



OSTRANDER NEWS

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Upcoming Events

- 5/4 PTO Meeting with Board of Education Budget Presentation 7:00 p.m.
- 5/5-6 NYS Mathematics Assessments
- 5/7 TAG Presentation (WSHS)
- 5/8 Schools Closed for Superintendent's Conference Day
- 5/12 6th Grade Visit to JGBMS
- 5/13 NYSSMA Majors
- 5/13 2nd Grade Field Trip to Hudson Valley Renegades
- 5/15 Frozen Jr Assembly 10:00 a.m. (UPK-3rd grade)
- 5/15 Elementary Music Field Trip to Six Flags
- 5/15 End of 5-week Marking Period
- 5/15 UPK Donuts with Grown-Ups 2:00 p.m.
- 5/18 Ostrander Spring Concert 7:00 p.m. (OES Gymnasium)
- 5/19 3rd Grade Field Trip to Locust Grove
- 5/19 5th Grade Field Trip to Bronx Zoo
- 5/19 Annual Budget Vote and Election 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- 5/20 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. (PES)
- 5/21 Be-You-tiful Day (WSHS)
Rain date: 5/22
- 5/25 Schools Closed for Holiday
- 5/26 Schools Closed (giveback day)
- 5/28 6th Grade Olympics (WSHS)
Rain date: 5/29

From the Desk of Ms. Hoyt

May is here, and that means the countdown to the end of the school year has officially begun! This month, students in grades 3 through 6 will be taking the Math State Assessment, and we know they're ready to show all they've learned!

We're also excited to celebrate the end of our *successful Reading Challenge* with a special visit from Rascal, the mascot from the Hudson Valley Renegades, on 5/14! Even more exciting, our schoolwide reward, chosen by student vote, will be duct taping *me* to the wall! Sounds like a sticky situation I've gotten myself in! 😊

Finally, Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week is May 4–8, and our staff truly deserves the spotlight. We encourage families to share a kind note, email, or message with your child's teacher to let them know just how wonderful and appreciated they are.

Let's finish the year strong, Ostrander!

Field Trips

Field trip season is in full swing! As a reminder, pink field trip permission slips need to be completed in full (both sides) and returned to school at least two weeks prior to any field trip. Bagged lunches are available through the school cafeteria. Orders must be placed five school days prior to the trip. Please ask your child's teacher for an order form.

Blue Communication Folders

The school provides teacher-parent communication folders for all students. Please look in this folder daily for important school news and updates. The left side may contain items that should be returned to school.

Field Days

Mark your calendars! Ostrander's field days are as follows:

June 2 - Grade 1-5

June 3 - UPK & K

Rain dates are June 4 and 5.

Graduation/Moving Up Celebrations

We are looking ahead to some important milestones. More information coming soon!

June 10 - 5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation

June 18 - UPK Moving Up Ceremony

June 24 - 6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony

NYS Assessments

New York State Mathematic assessments for students in grades 3 through 6 will be held on Tuesday, May 5 and Wednesday, May 6. Computer-based tests will be administered to all grades. Please be sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast. As always, reach out to your child's teacher with any questions.

Memorial Day Extended Weekend

As a reminder schools are closed on Monday, May 25 in celebration of the Memorial Day holiday. In addition, since we have one snow/emergency day remaining, schools will be closed on May 26. We hope you enjoy this extended break.

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APRIL

Posi-tive Students of the Month *-Patient-*

Keira Bell
Evan Boss
Maria Caetano Peters
Carlos Cedeno
Amelia Collins
Jaiya Colon
Colson Demmer
Raelyn Demmer
Danny Erazo Morocho
Aden Garcia Sanchez
Kellen Gillis
Jeremy Hernandez Perez
Bridget Kievit
Dylan Kreuzscher
Tristan Lanham
Victoria Martinez
Skylar Mason

Aiden Meehan
Sawyer Puchalski
Hazel Quiroz
William Reilly Jr.
Ellis Ruiz
Brysen Selear
Liviana Sessa
Hazel Troychock
Jonah Troychock
Eliana Vallejo
Blake Vernooy
Paige Vertullo
Eloise Walsh
Emma Walsh
Oryan Weygant
Danielle Wickman
Miles Yocum

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!

May's trait is: AMBITIOUS

What does it mean to be ambitious?

Someone who demonstrates a positive attitude, is often optimistic, comes to school with a smile, and attempts to make the best of situations.