

The Official Newsletter of Owen J. Roberts School District

Superintendent's Notebook: A Wonderful Years to be a Wildcat!



Dear Wildcat Community,

And just like that, we're mere days away from the end of another school year! This year has been an amazing experience, filled with memories that will last a lifetime, unforgettable milestones and amazing learning experiences for our Wildcat students!

A critical component of serving our community is ensuring that all of our students and families feel welcome and valued. Over the last several months, we've worked with families, students, community members, staff and administrations to review and revise our mission, vision and core values statements, and ensure that each of them reflects our shared commitment to student learning, belonging and wellbeing. These values represent not only our shared identity as Owen J. Roberts Wildcats, but also reflect our highest expectations for the education we provide to all of our students.

Owen J. Roberts School District's Mission: To inspire every person in the OJR learning community to think critically, act compassionately, and achieve success within a culture of access, dignity, and belonging for all.

Owen J. Roberts School District's Vision: We will be a learning community that embraces a growth mindset, engages in continuous innovation, celebrates each person's uniqueness, and creates a culture of belonging for all.

Owen J. Roberts School District's Values: Our values inspire us to become the best version of ourselves and serve as the foundation for our decision making.

In the coming months, we will be sharing further details and plans connected to our mission, vision and values. We encourage our community to learn more and stay informed of additional updates by visiting our Mission/Vision/Values Portal on the district website.

I'm also excited to again remind our families that starting in August, our District will proceed with the implementation of Full-Day Kindergarten for our students. The community has been clear in its desire to see Owen J. Roberts pursue this course of action and to have schools provide educational opportunities that align with those already being offered in neighboring school districts in Chester County and the surrounding region. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to learn more about Full-Day Kindergarten in OJR and register your incoming student today!

I'd be remiss if I didn't thank our dedicated educators, our support staff and our amazing students for your continued partnerships. To all of you who attended our town hall meetings, committee meetings, took the time to write to us, or simply conversed with us at district events, you've been there every step of the way as our community partner. We look forward to continuing our important work as we review long-term planning and seek the best ways to support the youth in our Wildcat Community.

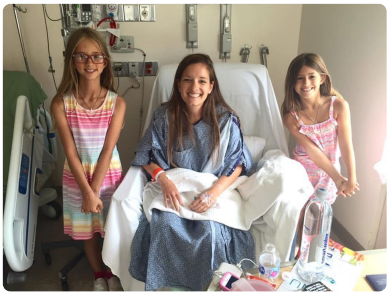
Last, but certainly not least, I want to congratulate our graduating class of 2025, and their families, for all of their hard work. I cannot wait to join you at your graduation ceremony and see you embark on the next chapter in your life. I'd like to express a heartfelt thank you to our Wildcat families for entrusting us with your children. I also want to express my deepest appreciation to our Wildcat team, including teachers, administrators, staff and volunteers for everything you do to support families. All of you make Owen J. Roberts School District a special place to live and work.

From our Wildcat family to yours, please enjoy a happy and safe summer. Everyone has earned a much-needed break, and I cannot wait to welcome all of you back for an exciting new school year this August!

With appreciation,

Dr. Will Stout
Superintendent

The Gift of Life: An OJR Employee's Journey of Compassion and Donation



The decision to become an organ donor is not made lightly. It's a personal decision that entails a major medical procedure, recovery time and a degree of risk, but there are few acts of kindness and compassion with as much potential to have a positive impact on the life of another human being.

But would you donate a kidney to someone in need of a life-saving transplant? Beyond even that question, would you donate to a stranger you've never met before?

Amazingly, that's exactly what Ashley Clark, an Owen J. Roberts School District Mental Health Therapist and parent, decided to do.

A mother of four, Ashley's decision to become a living organ donor came while scrolling through social media one night, while she waited for her toddler to fall asleep. Intrigued by a story about a mom who gave someone the gift of life as a donor, Ashley felt compelled to follow a similar journey.

"I sent a text to my husband and asked if he would still love me with one kidney," Ashley shares with a laugh. "And he texted me right back and said he would; although he also immediately asked if there was something he should know about."

Living in Massachusetts with her husband and their young family at the time, Ashley shared the story of a social worker in the Boston area in need of a transplant and expressed her desire to do what she could to potentially help. While her husband, Eric, easily could have expressed fear or concern, he was excited by her decision. The young family quickly rallied together to throw their full support behind Ashley as she embarked on her journey.

"Ashley isn't one to make rushed or rash decisions," said Eric, a popular math teacher at OJR High School. "I trust her and want to do everything I can to lend her my support. I viewed her decision to pursue organ donation as an amazing adventure for our family."

What followed Ashley's decision was months of extensive testing and medical evaluations. While the mom Ashley originally sought to help eventually found a compatible donor elsewhere, Ashley was still determined to help someone else in need of a life-altering transplant. Finally, in July of 2019, doctors informed Ashley that they found a found recipient who was a match for a kidney transplant.

"To help make things easier and approachable for our children, we made signs and bracelets together and watched an episode of Doc McStuffins where one of the stuffed animals donates stuffing to another character," Ashley shared. "We even held a little going away party for my kidney, which we named Blanche, after the Golden Girls character. We figured she was compatible with anyone and leaned into making it as fun as possible for our family."

True to form, Ashley was humble about her decision. Outside of immediate family and a few close friends, most people were unaware of her decision. Not one to draw attention to herself, the family focused on finding occasional assistance with childcare and other day-to-day activities.

"I was at peace with my decision," Ashley recalled. "All of my evaluations were positive. I knew I was making the right decision, for the right reasons. And my goal was to make my donation as quietly as possible."

After a successful procedure in Boston, Ashley bounced back quickly and resumed many of her normal daily routines. The family went to the zoo together, watched movies, took road trips and

even moved to Pennsylvania.

“My family was great about understanding that I was moving a little slower than usual and helped me out every step of the way,” said Ashley. “It was a very busy time for our family, but Eric subbed for me at work and the kids all chipped in with extra chores around the house. I was back to normal within about 4 weeks, but I have to admit that it was also pretty nice to be waited on.”

Fast forward several years. Ashley and her family were happily enjoying the day-to-day activities that make the OJR community a great place to live and work when she received a phone call from a director who was working on a film seeking to answer why someone would donate an organ to someone they’ve never met.

However, for Ashley, the decision to share her story was complicated and personal. While not one to draw attention to her generosity, Ashley also understood the value of sharing donation stories with the public and inspiring others to consider donation.

“Many people don’t know you serve as a living donor, and most don’t realize that you don’t have to know the recipient either,” Ashley said. “I always knew there were transplants, but I didn’t always know what I could do specifically to help someone in need. Some people truly understand it; others struggle to wrap their heads around the idea.”

Further adding to Ashley’s decision was the news that her recipient, a man named Jim, had passed away.

“I found myself in an awkward place where my family and I had a beautiful experience and an amazing journey together, but we didn’t have the happy ending for Jim that we were all hoping for,” Ashley shared. “I wanted him to have more time and so I found myself often shying away from sharing our story. I didn’t want it to feel like a sad story for others.”

Sometimes in life, answers come from strange places or when we least expect it. Not long after the passing of Jim, the recipient of Ashley’s donation, she received a letter from him thanking her for the extra time her transplant provided. The letter, which had been lost in the mail, would go on to serve as a key element in Ashley’s story once she agreed to share it with the world.

“Jim’s letter became another beautiful piece of our family’s journey,” Ashley said. “I found a certain peace in my story being a part of a larger narrative about organ donation. An understanding that sometimes these things don’t quite work out the way you’d hoped, but you can still move forward without regrets and inspire people to make impactful decisions.”

Joined by Eric, their children and her parents, Ashley would eventually fly to Dallas in September 2023 for a one-night storytelling show that was filmed as part of a larger film project about those who choose to make organ donations to complete strangers.

“While this project definitely was not in Ashley’s comfort zone, I saw the value in having her share her story,” Eric said. “I think it’s probably one of the most impactful stories in the film because it does have a bit of a sad ending, but there’s nothing she would change. Ashley would do it all over again, even knowing how things turned out.

“While Jim had passed away, the film provided Ashley with a chance to express her grief, but also rejoice with the positive aspects of her story. In doing so, she connected with like-minded people who she’s remained in contact with and inspired others, including me, with her unique generosity.”

Ashley and Eric’s children have also been impacted by hearing their mom share her story with the world.

“I thought my mom was really cool for being an organ donor,” notes the couple’s second-oldest daughter, Stella. “It kind of gave me the opportunity to tell people about what my mom did and it made me feel proud to share with my friends.”

The finished documentary film, ABUNDANT, premiered in 2025 in theaters across the country - including a special screening hosted by Ashley and her family in Pottstown this past April. In addition to Ashley’s story, ABUNDANT includes interviews with 2012 Nobel Prize Laureate Alvin Roth, PhD, Freakonomics Radio host Stephen Dubner, author and researcher Abigail Marsh, PhD, and business leader in the field of system change, Tynesia Boyea-Robinson, among other notable personalities.

“The premiere event was amazing,” Ashley shared. “We were surrounded by people from all different aspects of our life - from the donation community, to our friends and neighbors in OJR!”

Never one to pass on an opportunity to enrich the lives of others, Ashley used the special screening as a fundraiser to create a $2,000 scholarship for any student impacted by kidney or liver disease, or having need of a transplant. The scholarship, named after Jim, aims to help students like Kassidy Frevert, an Owen J. Roberts High School senior in need of a kidney.

For Ashley and her family, the journey to help others isn’t over yet. Instead, it’s just getting started.

“We’re hopeful the film can reach as many people as possible, be it in theaters, via streaming, or other means,” Ashley said. “We’re looking at hosting another screening in July and we’re hopeful that the film does well enough to increase our capacity to do good in our community.”







Celebrate Your Grad With a Legacy Brick and Flowers!

Legacy bricks and flowers are a great way to honor an OJR graduate.







High School Announces Valedictorian and Salutatorian for Graduating Class of 2025

Owen J. Roberts (OJR) High School announced that senior Boone Toguchi is the valedictorian of the graduating class of 2025 and that Andrew Dybicz is this year's salutatorian. The announcement is the latest in a series of milestone moments both students have enjoyed during the 2024-2025 school year.

This past fall, Boone was one of eight OJR High School seniors named as Commended Students in the 70th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. As part of the distinction, Boone placed among the top five percent of all students who entered the 2025 Merit Program. After graduation he plans to attend Purdue University Honors College and pursue a degree and career in either mechanical engineering or aerospace engineering. The community can learn more about Boone by visiting OJR's YouTube Channel at https://youtu.be/8qyqNqtPCtQ.

Similarly, Andrew was previously named a Semifinalist in the 70th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The program honors students who meet exceptional academic ability standards and other requirements. He plans to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute starting in the fall and major in mechanical engineering. The community can learn more about Andrew by visiting OJR's YouTube Channel at https://youtu.be/Y_2HQf09Q0E.

OJR High School's graduating class of 2025 includes more than 400 students. This year's graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, June 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

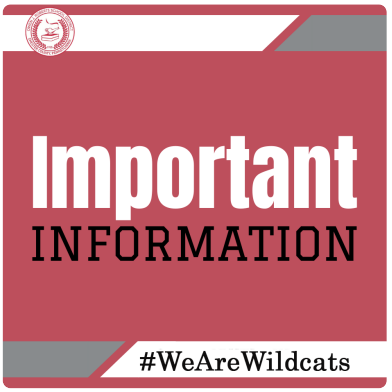


Boone Toguchi



Andrew Dybicz

Budget Update: A Helpful Guide to OJR' 2025-2026 Final Budget

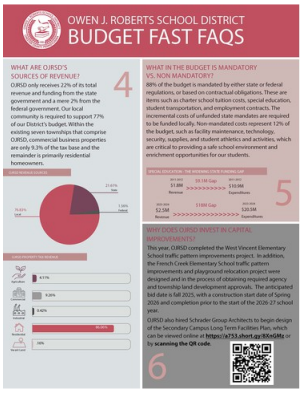


Owen J Roberts School District recently unveiled its final proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year, for approval by the Board of School Directors. The community is invited to review information related to the budget process, including presentations to the School Board and a helpful infographic summarizing the budget process.

OJR strategically budgets an annual spending plan which provides quality instruction and educational programs for all students, while managing the district resources in a prudent manner. The development and review of considerations for the 2025-26 Governmental Fund Budgets (also known as the General Fund, Debt Service Fund and Capital Projects Fund) and the Proprietary Fund Budgets (including the Food Services and Internal Service Fund) were completed with a detailed and exhaustive review of every revenue and expenditure item within the context of the District's mission, stated strategic goals, annual objectives and financial policies.

Additional information is readily available by visiting OJR's Business and Finance Online Portal.





Wildcat Roll Call: Updates from Around OJR

Elementary School Excitement



Thank you to our combined Elementary Band for an amazing spring concert. Videos of both the 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. shows are available on our YouTube channel - https://www.youtube.com/@OJR_SchoolDistrict.

Congratulations to all of our Special Olympians who competed in events across the school district this spring! A big Wildcat show of appreciation to every student who performed in the Elementary Strings Spring Concert!

East Coventry Elementary School welcomed the Class of 2038 with their 2025 signing day! We can't wait for our newest Wildcats to start kindergarten this fall! Congratulations to East Coventry Elementary School Wildcat Declan MacCarty who was named Reading Symphony Junior String Orchestra member of the day! The Owen J Roberts NJROTC unit volunteered to help set up the Easter egg hunt. Cadets arrived early to help organize and hide colorful eggs filled with candy

throughout the school grounds. Working together, they created a fun and festive event for the children, ensuring the event was enjoyable for everyone. Cadets also filled over 3,000 eggs for the event!

A beloved East Vincent teacher- Mr. Palochak, was honored with the Citadel Heart of Learning Award. The award honors teachers who demonstrate exceptional care and commitment, enhancing the educational experience for their students. It couldn't have gone to a more deserving person! EV will always hold a special place in our hearts for Mr. P!

French Creek Elementary School welcomed all of its incoming Wildcats and their families to Kindergarten Round Up in May. The class of 2038 starts school in August! In April, students not only enjoyed an amazing Talent Show, but also had the chance to see some of staff share their talents as well! The Fun Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4t, from 5:30-9 p.m. It will be a FANTASTIC way to end the school year!

At North Coventry Elementary School, Ms. Kain's 1st grade class held a publishing party to celebrate the book they wrote together. Each student had the chance to read their work aloud, showcasing their creativity and hard work. Mrs. Smith shared her silk worms with our first grade and they compared their life cycle to the butterfly life cycle. Students also enjoyed an amazing Field Day, featuring perfect weather, in May!

It may have been rainy and wet outside, but that didn't stop our West Vincent Elementary School Wildcats from enjoying Walk to School Day in May! Likewise, WVES students had an amazing time with the author-artist team of Jonathan Stutzman and Heather Fox! The dynamic duo read their story Llama Destroys The World, talked about the creative process and held an art lesson!

Congratulations to West Vincent Elementary School Wildcat, Shaina, for finishing second in the first grade category of the statewide Little Hawk Keep PA Beautiful Contest. Earlier this week, Shaina had the opportunity to visit Harrisburg for a ceremony at the Capitol Building, where her art was proudly on display!

Elementary students from around the district enjoyed another successful Farm Day in April. Honoring the community's rich agricultural history, students enjoyed the opportunity to interact with pigs, a horse, chickens, goats and more! They also enjoyed games, explored farm equipment and completed craft projects!

In April, Giant presented OJR with a check for more than $6,100 as part of the Feeding School Kids program. A special thank you to everyone in the community who rounded-up on their grocery orders to help support our food programs. Your generosity WILL make a difference in the lives of children.







Elementary School Band Spring Concert

Celebrating the Special Olympics!

The Class of 2038!



NJROTC at East Coventry ES



Mr. Palochak



Silk Worms at NCES



Kindergarten Round Up at FCES



WVES Walk to School Day

Middle School Milestones



A big Wildcat Congratulations to our art teacher, Ingrid Fake, for having her article “Woven Optical Illusions” published in the recent, School Arts Magazine - https://l8r.it/XmF. We also want to wish Ingrid a very happy retirement as she finishes the last few weeks of her career at OJR! She is an invaluable member of our Wildcat Team and we're going to miss her!

Our Owen J. Roberts High School and Owen J. Roberts Middle School orchestras did an amazing job with their spring concert! If you missed the performance live, many of our Wildcat performances, including this one, are available on our YouTube channel - www.youtube.com/@OJR_SchoolDistrict. Also a big shoutout to our students who performed at the Spring Band Concert and the Spring Choir Concert!

What an amazing job by our gifted students as they presented projects they completed in their Gifted Seminar class. Our Wildcats set up at tables in the main lobby and LGI, complete with a few interactive stations!

Congrats to our Wildcat NJROTC Cadets for their awards and promotions in April! Fantastic work by everyone and a special thank you to all the families who graciously give their unwavering support!

Congratulations to the following Chester County Middle School Science Fair Winners. Saanvi Subramanya won second place in microbiology, Jude Soltesz won first place in consumer science, and Robbie Nyemscek won a special award in Chemistry. Saanvi went on to compete in the Delaware Valley Science Fair, where she was awarded first place in microbiology. Saanvi will compete in the Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge being held this summer. Saanvi's project is titled "Gut Guardians: The Role of Herbal Extracts in Shaping Gut Flora".

Congratulations to the Envirothon team, who competed at the Chester County Envirothon competition on April 24th at Hibernia Park. The team placed 8th out of 23 teams and worked together to solve problems and answer questions about wildlife, forestry, soils, aquatics, and current issues. This year's theme is "Roots and Resiliency, Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change". Members of the team include Avery Glick, Aarav Garg, Ruthika Yelamanchili, Harry Hess, and Jackson Stoltzfus.



Ingrid Fake



Spring Orchestra Concert



Gifted Seminar



MS Envirothon Team



NJROTC Promotion Ceremony

High School Honors



On May 28, Our Owen J. Roberts High School graduating Wildcats took one last walk through their old elementary schools. Cheered on by their former teachers and principals, and surrounded by future graduating classes, our students celebrated the journeys that have led to their big, upcoming milestone. Video is available on our YouTube channel at https://youtu.be/Xrdv4W9_e1Q.

This past May, our Choir enjoyed their end of the year banquet with good food, good friends and good times, and we also celebrated our s graduating International Baccalaureates (IB) with a special recognition program. The International Baccalaureate is an internationally recognized educational program for students aged 3 to 19 that aims to develop well-rounded individuals who

are inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring, and who are also prepared for success in higher education and the global world.

We celebrated 11 of our amazing seniors who intend to pursue careers in education signed a letter of commitment to uphold the highest standards of education for their future students. Surrounded by the amazing OJR teachers who taught and inspired them, our Wildcats gave us a glimpse into the future of a great and proud profession! Our appreciation to the Roberts Education Association for making this special evening possible, our gratitude to the families who allowed us the chance to teach their children, and our highest hopes for all of our soon-to-graduate seniors!

Congratulations to all of our 2025 Art Show Winners! Take a look at their amazing creations as part of this gallery!

Our Wildcats had a fantastic time at the Best Buddies Luncheon on May 20, as well as at this year's Special Olympics!

Our 7ups Show Choir competed at Music in the Parks at Hershey Park, where they received a Superior Rating, won 1st in HS Show Choir, 1st Overall Choir and Cecily Vu was awarded top soloist! Our choir also displayed their talented during an amazing Spring Concert, which can be viewed on our YouTube channel!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Band Spring Concert! A special thank you to Mr. Todd Mengel for more than 30 years of happy moments, amazing performances, and for a lifetime of memories!

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Film Festival! Congratulations to our girls lacrosse team on winning the 2025 PAC Championship!

Students' celebrated their futures at the first annual Senior Decision Day Celebration! Representing colleges, universities, trade schools, military commitments and more, our Wildcats were proud to share sneak previews of their post-graduation plans. Thank you to our amazing staff for their work to create this event, to our parents, guardians and families for their support, and congratulations to our Wildcats as they make their dreams come true!

Congratulations to the Envirothon team for placing fourth out of twenty schools at the Chester County Envirothon that was held on Thursday, April 24th! Members of the team competed in forestry, wildlife, soils, aquatics, and current issues. This year's theme is "Roots and Resiliency, Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change". Our team members are: Nola Buckley, Sophia Damasceno, Thomas DeCaro, Alexandra Lyons, and Lily Roberson. The team worked together to solve problems and answer questions about nature and the environment!

Congratulations to our Wildcats who displayed their amazing work during a this year's art exhibit, in addition to all of our Wildcats who were inducted into the National Art Honor Society (NAHS)! The purpose of NAHS is to assist student members in attaining their highest potential in all forms of art and to raise awareness of art education throughout the school and community.

Owen J. Roberts High School's yearbook, The Ledger, has been recognized for excellence and featured in the Jostens Look Book 2025, celebrating the best-of-the-best in yearbook design and

inclusivity.



Choir Banquet



Internal Baccalaureates



Celebrating our future teachers



The 7ups



Envirothon Team



HR Heartbeat: Celebrating OJR's Amazing Team

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The OJR Employee of the Month Award is presented to members of our team who exemplify the Wildcat spirit and our district's commitment to, “Do the right thing at the right time for the right reason.”

We are thrilled to recognize Laura Vanemon as our March 2025 Employee of the Month and Tina Brewer as our April 2025 recipient.

Laura is the Librarian at West Vincent Elementary and has worked in our district for almost 18 years.

Tina is a a Lead Custodian at Owen J. Roberts Middle School and has worked in our district for almost 15 years.

You can watch their surprise announcements, and many other exciting videos featuring our Wildcat staff and students, on OJR's YouTube Channel.



Laura Vanemon



Tina Brewer

A Welcome Message from the OJR Education Foundation's New Executive Director, Kelly Grosser

Dear Fellow Wildcats,

It is with great pride that I share my newly appointed role as the part-time Executive Director of the Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation.

I come to this role with years of professional experience both as an educator and as a non-profit leader. It is the combination of that experience and my deeply rooted Wildcat PRIDE that makes this work so exciting. Born and raised in the district, my husband and I are both surrounded by families and friends that have been embedded in the OJR community for decades. For the past 18 years, we have had the pleasure of raising our children in the district ('24, '28, '29), too.

The OJR Education Foundation is an incredible asset for our shared community. Did you know that the Education Foundation:

- Sponsors mini-grants for teachers in support of innovative projects?
- Awards Staff Member Tributes nominated and delivered by students?
- Oversees the Legacy Memorial Bricks that pave the way to Wildcat Stadium?
- Accepts United Way and payroll deductions?
- Honors Distinguished Alumni and grants Community Service Awards annually?
- Hosts an alumni directory with plans to increase Alumni activities?
- Is eligible to receive Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) from local businesses to direct funds back into the district?
- Is looking for Board Members, Committee Members, Volunteers, and beyond?

The Foundation's Board and I believe that the students, teachers, staff, and community of our beautiful district should have the tools and opportunities they need, desire, and deserve. Whether you're interested in supporting these efforts with your time, talents, or treasures, we'd love to hear from you. Simply select "Contact" at ojref.org and tell us more about your interests and ideas!
If you're able to join me in making a donation to support the great work of the Foundation, visit ojref.org and select the red "Donate Now" button in the top right corner. Your generosity is always welcome and deeply appreciated!

The future of the OJR EF is bright and I am so thrilled to be part of it. Please consider joining us as we imagine the next chapter of this valuable work together.

With pride and gratitude,

Kelly McClimon-Grosser, OJR Class of 1996





Register Online Today for OJR's Summer Enrichment Camps!

A variety of summer camps and OJR enrichment opportunities are now open for students of all ages, offering them a place to come together to play, learn and grow!
The entire Wildcat Community can view the 2025 Summer Enrichment Program Preview Brochureand register online at https://www.ojrsd.com/Domain/1991.

For more information or questions, please email Missy Walton at mwalton@ojrsd.net, or Heidi Lehmann at hlehmann@ojrsd.net.



Cooking Camp



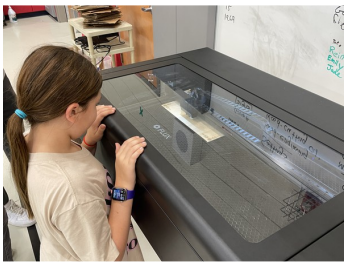
Baking Camp



Healthy Living Camp



Dessert Camp



Engineers Think Tank Camp



Lego Engineers Camp



Learn All About Full-Day-Kindergarten in OJR and Register Today!

Registration is open for full-day-kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year in the Owen J. Roberts School District (OJR). For the first time in the district's history, full-day-kindergarten instruction will be available at OJR's five elementary schools - East Coventry Elementary, East Vincent Elementary, French Creek Elementary, North Coventry Elementary and West Vincent Elementary. Learn more about this expanded learning option for families, and view answers to frequently asked questions, by visiting our Full-Day Kindergarten web portal!

All children who live within the school district, and who will attain the age of five on or before September 1, 2025, are eligible to attend school for the 2025-26 school year. Families can register online by clicking here. At the end of the online registration process, families can make an appointment to complete the registration process at their community elementary school on either March 5 or March 6, 2025. Families who are new to the school district or who are unsure of their child's school can also use OJR's online school locator tool.

Full-day-kindergarten was originally approved by the OJR Board of School Directors in January 2024, following the recommendation of the school district's administration. The implementation of full-day-kindergarten in OJR will directly benefit students by creating a solid basis for future academic success - including teaching students how to be lifelong learners, allowing for a deeper dive into content and enabling teachers to guide students at a slower pace. In addition, the program will improve the ability of teachers to reteach concepts and enrich the classroom experience for students, and introduce OJR's youngest learners to a wider range of subjects.

The full-day program will also provide more opportunities for academic content and a structured classroom environment, while enabling staff to support emotional learning and focus on students' social development and their ability to build peer connections. It comes with significant support from the community and from district staff.

"Our community has been clear in its desire to see Owen J. Roberts pursue full-day-kindergarten and to have schools provide greater educational opportunities to our students," said Dr. Will Stout, superintendent. "Our teachers who have previously taught both full-day and half-day classes, also shared their belief that the quality of time spent teaching and building relationships with the students was significantly better as part of full-day kindergarten. We cannot wait to welcome our newest and youngest students into our thriving OJR Wildcat Community."

Owen J. Roberts students, including those in kindergarten, will begin the 2025-2026 school year on Monday, August 25. Visit www.ojrsd.com for more information.



SUN Meals Available for Children All Summer!

An important reminder for all Wildcat Families: children 18 and under can enjoy meals at participating meal sites this summer. SUN Meals are free and help your kids get the nutrition they need all summer long.

For more info, visit: **https://www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sitefinder**, or call 1-866-3HUNGRY or 1-877-8HAMBRE, or text “FOOD” or “COMIDA” to 914-342-7744.

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Approved site locations are uploaded to the Summer Site Finder annually beginning mid-May.
Throughout the summer, additional sites are added weekly as they are approved.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Discover no-cost meals to fuel their summer

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