

Owatonna Online

Grades 4-6

November 2025



A Message from the Principal

As we move into November, I want to share my heartfelt gratitude for our Owatonna Online families, students, and staff. Every day, I see your dedication, creativity, and resilience reflected in our learning community. Whether it's students making progress in their courses, parents supporting learning from home, or teachers finding new ways to engage learners—we are truly better together.

Wishing you a wonderful month filled with gratitude, learning, and connection.

— Dr. Martina Wagner
Principal, Owatonna Online 4–6

Parent-Teacher Conferences (November 10, 13 and 14)

Mr. Alvarez will be reaching out soon with more details and the link to sign up for your conference time. We look forward to connecting with every family!

Date: November 10 & 13

Time: 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Date: November 14

Time: All Day (No school for students on this day)

Fun Family Ideas to Enjoy Together

As the weather cools, here are a few cozy ideas to enjoy at home with your Owatonna Online learner:

- **Gratitude Jar:** Have each family member write one thing they're thankful for every day and share them at the end of the month.
- **Family Book Club:** Choose a short book or series to read together—students love sharing favorite parts over hot cocoa!
- **STEM at Home:** Build a simple catapult with popsicle sticks, rubber bands, and a spoon—then measure how far mini marshmallows can fly.
- **Cooking Challenge:** Let your student plan and help cook one family meal each week. Great for math, science, and teamwork!
- **Game Night Fun:** Rotate who picks the game each Friday. Uno, Pictionary, or even trivia nights can be a blast!

We'd love to feature your family fun moments! 📸

Send a photo to Mr. Alvarez or Dr. Martina Wagner to showcase in our next newsletter.

Gratitude for the Month

November is all about gratitude—and it's the perfect time to pause and reflect on what we're thankful for.

Here are a few short videos to spark conversations at home:

- [Kid President Explains Gratitude](#)
- [What is Gratitude & 4 Ways To Practice](#)

We'd love to hear from you! What are you and your learner most grateful for this month? Send us a quick note or photo to share.

Parent & Guardian Observer Accounts

If you are a parent or guardian of a 4–6 grade Owatonna Online student, you can request a Pearson Connexus Observer Account to stay connected to your child's learning.

An Observer Account allows you to:

- View your student's progress and grades
- See due dates for assignments
- Monitor course activity and pacing

To get started, please reach out to Mr. Alvarez or Dr. Martina Wagner (Principal) to set up your account.

 Watch this short video overview to learn more about how Observer Accounts work:

 [Pearson Connexus Observer Overview](#)

School Board Votes Unanimously



At the June 16 School Board meeting, the Owatonna School Board voted unanimously to hold a special election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, asking voters to consider an increase to the district's operating levy.

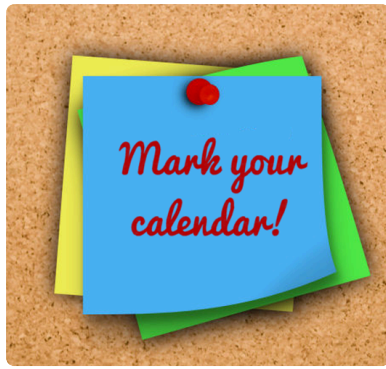
The proposal reflects a shared approach by balancing district budget reductions with a request for increased community support, to help:

- maintain class sizes
- retain high-quality staff
- sustain strong academic, arts, and athletic programs

Learn more about the need for this levy and what it means for students and families by visiting: isd761.org/levy.

Important Dates

- **October 31:** End of 1st Quarter
- **November 3:** No School (Teacher workday)
- **November 10 & 13:** Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:00-7:00 PM
- **November 14:** All-Day Conferences (No School for Students)
- **November 26-28:** No School (Thanksgiving break)
- **December 24-January 2:** No School (Winter break)



Infinite Campus Log In

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[Infinite Campus Student Portal](#)



- **The username** is the first part of the student's email address.

(no '@isd761.org' on the end)

- **Password** is the same as the student's Google login (lunch pin).

Student Email Accounts



Students - We email you information often, so please access your email daily! All students have school email accounts and will need to log in daily. Students can do this by doing the following:

Go to gmail.com

Sign in using the following information:

USERNAME: first initial, last name @isd761.org **example:
jdoe@isd761.org

PASSWORD: lunch pin number.

Owatonna Online School Student Handbook

Crisis Response



CRISIS RESPONSE
For Southeast Minnesota

The crisis response inspires hope in adults, children, youth, and their families by delivering compassionate, person-centered, recovery-based mental health support during a crisis. Please do not hesitate to use this as a resource.
1-844-274-7472

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline



If you need suicide or mental health crisis support or are worried about someone else, please call or text 988 or visit the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline chat to connect with a trained crisis specialist.

Attendance

GENERAL ATTENDANCE LINE- **507-444-8012**

Call between 7:00-9:00 AM or prior to your student's absence.

PARENT PORTAL - Great resource to check your student's attendance!

Review your profile settings regarding automated notifications, current email, and phone numbers.

Owatonna Online STAFF

- Mr. Ruben Alvarez – Teacher (Grades 4–6) (ralvarez1@isd761.org)
 - Liz Morsching – Social Worker (emorsching@isd761.org)
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 - Luke Holt – Phy Ed Teacher (lholt@isd761.org)
 - Xandra Sorenson – Music Teacher (xsorenson@isd761.org)
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TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

If you are experiencing a technology issue while learning from home, you can contact the Owatonna Public Schools Technology Department by leaving a message on the Technology Hotline at studenthelp.isd761.org. A member of the Technology Department will contact you as soon as possible during Technology Help Desk hours.



Technology Help Desk

Technology Help Desk Hours:

Monday - Friday

7:30 am - 3:30 pm

507-444-8630

Important Links

[Facebook](#)

[School Calendars](#)

[Community Flyers/ Peachjar](#)

[Technology and Innovation](#)

[Nutrition Services](#)

[Children's Remedial Fund](#)

Parent Portal

[Campus Parent English](#)

[Campus Parent Spanish](#)

[Campus Parent Somali](#)



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