

Superintendent Report

April 28, 2025



The purpose of the Superintendent Report is to give the Board a high-level overview of the amazing things going on across the district.



Administrative Professionals Day was April 23 and we want to recognize and thank our amazing OSD Administrative Professionals who help our schools operate smoothly and efficiently while also creating a kind and nurturing environment for our students. We are so grateful for our team! ❤️👏

PVE Reading Celebration



Prairie View Elementary students recently wrapped a celebration of reading and fun!



Throughout the “Love to Read” month, students participated in Drop Everything and Read—a surprise 15-minute reading break announced by Mrs. Goltz. No matter what they were doing, students grabbed a book and dove into a story!

They also came together as a whole school to celebrate earning their PBIS reward—Music at Recess! The sunshine showed up just in time, giving students the perfect chance to dance, play, and enjoy the fresh air. 📖 ☀️ 🎉

Way to go, Prairie View elementary readers! Keep that love of books going strong! ❤️

FES Scientists in Action!



Students in Ms. Lee and Ms. Ihlenfeldt's science classes at Forest Edge Elementary are diving into the exciting world of physical and chemical changes! They recently conducted a hands-on lab where they mixed a liquid soap solution with a baking soda solution and carefully observed the results.

The scientists analyzed the new physical properties of the mixtures and discussed whether what they saw was a physical change or a chemical one. It was amazing to hear them using science vocabulary like "viscosity" and "opaque" as they worked together and made their observations. 🔍

We love seeing curiosity and critical thinking in action!

Congratulations
on Award
Winning Haikus!



Congrats to our OSD fourth grade students who recently participated in the Greater Dane County Advanced Learner Haiku Project! A haiku is a Japanese poetic form that consists of three lines, with five syllables in the first line, seven in the second, and five in the third. Students from all over the county submitted their poems for judging.

The following students - all from Prairie View Elementary - were selected to have their haikus published in a book and read at the Regional Haiku Celebration next month:

- 👉 Destiny
- 👉 Grayson
- 👉 Mikayla
- 👉 Wyatt

We are so proud of you!

RCI Earth Day Activities



Ms. Kramer's 5th grade students at Rome Corners Intermediate celebrated Earth Day by being artsy and creative with a collaborative poster 🌍

Each student colored a small portion of the poster and when placed together, it created a beautiful masterpiece to celebrate our awesome Earth! 🌳

OMS Heritage Spanish Students Visit PVE & FES



Heritage Spanish students from Oregon Middle School recently visited Prairie View and Forest Edge Elementary Schools to read in Spanish and connect with younger learners. ✨📚 What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate biliteracy and biculturalism across grade levels!

OHS Spanish Trip



During Spring Break, 23 students in Spanish classes at OHS had the opportunity to travel to Spain with Profe Gavin, Profe Krenz and Profe Lenters. 🇪🇸 Students traveled to Madrid and Barcelona to experience the culture and learn the history from local Spanish tour guides while growing their language skills!

Students were able to experience many cultural activities, such as visiting the Royal Palace, viewing famous artwork, and dancing in a Flamenco dance show. They also sampled popular Spanish cuisine, including churros con chocolate and paella.

OHS Fine Arts Week Show



OHS Artists celebrated Fine Arts Week with their annual art show. It was an amazing event and we love to see the talents of our students artists on display!

2025 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition



Congratulations to all Oregon High School 2025 Wisconsin Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contestants! 🌟 Our OHS students did an amazing job, with Alyse Block being selected as having the winning conservation message, "Conservation is essential for protecting our planet and ensuring a sustainable future." In addition, Violet May's rendition of a hen mallard was one of five finalists for the "Best in Show" award!

The following OSD students were recognized in the competition:

GRADE 7-9 GROUP

- 🦆 1st Place: Violet May, Ashley Cook
- 🦆 2nd Place: Rose Zupanc
- 🦆 3rd Place: Adelyn Jung, Ellie Cynkar
- 🦆 Honorable Mention: Noah Derrick, Marian Wagner, Elaina Nickles, Sophie Neumann, Danica Sorenson, Elizabeth Stoikes, Isabel Dahl, Lynanne Fosler, Emma Kesling, Ella Mihm, Emma Nugent, Kendall Howard, Tate Winkelhake, Nora Cynkar.

GRADE 10-12 GROUP

- 🦆 1st Place: Tavia Mason
- 🦆 2nd Place: Braden Bartlett
- 🦆 3rd Place: Rylee Olson, Caleigh Campbell
- 🦆 Honorable Mention: Violet Rozak, Maya Mireles, Ainsley Voegelé, Avery Lindhardt, Alyse Block, Savannah Walker, Maija Abolins, Paxton Krengel, Avery Prescott, Aubrie Berndt, Kendra Theisen.

Thank you to OHS Art Educators, Michael Derrick, and Heidi Coutre for offering this engaging learning experience!

Youth Apprentice Spotlights

YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP

Spotlight



Charlie is exploring the **Architecture and Construction** career pathway and gaining hands-on skills working as a **Youth Apprentice HVAC** at UW Housing!

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We have three Youth Apprenticeship Spotlights tonight - the first is Charlie, who is working as an HVAC Apprentice at UW Housing.

Courses that have led up to this capstone experience include: Construction Exploration, Metal Technology, Auto Technology I, Wood Manufacturing, and Small Engines. Charlie also has First Aid and OSHA certifications.

Youth Apprentice Spotlight

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Spotlight



Kaiden - OHS Senior

Kaiden is exploring the **Architecture and Construction** career pathway and gaining hands-on skills working as a **Youth Apprentice HVAC** at 1901, Inc.

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The next spotlight is on Kaiden, who is working as an HVAC Apprentice at 1901, Inc.

Courses that have led up to this capstone experience include: Metal Technology, Welding, and Machine Tool. Kaiden also has certifications in OSHA 30, First Aid, WCA Saw Blade, and WCA Core.

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Dustin is exploring the
Architecture and Construction
career pathway and gaining
hands-on skills working as a
Plumber & Sprinkler Fitter
Youth Apprentice at
Dave Jones!

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Finally, Dustin is working as a Plumber & Sprinkler Fitter at Dave Jones.

Courses that have prepared Dustin for this experience include: Foundations of Technology and Engineering, Welding, Wood Manufacturing, and Metal Technology. Dustin also has certifications in OSHA and First Aid.

Sophomores or juniors who are interested youth apprentice options should contact their school counselor and Ms. D'Amelio, our School to Career Coordinator to learn more.

There is also information about this program and others on our website:

- ▶ OHS Career Based Experiences:
<https://ohs.oregonsd.org/academics/school-to-career>
- ▶ OSD Portrait of a Graduate:
<https://www.oregonsd.org/district/vision-and-strategic-plan>

Ronin and Robert Share Critical Information on Dangers of Nicotine and Unsafe Disposal



We are so proud of Robert and Ronin - two of our amazing OHS seniors - who recently met with Representative Marklein's office to discuss some the importance of community coalitions and the work they're doing to educate our community on the dangers of nicotine, nicotine vapes, and the environmental concerns with unsafe disposal of these products.

Robert and Ronin also shared information about the misperception that more teens use alcohol and nicotine products than data reflects. The duo additionally showcased examples of how they are countering the misperceptions with information for students, how they helped create a billboard on how alcohol and nicotine damages the teen brain, and how they helped to educate staff in Dane County.

You can hear more about Robert and Ronin's work in their interview for Inside the OSD podcast earlier this year (see S3-E3): <https://www.oregonsd.org/families/podcast>

Robert and Ronin have been partnering on these efforts with Amy Miller and Cynthia DiCamelli from the Oregon Area Cares Community Coalition.

Remember to
Tune In to the
OSD Podcast!



Make sure to check out our podcast: Inside the OSD! You can find all episodes at OregonSD.org/podcast, and anywhere you get your podcasts. Our most recent episode was with a great group of OHS seniors who will be pursuing athletics after high school. You'll hear about how they got to where they are now in areas of golf, wrestling, softball, swimming, and fishing!

Make sure to like and subscribe to Inside the OSD wherever you get your podcasts to get the most recent episodes delivered directly to you - we have some great podcasts coming up.

