## **Family Engagement News**

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The OCSD has made a commitment to increase Family Engagement. This is defined as Families, Community Members/Businesses and the School District, working together, to help strengthen our district and help every child be successful. This month we begin to provide free dental screenings to all students in our district who register. Thank you to Mosaic Health for making this wonderful opportunity a possibility for us! Parents, if you have questions, please reach out to me at (716) 375-8031. The District, along with Cornell Cooperative Extension began the Seed to Supper Program which is a beginner class for people interested in gardening but people of all levels of gardening experience are welcome. The class is being held every Wednesday at 5:30 in the Washington West cafeteria until June 4th. It's not too late to join and bring a friend. For more information contact Sheldon Kenyon at skenyon@oleanschools.org. On April 28th the District held our annual Public Forum on our Code of Conduct. A small group of community members came together with the school to discuss\_the changes. There are two BOE meetings this month, May 6th & May 21st both at 6:30. Don't forget the District Budget Vote is on May 20th from 7AM until 9PM at OIMS. Let your voices be heard!

East View: Parent Teacher Conferences were held last month with 87% of the parents taking advantage of this opportunity. The Scholastic Bookfair was a huge success! It's so great to see so many parents promote reading with their children! Mosaic Health came in to do some dental presentations to all the children (see pictures below) to prepare for our dental clinics which will start this month. The PTO has continued to remain busy planning events and new parents are always welcome to join the PTO. The next meeting will be on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in Lauren Caya's room. Don't forget tonight is the EV Capital Project Presentation at 6:00 (EV Cafeteria). Upcoming events include the Kindergarten Concert on 5/9 at 1:30 and Grade 1 Concert on 5/15 at 1:30, then PreK graduation on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:45, the end of the year Carnival on June 13<sup>th</sup>, & the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Moving Up Ceremony on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM! Don't forget there is NO school on Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

**Washington West:** Last month was the "Husky Hunt" at Raymour & Flanigan where parents brought their children in for a wonderful time of hunting the huskies, reading with their

children and leaving with books to keep! (see pictures below) The Scholastic Bookfair was widely received as always! It's so great to see so many parents promote reading with their children! As usual the Parent Teacher Conferences were a huge success with 91% of the parents participating this year! Upcoming events include the Glow-Bye Dance in June (rescheduled from April), Kindergarten Concert on May 7<sup>th</sup> & Grade 1 Concert on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, both at WW, PreK graduation on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade moving up ceremony on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at OHS Auditorium!. Don't forget there is NO school Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

OIMS: Parent/Teacher Conferences were up this year with about 50% of the parents attending. I'm striving for 75% in the Fall next school. It is so important to participate in your child's educational process, no matter how old they are! Some OIMS students took part in the Play at OHS so check out some of those pictures below. Upcoming events include the May 6<sup>th</sup> Capital Project at 5:00 in the LGI room, the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Aud., -the Family Literacy Night, and Upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Graders Family Orientation to OIMS. Don't forget there is NO school Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

**OHS**: OHS held their annual Spring Musical with an outstanding performance (see pictures below). Upcoming Events include the Junior/Senior Prom on May 31<sup>st</sup>, Spring Sports Banquet, the Parade of Graduates, and the huge Graduation Ceremony in June!

## **SAVE THE DATES:**

May 1<sup>st</sup>: Capital Project Presentation-6:00PM EV Cafeteria

May 6<sup>th</sup>: Capital Project Presentation - 5 PM OIMS LGI room

**BOE Meeting** –6:30

May 7<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert- 6:30 Aud

WW Grade K Concert- 6:30 WW

May 8th: WW Grade 1 Concert- 6:30 WW

May 9<sup>th</sup>: EV Kindergarten Concert- 1:30PM EV Cafeteria

May 12<sup>th</sup>: EV PTO Meeting- 6:30 Lauren Caya's room

May 15th: EV Grade 1 Concert- 1:30PM EV Cafeteria

May 20<sup>th</sup>: Public Vote 7AM-9PM- OIMS Music Suite

May 21st: BOE Meeting- 6:30 BOE

May 26<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL- Memorial Day

May 31<sup>st</sup>: Jr./Sr. Prom

June 12<sup>th</sup>: EV PreK Graduation- 1:45 at EV

June 13<sup>th</sup>: EV Carnival- 5:30-7:00PM at EV

June 17<sup>th</sup>: WW PreK Graduation-1:00 At WW

June 19th: NO SCHOOL- Juneteenth

June 24th: WW 3rd Grade Moving Up Ceremony- 9 AM at OHS AUD

June 25th: EV 3rd Grade Moving Up Ceremony- 9:30 AM at EV

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





(EV Dental presentations)





(WW Husky Hunt)





(WW dental presentations)









(Wizzard of Oz)





(Seed to Supper Gardening Program)