OSTRANDER NEWS

November 2026



From the Desk of Ms. Hoyt

Our recent Red Ribbon Spirit Week was a tremendous success. It was wonderful to see so many creative Community Helpers and to watch students proudly express their individuality while reinforcing the importance of making healthy, positive choices. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the week so memorable.

A special thank you also goes to our PTO for organizing another fantastic Trunk or Treat. The amount of candy was incredible and truly a testament to the generosity and support of our school community. Events like these remind us how fortunate we are to have such engaged families and volunteers.

This week, we will participate in our Emergency Release Day drill. Please take a few moments to talk with your child about the importance of taking safety drills seriously. Practicing these procedures helps us strengthen our plans and ensures we are prepared to keep everyone safe in the event of a real emergency.

As we enter the season of gratitude, I want to share how thankful I am to be part of the Ostrander community. The smiles and hugs that greet me each morning, the conversations I have with students throughout the day, and the friendly interactions with families all remind me what a special place Ostrander is. I am grateful for every student, staff member, family, and community partner who contributes to making our school such a welcoming and supportive place.

Thank you for all you do. We are PAWSitively Better Together!



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 23. Report cards and STAR reports will be distributed at this conference. If you have not yet scheduled your appointment, please contact your child's teacher. As a reminder, elementary students will be released at 11:00 a.m. on this day.

School Picture Retake/Absentee

Say cheese! Upstate Images will return on Tuesday, November 10 to photograph newly enrolled students as well as those who were absent on October 7, our original school picture day. If you would like your child's photo retaken, simply return the original picture package on retake day.

Lost and Found

We are two months into the school year and our lost and found is already full! Please take a moment before or after your parent-teacher conference to stop in the lobby to look for any missing items – or encourage your child(ren) to look during the school day. Clothes are periodically donated to a local charity.

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

11/2	Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Pickup 1:00-3:00 p.m.
11/3	Superintendent's Conference Day (No School for Students)
11/4	Bus Safety Drills
11/5	Ulster County Evacuation/ Early Dismissal Day (no more than 15 minutes)
11/9	Panther Cub Challenge @ Wallkill HS Track
11/10	Picture Re-take Day
11/10	3rd Grade Field Trip to Bardavon Theatre
11/11	Schools Closed for Holiday
11/13	End of First Quarter
11/16	PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
11/17	UPK Fall Gathering 2:00 p.m.
11/17-24	Scholastic Book Fair
11/18	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Plattekill Elementary School
11/23	Parent-Teacher Conferences/Early Release 11:00 a.m.
11/24	Early Release 12:45 p.m.
11/25-27	Schools Closed for Holiday
Looking ahead:	
12/11	PTO Holiday Event 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Fire Prevention Month

October was Fire Prevention Month. Our gratitude and thanks go to the Wallkill Fire Department for hosting an assembly and truck viewing with our UPK through 6th grade classrooms to teach our students the importance of fire safety.

October's PAWSitively HONEST Students

Emma Alicea
Zoey Balzer
Caleb Cabrera
Jayden Capwell
Clara Carney
Katerina Carubia
Aiden Colon
Sofia Ellison
Logan Figueroa
Jason Fitzsimmons
Adam Gallego-Auger
Pedro Garcia
Bridget Kievit
Nicholas Killian
Theodore Kleis
Elaina Kolbinskie
Aubrey Lamendola
Wyatt Lee
Jacob MacEsker
Avery Markham
Nataly Martinez
Norman Moreno-Garcia
Mason Muñoz
Leanna Nilo
Daniella Quick
Dominic Regino
Noah Robles
Lillian Slivka
Shae Stark
Hudson Street
Jamie Surajbali
Hazel Troychock
Brooke Villano
Caitlyn Watt
Jacob Widom

November's trait is helpful.

