

EAGLE NEWS

JANUARY 2017



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Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

Welcome to a brand new calendar year! I hope the Winter Break was restful and meaningful for all. We can't wait to pick back up with learning at Brown!

We will start this year with art in the schools. The PTO has sponsored an "artist in residence" to visit each classroom twice. Students will complete two projects under the direction of a certificated art teacher. We are so lucky to have this opportunity and look forward to the wonderfully creative art which will be created! An Art Show will provide parents and the community the chance to join in the appreciation of our students' art work. An evening event will be scheduled for February, allowing us all to marvel at the creativity of our students! A special thanks to our PTO for making this possible!

January marks the final few weeks of our first semester of learning. Report cards will be sent home to families on Friday, February 10. The report cards provide teachers a means to communicate a student's progress to students and families. More information will come in the February newsletter regarding these report cards. The first semester officially ends on January 27.

I wish you each a smooth return to the rhythm and schedule of school. Though it is important to have a break from the routine, we as a staff are eager to get back to work and support the growth and learning of our students. Welcome Back!!

With warm regards,
Mr. Lang

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS...

JANUARY 2017

- 1/9-1/13—SNACK DRIVE
- 1/16—NO SCHOOL
- 1/18—HALF DAY/EARLY RELEASE (12:30PM)
- 1/18—PTO GENERAL MEETING IN LIBRARY (6:30-7:30PM)
- 1/25—BROWN'S WORLD
- 1/27—HALF DAY/EARLY RELEASE (12:30PM)
- 1/27—CHARACTER ASSEMBLY (PERSERVERANCE) (10:30AM)

FEBRUARY 2017

- 2/1—HALF DAY/EARLY REALEASE (12:30PM)
- 2/10—ART SHOW (6-7PM) TENTATIVE—WATCH FOR FLYER
- 2/20-2/21—MID WINTER BREAK/NO SCHOOL
- 2/22— BROWN'S WORLD/EUROPE
- 2/22—OJP 1ST-2ND GRADE (12-2:30PM)
- 2/23—EVERY PENNY COUNTS FUNDRAISER ENDS
- 2/24—CHARACTER ASSEMBLY (CREATIVITY) (3PM)

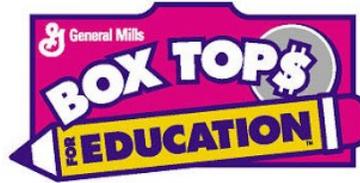


BROWN'S WORLD

On January 25th, Brown's World testing will be on *Europe*, please contact collette.rauch@live.com if you are able to volunteer to help test the students.

BOX TOPS

Box tops will be collected from each classroom on the last Thursday of each month and the class that brings in the most each month will receive a popcorn party. Please watch for some sheets being sent home for the students to put their cutout box tops on. This makes things a lot easier for the box top coordinator when counting them to redeem.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Counselor's Corner

Kathie Wade, LP Brown Counselor

Perseverance is our character trait focus for the month of January. Perseverance is also known as determination, persistence, effort, grit, endurance ... and means to stay with something and try your hardest until it's finished - even if it's hard or not fun. Perseverance is the way to achieve in life. Students were introduced to the concept of perseverance at our monthly character assembly that was held right before Winter Break. During the month, teachers and staff will be doing activities with students related to perseverance. You can do this at home, too. Here are some websites that talk about how you might go about talking about and practicing perseverance at home:

<http://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/style/how-to-teach-kids-perseverance-goal-setting/>

<http://www.parenttoolkit.com/index.cfm?objectid=08656DA0-6C3C-11E4-876B0050569A5318>

<http://www.rootsofaction.com/teaching-children-perseverance-and-the-value-of-work/>

The sooner we work with our children on the importance of hard work and doing your best, the sooner they will develop intrinsic motivation and the drive to achieve good things!



Next month.....Creativity

Volunteer SIGN-UP



We Need Volunteers

L.P. Brown is looking for volunteers to help our students grow academically, socially and emotionally. We love having classroom volunteers but this year we are also looking for adults who would be willing to be a mentor and role model for students. Just coming in to eat lunch and hang out at recess for an hour a week can mean so much to a child. If this sounds like something you would be willing to do please let us know by contacting Mr. Brownsmith at abrownsmith@osd.wednet.edu and visit the OSD website at <http://osd.wednet.edu/community/volunteer> to become an approved volunteer.

COLD WEATHER ATTIRE

The mornings are getting frosty and the average daily temperatures are dropping and staying low for most of the day. We do encourage students to wear coats when going to recess. We ask that parents also remind their children to wear their coats and gloves at recess. Please note that although hats are not worn in the building or class, children are of course permitted to wear them out at recess or when coming and going to school.



INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

Please keep the following information readily available in case you need to check if school has been cancelled or delayed due to weather or other emergency conditions. Radio: KGY 1240AM OR 96.9FM; and KXXO/MIXX 96.1 FM. Internet: <http://osd.wednet.edu> or <http://psecs.wednet.edu>. Parents, please keep in mind that there is no student supervision when school starts late or is cancelled. Web or media alerts will inform families if emergency/snow bus routes are being used. For more information access the EMERGENCY INFORMATION under the Activities & Services link on the OSD home page at <http://osd.wednet.edu>.

Notice of Nondiscrimination 2016-17 School Year

The Olympia School District will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request to individuals with disabilities.

The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies, reports of alleged sexual harassment, concerns about compliance, and/or grievance procedures: Jeff Carpenter, Title IX Officer, (360) 596-8544; Kari Lewinsohn, Section 504 and ADA Coordinator, (360) 596-7538; and Scott Niemann, Affirmative Action Officer and Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator, (360) 596-6193. All three individuals may also be contacted at 1113 Legion Way S.E., Olympia, WA, 98501.



Learn All About Kindergarten event set for February 11

The Olympia School District will hold its annual "Learn All About Kindergarten" informational event starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 11 at Capital High School.

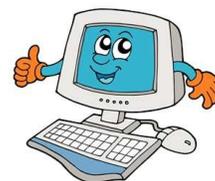
If you know of neighbors or friends who have a child entering kindergarten in the Olympia School District in fall 2017, please share this information with them and encourage them to attend this free event. Capital High School is located at 2707 Conger Ave. N.W. in Olympia.

The event begins at 10 a.m. with a welcome by Superintendent Dick Cvitanich. Families will then have until 11:30 a.m. to visit school booths set up in the high school gym and learn about a variety of topics related to kindergarten and school in general.

Among other things, families may learn about kindergarten program options, riding the bus, how to register for kindergarten and how to use the district's Family Access student information system to stay updated on everything from grades to lunch accounts. The school district's Transportation department will also have a school bus on site for parents to learn about bus safety and rules, and to see the inside of the bus.

A reminder that children should be 5 years old by August 31, 2017 to be eligible to start kindergarten in September 2017. The event is geared for adults of incoming kindergartners in the Olympia School District. Childcare is not provided.

After the Learn All About Kindergarten event, families are invited to visit the 3rd Annual OSD Technology Fair in the Capital High School Commons. The Technology Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will showcase how technology tools are used to support student learning.



3rd Annual OSD Technology Fair is February 11

Mark your calendars for the 3rd annual OSD Technology Fair on Saturday, February 11 at Capital High School.

The free event, which is open to all students, families and the community, will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the high school Commons, 2707 Conger Ave. N.W. in Olympia.

School booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will showcase a variety of ways that students and teachers use digital tools to support the learning process.

Fair visitors are also invited to watch student technology challenge presentations from 1-3 p.m. Each school has an opportunity to enter a student team in a technology challenge to be revealed the morning of the Technology Fair. Teams will work collaboratively on the challenge from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and present to the audience in the afternoon.

Elementary school students will present their technology challenge from 1-2 p.m. Middle and high school students will present how they responded to their challenge from 2-3 p.m.