

Special Education: If you are a student with a disability and are a Junior or Senior, and you haven't yet filled out your paperwork for ACCES-VR (transitional services), you still have time to do this! We have scheduled another Junior/Senior/Parent Night to help you fill out the applications and answer any questions you have. **Parent Night** will be held on **March 6th** from **6-7 PM** at the PLC (402 N. 7th Street). Letters were sent home to those who haven't applied yet! We have also planned another free workshop through Parent Network on **March 12th from 6-7:30.** Registration is free but required! Please register at: <u>Parent Network</u> The topic is Parents & Family Engagement through the FBA and BIP Process. A great workshop for all parents at every grade level!

SAVE THE DATES:

March 5th: NO SCHOOL

March 6th: ACCES-VR Junior/Senior Parent Night 6-7 PM @ PLC

March 10th: EV PTO Meeting 6:30 Mrs. Caya's room

March 12th: Parent Workshop 6-7:30 PM @ PLC (Topic: Parent & Family

Engagement through the FBA and BIP Process)

OCSD Staff vs. Police Basketball Fundraiser 6:00 OHS gym (\$5)

March 18th: BOE Meeting 6:30 PM @ OHS BOE room

March 19th: Olean CSD Future Forum 5-8 PM

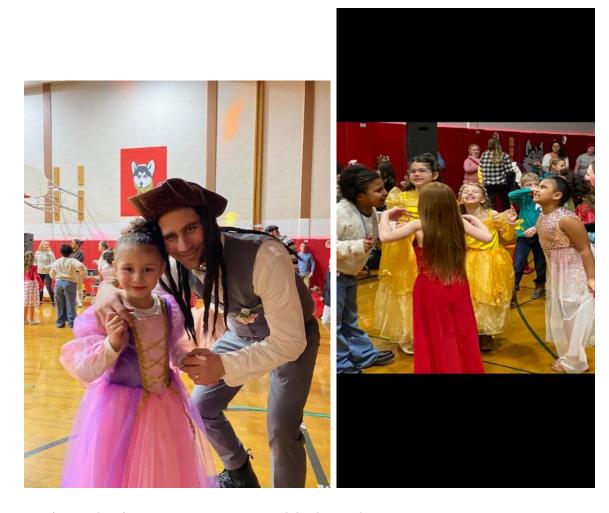
March 20th: EV Family Ice Skating 5-6:30 PM @ the Rec Center

April 4th & 5th: OCSD Musical –7:00 PM @ OHS Auditorium

April 14th-18th: NO SCHOOL- Spring Break

Did you know that there are plenty of resources available on our website? Just go to www.oleanschools.org and under the Community Schools you will find the Family Engagement Page. Here you will find plenty of resources and we will continue to update these. There is also a Calendar and a Community Events section that includes both things through the school and a section for events out in the community for families to participate in! New items are listed almost daily so check it out. We also added a section for Newsletters that will be posted monthly. Also, there is a family resource page for each of our buildings through Parent Square. If you know of an event in the community and don't see it listed there, feel free to contact Cindi Rhoades at (716) 375-8031 or crhoades@oleanschools.org and fill me in.

Enjoy the pictures below of some events we've had!



EV Pirates & Princess Dance.....KEEP SCROLLING





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(EV Book BINGO at Raymour & Flanigan) Keep scrolling!!!!



OIMS "No One Eats Alone"