

OSTRANDER NEWS

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From the Desk of Ms. Hoyt

Happy March! Thank you to everyone who came out for Family Board Game Night! It was so nice to relax, laugh, and play together. Huge thanks to our amazing staff for organizing the fun *and* keeping us fueled with yummy pasta!



March kicks off our S.O.A.R. (Students of Ostrander Are Readers) Reading Challenge, and we couldn't be more excited. When kids read with their families, they discover just how magical books can be—and all the places they can take us! We will also participate in a schoolwide Drop Everything and Read Day, which is sure to spark even more reading joy.

Our goal: 100,000 minutes as one school community. Because when it comes to "One Team, Everyone Succeeds," Ostrander always rises to the challenge. And yes... if we hit our goal, I will be doing something wonderfully wacky and wild. Stay tuned!

Happy Spring!

Upcoming Events

- 3/2-6 Read Across America Week
- 3/6-7 YEMS, All-County Orchestra Festival
- 3/7-8 Unplugged Challenge
- 3/10 Spring Picture Day
- 3/10 PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 3/11 Ostrander Jump for Health 3:30 p.m.
- 3/13-14 All-County Band Festival
- 3/18 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ OES
- 3/19 Elementary Honors Band & Orchestra Concert 7:00 p.m. @ JGBMS
- 3/24 4th Grade Recorder/Orchestra Concert 9:00 a.m.
- 3/24 Science Fair Project Drop-off 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- 3/25 Science Fair 5:30 p.m.
- 3/30 Spring Recess Begins
- 4/7 Schools Reopen

NYS Assessments

Next month we begin to administer NYS assessments to students. The testing schedule is as follows:

- ELA (Grades 3-6):** April 29-30
- Math (Grades 3-6):** May 5-6
- Science (Grade 5):** April 14

Please be sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.

Attention 6th Grade Families

It's time to submit a baby picture and short message for the 2025-2026 Ostrander yearbook! Email by March 25th to: ostranderyearbook@gmail.com.

Read Across America Spirit Week

Let's celebrate with a week of reading fun from Monday, March 2 through Friday, March 6.

Monday: Cozy Up, D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read)

Tuesday: Reading Brings Color to Our Lives

Wednesday: Reading Gives Us Superpowers

Thursday: Reading Takes Us Places

Friday: Celebrate the Magic of Reading

After-School Program

The K-6 after-school program for ELA and Math resumed on Monday, February 23 and will run through Thursday, May 14. There will be no program the week of April 6. Each session begins at 3:30 p.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. Parents/guardians should arrive promptly at the conclusion of the program to pick up their child(ren).

OSTRANDER ELEMENTARY IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- 895-7225 Announcement Line
- 895-7232 Attendance Office
- 895-7231 Health Office
- 895-7229 Health Office Fax
- 895-7225 Main Office
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February's
PAWS-itive
Students of the Month
"HONEST"

Liam Arciero
Julian Balbuena
Ella Brown
Kyler Capwell
Isabel Cedeno
Marcel Charlesworth III
Eva Clark
Christopher DeGroot
Hannah Fernandez
Jason Fitzsimmons
Bradley Franklin
Cooper Franklin
Isabella Giudice
Blake Graham
Sarah Griffiths
Fernando Gudiel
Cole Haecker
Brayden Henry
Carter Henry
Landon Henry
Bennett Hill
Gabriella Marmolejos
Arlin Morales Gregorio
Evan Prokosch
Audrey Provanzana
Edward Provanzana
Alvaro Rodriguez Mejia
Chase Sinsabaugh
Evan Southwell
Harper Street
Kaia Timm
Brooke Villano
Beckham Wiegmann
Kelsey Wohlgemuth

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!

MARCH'S TRAIT
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KIND

What does it mean to be kind?

- Someone who enjoys bringing others happiness, is overall very friendly, and takes the feelings of others into consideration. They are consistent in the way they treat people.
- What is one kind thing that you did today?
- What is one kind thing that you can do tomorrow?

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anything
♥ be kind ♥