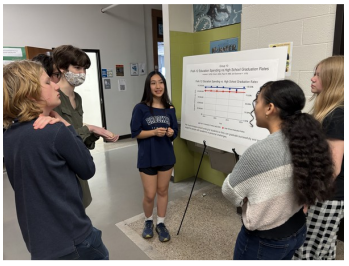
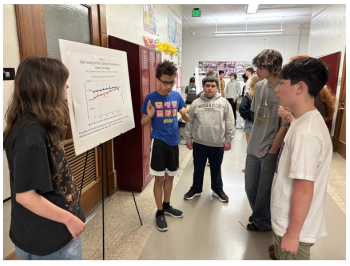
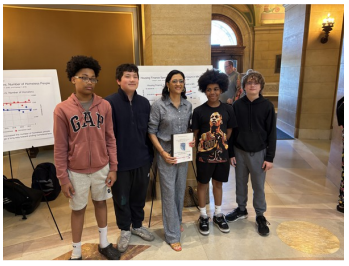
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AN EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING SCHOOL | GRADES 6-12

OWL WEEKLY EMAIL

May 12, 2025

Algebra students practice presenting their projects


Algebra students present their work to lawmakers in the state capitol





The OWL Plant Sale raises money for Outward Bound Service Trips each spring







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 6: Monday, May 12 is a **B day**.

Monday is survey day in Crew - VERY IMPORTANT!!!

- Only 25% of OWL Students completed the **REQUIRED school climate survey** in April. Please get this done Monday during Crew!
- The SPPS Technology Services team is surveying students in grades 6-12 to learn about your experiences with different ways to learn, including the use of iPads. **Click here to take the survey**. The survey will take 5-10 minutes. The survey will be available to complete from April 24 - June 10, 2025. Your answers will be confidential, and survey results will be summarized before they are shared. Thank you for your time and opinions.
- Students may still complete the Crew change form, due Tuesday, May 13.

YEARBOOK: Be a part of OWL history. Order your 2025 Yearbook here.

Summer Spiritwear in Stock, Including Manatee Items!
The PTO has spiritwear in stock for summer! Place an order and it will be delivered to your student in crew within a week. Inventory levels vary by product but most sizes are still in stock. Grab a t-shirt or long-sleeve for the warm months, or stock up on hoodies or knit caps ahead of the cold for next year.
Manatee merchandise also in stock including baseball hats with everyone's favorite logo. Get geared up to support your Manatee teams for tournament time!
https://owlschoolstore.com/
Any questions text or call Mitch: 612-618-8904.

NEW! Here is your weekly HIGH SCHOOL athletic update. 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 SOFTBALL will play in the state tournament this weekend. Their first game will be Friday at 5:00pm at Chanhassen High School. They will then play Saturday at a time that will be

determined by how they do Friday.
BADMINTON will play in the team and individual state tournaments this week. On Tuesday they will travel to Harding for the first two rounds. If they win both matches they will play at Edina on Wednesday. Then on Thursday they will travel to Edina for the individuals tournament.
BASEBALL went 2-0 last week, picking up two wins over Como Park. 12-2 and 7-6. This week they will play 4 games. Monday they will host Brooklyn Center and Wednesday they will host Harding, both games at 4:30pm. Then on Thursday the Hawks will play at CHS Field vs Washington at 4:00pm! Friday they will travel to Harding.
BOYS TENNIS will participate in sections on Wednesday at St. Paul Academy starting at 4:00pm.
BOYS VOLLEYBALL will play 3 home matches this week, come out and support. Tuesday they take on Johnson, Thursday they host Highland Park and Friday they host International School on Minnesota. Home matches are at 5:00pm (B), 5:00pm (JV) and 6:30pm (V).
BOYS GOLF had another successful week last week. Sophomore Samuel MacGregor Farris was medalist of another match! The Hawks will play two times this week, starting on Tuesday at Highland Park Nine-Hole. Then on Wednesday they will play in an 18 hole tournament at Highland Park National.
GIRLS GOLF will play a match vs Johnson on Tuesday at Cedarholm. On Wednesday they will be at Highland Park Nine-Hole.
SOFTBALL has their last regular season game today as they take on Mounds Park Academy at 4:00pm on the turf. The Hawks will then look forward to the section tournament next week.
TRACK & FIELD Had the week off last week to prepare for the conference meet this week. The prelims will take place Tuesday starting at 4:00pm at Central. Finals will be held Thursday at Central at 4:00pm
GO HAWKS!

Here is a weekly update on Middle School Athletics.
Badminton: This week we had a great match against Farnsworth. The team is looking strong.
We have an away match next week on Tuesday, May 13th at Battle Creek. The game is scheduled to begin at 3:30pm
Track: Last week Humboldt/OWL had a great showing at our track meet. We took 1st place in the 100m boys, 200m boys, 4X100 boys, and 800m.
We took 2nd in the 1600m.
Next week will be busy. We have two meets.
•Tuesday, May 13th we have a meet at Washington Tech. It is scheduled to begin at 4:30pm.
•Thursday, May 15th we have a JV meet at Washington Tech. It is scheduled to begin at 5:00pm
If you are in the area on these days, we would love to have you come cheer on the athletes. Middle school games are always free.
Updated schedules can be found at StPaulCity.org or on Humboldt's website under the Athletics tab.

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, May 20 - 6:30 - 8:00**
All are welcome and encouraged to attend—hope to see you!

INTERIM WEEK is May 27-30: Students will take a week-long class with 6-12 grade peers. Students will learn their interim class in Crew this week.

OWL Graduation is Wednesday, June 4 at 7:30 PM: Everyone is invited to come celebrate the Class of 2025 at St. Kate's O'Shaughnessy Auditorium. If you have never been to an OWL graduation, it is like no other!

Celebration of Learning is Friday, June 6 from 4-6PM: ALL OWL FAMILIES are warmly welcomed to come see displays, presentations and performances from our students. We will have an ice cream truck out front at the end of the event.

All School Celebration on Tuesday, June 10 at Lake Elmo Park Reserve:
All students in grades 6-12 will spend the last day of school at Lake Elmo to celebrate a great school year. Crews will organize potluck lunches.

NEW! BETTER WORLD WEEK AT OWL: Each spring, OWL joins our partner schools in the EL Education network in creating service-learning experiences during BETTER WORLD WEEK. This year, we had a variety of events and experiences. Our 8th graders presented their projects on how to create a better Minnesota to lawmakers at the State Capitol. We had a student organized and led effort to clean up the Mississippi River. Some of our 6th graders organized a student walk out to attend a protest for immigrant rights at the State Capitol. We held our second annual student organized and led Youth in Activism Day for students to learn how to become involved in our community as change makers. Finally, we held our first ever Pride Night, organized and led by students. Through these events, our students and families, in partnership with our government, school district and non-profits, came together to learn and grow. Our students explored their passions, found their voice and learned about what it takes to get involved in making our world a better place.

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS | High School Students - Current 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Graders
SPPS Credit Recovery (summer school):
· High school students who owe core credits will be enrolled for summer school by high school counselor Jolene.
Summer school sites for in-person programming:
-Grade 9 seat-based…… Johnson High School, each course carries 1 credit, up to 8 credits
-Grade 10 seat-based…..Como High school, each course carries 1 credit, up to 8 credits
-Grade 11 seat-based……Como High school, each course carries 1 credit, up to 16 credits
-Grade 12 seat-based……Como High school, each course carries 1 credit, up to 24 credits
-Grade 10-12 Experiential Learning…Johnson High School, each course carries 1 credit (9th grade classes only)
-Instruction is on-site during scheduled class time
-Coursework is available on Schoology and allows students to have flexibility to work on materials outside of summer school hours.
-School hours: 8:45 2:45

· **Attendance:**
-Daily in-person attendance ***is expected.***
-Students are marked ***present*** when they are at school and in class.
-Each program will "end date" any student who has not attended and has not

completed any work on day 6.

· **Session 1 (June 24-July 25)**
-All students will be referred for term 1 and for in-person learning.
Families who need online learning and/or TERM 2 must let Jolene know by April 28.
Summer school for online learning:
-Session 1 (June 24-July 25)
-School hours: 8:45 2:45
-Students work on course content material that is online and self-paced. Teachers are available online for instruction and help students during a scheduled time. Students must be motivated, independent learners.
· **Attendance:**
-Each program will "end date" any student who has not attended and has not completed any work on day 6.
Session 2 Information:
-Students who participate in any Credit Recovery program during Session One, who still need credits will be enrolled in the online Credit Recovery Network extended time program from **July 29-August 14 (13 days**). Information will be shared with students during Session 1.
OWL core credits that students can recover:
· English: English 9, 10, 11, 12
· Science: Integrated Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics
· Social Studies: World History, Human Geography, US History, Government, Economics
· Math: Integrated Math I, Integrated Math II, Geometry, Algebra 2
· Health
· Critical Ethnic Studies
Grad Stats/Credit Information:
· Crew leaders will share graduation status at Student-Led Conferences
· Transcripts can be viewed on Campus portals
If you have any questions about summer school and/or your student's credits, feel free to email OWL High School Counselor: jolene.yang@spps.org.

AVID applications are open for the 2025-2026 school year! Interested in learning more about AVID, a program designed to prepare all students for college readiness and success in a global society through academic support and engaging enrichment activities?
· Students entering grades 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 this fall can apply to join OWL AVID Elective classes at this link; please note that a parent or guardian needed to answer the last 6 questions.
· Students entering grades 11 and 12 in the fall can apply to work as OWL AVID tutors at this link.
· All AVID applications are due Friday, May 23.

NEW! Perennials needed! Hosta, lily of the valley, day lilies, and other hardy, drought-tolerant or shade-tolerant perennials are needed for the OWL gardens. Divided plants from home gardens are welcome. Please bring plants in plastic pots or containers to Megan and Akira's science classroom, room 3215, by May 23.

Donate your unwanted books to SLACs book drive! Bring titles of any genre or age range to the library. Please make sure they are in readable condition. All donations will go the free book fair at

the Celebration of Learning on June 6th.

Donations Needed: Fidgets, Games and Toys for Mental Health My students struggle with mental health, and they are learning how to self-advocate and use coping strategies. Calming fidgets and games will help them when they need breaks during the day. They earn CRISP tickets when they show collaboration, responsibility, integrity, stewardship, and perseverance. Each toy is worth a different amount of CRISP tickets. Typically students use screens to take breaks from learning, but fidgets, games and toys offer an interactive alternative. GO HERE to DONATE! Thanks!

Seed donations needed for crop art: Do you have any of the following seeds in your cupboard? Tom and Megan are seeking donations for crop art activities during Interim. Please bring donations directly to Tom or Megan.

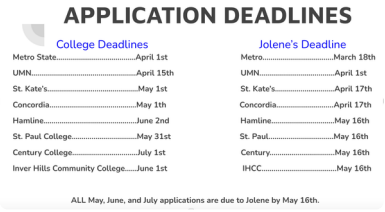
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· Mung bean
· Amaranth
· Quinoa, red and white
· Yellow split pea
· Millet
· Flax, brown
· Wild rice
· Red lentil
· Lima beans
· Black beans
· Corn, various varieties

Read the Latest Edition of the Purple Press: OWL's student newspaper HERE! Note: This edition was published on April 1 (get it?)

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.

PSEO Application Due Dates: For current students in grades 9-11 interested in applying for Post Secondary Enrollment Option classes in the fall—here are the due dates for applications. To see the video of the PSEO information night go HERE. Students who are interested in PSEO should email Jolene for an appointment at jolene.yang@spps.org.



FAREWELL TO JJ HILL MONTESSORI GARDEN PARTY!

Thursday, May 15th from 5:00-7:00pm in the JJ Hill Garden
(998 Selby Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104)

Join us for beef hot dogs, chips, and fruit!

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and join the fun!

All current and former staff, students, and families are welcome!



Get a summer's worth of rides on buses and light rail with a Summer Student Pass!

Any current 9th-12th grade student at participating schools can get unlimited rides on buses and trains up to a $3.25* fare. Passes are valid from June 1 through Sept. 2, 2025.

How do I get one?

Starting May 5, go to **metrotransit.org/summer-pass** to get more details about the pass and order one using a credit card. All you need is your school's name and your student ID number.

If you'd rather use cash, you can buy a Summer Student Pass at a Metro Transit Service Center. Call 612-373-3333 or visit metrotransit.org/service-centers for locations.

Have questions? A friendly transit expert can answer them. Give us a call at 612-373-3333.

* For fares higher than $3.25, like some Northstar trips, just add stored value to your pass.

Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) in the UMN Department of Chemistry is a group of graduate students who work towards supporting and uplifting women in STEM. We will be holding our annual **Cool Chem** event on S**aturday, May 17 from 10-1pm**. Cool Chem is an event where girls in grades 6-8 get the opportunity to do hands-on science experiments, watch thrilling demos, and use their science knowledge to make their own ice cream. The cost of this event is $10, but we are more than happy to provide free enrollment for those who may not be able to pay. For those interested, registration can be found at the following link: https://learning.umn.edu/portal/events/reg/participantTypeSelection.do?method=load&entityId=55432775

Emerging Leaders of Color (ELOC) is a free high school pathway program offered by our undergraduate office. High school students commit to coming to campus one Saturday a month from 9am to 2pm over 9 months (September- April). We are expecting up to 70 students this next year, which is an increase from the past. Each five hour Saturday session focuses on a different business topic and features a keynote speaker from that industry, a business activity related to that topic, a professional development session, a college prep session, and mentorship. It is led by our undergraduate students enrolled at Carlson who provide mentorship and community.

NEW! **Analytics U is a free week-long summer pathway program** that centers the experience of people in analytics, and is open to high school students of all identities. The program introducing them to how data science can play a critical role in solving real world problems that impact our everyday lives.The program will also include:

- College access and professional development opportunities
- Connections and networking with industry professionals in the metropolitan area
- An immersive educational experience at the Mall of America

Summer Women in Engineering Program Scholarships: 3M is providing 14 students from St. Paul, Minneapolis & North St. Paul/Maplewood Public Schools with full-ride scholarships, including transportation, to attend Michigan Tech's Women in Engineering program. Students will spend one week exploring nine different fields of engineering while meeting other students from around the world and experiencing life on a college campus. It's like summer camp, but smarter!
We are reviewing applications on a rolling basis (approx. every 2 weeks) as awards remain. To apply, all students need to do is complete our Women in Engineering (WIE) Pathway Program application and our system will automatically let us know they're eligible for the award based on the school zip code.
Please see the attached flyer for more info. WIE-3M.pdf
If you have any questions please contact Brad Wells, Assistant Director of SYP, at bawells@mtu.edu or 906-487-2027.

St. Paul Saints Miracle League: It is open to any student living in St. Paul that has a disability up to age 22. Sessions are held Sundays at the Bridge View/Focus Beyond baseball field. Previous sessions have been very fun and inclusive for students and their families! Get more information HERE.

St. Paul College Summer Camps: Trade and Tech Innovator Camp, Summer Beauty Camp, Scrubs Camp. More information HERE!

Interested in a full scholarship for an Outward Bound course in the Boundry Waters this summer? Go HERE for more information about how to apply.

Looking for a summer adventure?: Sea Change Expeditions leads **10-day sailing trips on Lake Superior** for teens this June. They have a steeply sliding scale for fees. Here is the link with more information: www.seachangeexpeditions.org/teen-trips

Family Coaching for Native American Families: Ramsey County is offering this program. For more information, go to this link: Family Coaching for American Indian Families

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.*



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