

OSTRANDER NEWS

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From the Desk of Ms. Hoyt

November is here, and as the leaves fall, we're settling into routines and embracing all the wonderful things that make our school community shine.

We *donut* know what we would do without your incredible support—thank you for making our PBIS Donut Fundraiser a sweet success!

It was also awesome to see so many families at our **Trunk or Treat** event! The creativity, community spirit, and smiles truly showcased what makes Ostrander so amazing. A huge shout-out to our dedicated teachers and PTO for their hard work in making it all happen.

Friendly reminder that **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are coming up. We encourage you to stay in touch with your child's teacher throughout the year. Open communication is key to student success!



We are grateful for YOU

Research has shown that gratitude can enhance our moods, decrease stress, and improve our overall wellbeing. November is the perfect time to reflect on what we are grateful for. We at Ostrander Elementary School are grateful for **YOU** – our students, our parents, our community. Our partnership is so important to the success of our students. Thank you for being part of our Ostrander Family!

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Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 25. Report cards and STAR reports will be distributed at this conference. If you have not yet scheduled your appointment, please call the Main Office at (845) 895-7225. As a reminder, elementary students will be released at 11:00 a.m.

School Picture Retake/Absentee

Say cheese! Upstate Images will return on Wednesday, November 12 to photograph newly enrolled students as well as those who were absent on September 30, our original school picture day. If you would like your child's photo retaken, simply return the original picture package on retake day.

After-School Academic Support

IMPORTANT NOTE: There will be NO after-school academic support on the following dates:

- Thursday, November 6
- Monday, November 24
- Tuesday, November 25

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is overflowing! Please take a moment on Parent-Teacher Conference Day to stop in the lobby to look for your child's missing items – or encourage your child(ren) to look during the school day.

Fire Prevention Month

October was Fire Prevention Month. Our gratitude and thanks go to the Wallkill Fire Department and their firefighters for meeting with our UPK through 6th grade classrooms to teach our students the importance of fire safety.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

895-7225 Announcement Line
895-7232 Attendance Office
895-7231 Health Office
895-7229 Health Office Fax
895-7225 Main Office
895-8043 Main Office Fax

Upcoming Events

- 11/6 Ulster County Evacuation & Early Dismissal Day (no more than 15 minutes)
- 11/7 End of First Quarter
- 11/10 Panther Cub Challenge @ Wallkill HS Track
- 11/11 Schools Closed for Holiday
- 11/12 Picture Re-take Day
- 11/18 PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 11/19 Scholastic Book Fair to 11/25
- 11/19 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Plattekill Elementary School
- 11/21 UPK Fall Gathering
- 11/24 5th Grade Field Trip to The Ashokan Center
- 11/25 K-12 Early Release/Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 11/26 Superintendent's Conference Day (No School for Students)
- 11/27 Schools Closed for Holiday Happy Thanksgiving!
- 11/28 Schools Closed for Holiday



October's PAWSitive Students

Emma Alicea
Zoey Balzer
Leonidas Bistrain Luna
Abigail Bleakley
Ayden Bogle
Estella Brown
Lucy Bucko
Carlie Bulson
Carlos Cedeno
Sofia Cedeno Rodriguez
Kayla Conboy
Declan Connelly
Julia Crispell
Matthew Del Orbe
Chloe DiBlanca
Aela DuBois
Elisif DuBois

Noah Gallego-Auger
Bella Gillis
Jackson Gomez
Olivia Hedden
Nataly Martinez
Victoria Martinez
Shoshana Mendoza
Richard Rapozo
Ainsley Reeves
Andrew Reeves
Lake Shultis
Augustus Siruchek
Ethan Strock
Ellev Timm
Liam Usewicz
Chloe Vertullo

One Team, Everyone Succeeds

Each month, we will recognize and celebrate students who demonstrate a positive character trait. We are excited to celebrate our amazing students!

NOVEMBER'S TRAIT is Enthusiastic

Here are some ways to show enthusiasm in school:

- 1. Smile when you enter the classroom and say, "Good morning!"**
 - 2. Raise your hand when you have an idea or answer.**
 - 3. Try new things – even if they seem tricky.**
 - 4. Use positive language like, "This is fun!" Or "I'm excited about this!"**
 - 5. Clap or cheer when someone does something great.**
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