

EAGLE NEWS

MARCH 2017



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SCIENCE FAIR

Science Fair is Thursday, March 16th. Judging happens at the end of the school day for all participants and we need more judges! If you are interested, contact Mr. Hitchman at jhitchman@osd.wednet.edu or Sarah Maiava at smaiava@osd.wednet.edu. It's easy and a great way to support our students in their learning. Display boards ONLY are being judged so please don't bring experiments or props, just the tri-fold boards. If your child wants to bring their experiment to show, we are welcoming them during our evening exhibition on the 16th that runs from 6:00-7:00 pm. All projects need to be taken home after the exhibition.

Students are to stay by their tri-fold boards during both the judging and the exhibition so others can ask questions of them. All students will be given an opportunity to view the other projects during the school day. We want to thank parents in advance for supporting the science fair and appreciate your supervision during the evening exhibition as we will likely have fragile and or messy experiments on display.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS...

MARCH 2017

- 3/1—HALF DAY/EARLY RELEASE (12:30PM)
- 3/2—BAND CONCERT (7PM AT CAPITAL HS)
- 3/8—JUMP ROPE AND HOOPS FOR HEART ENDS
- 3/9—PTO GENERAL MEETING IN LIBRARY (6:30-7:30PM)
- 3/10—OJP 1ST-2ND GRADE AND DLC (12:30PM)
- 3/16—SCIENCE FAIR
- 3/20—OJP 3RD-5TH GRADES (12:30PM)
- 3/22—BROWN'S WORLD/MIDDLE EAST
- 3/23—EAT AT CHIPOLTE (PTO FUNDRAISER)
- 3/26—GARDEN WORK PARTY
- 3/28-3/31—SPIRIT WEEK/CANNED FOOD DRIVE
- 3/28-3/31—EARLY RELEASE/HALF DAYS (12:30PM)
- 3/28-3/31—CONFERENCE WEEK

APRIL 2017

- 4/3-4/7—SPRING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
- 4/17-4/21—SNACK DRIVE
- 4/20—OJP 3RD-5TH GRADES (12:30PM)
- 4/26—BROWN'S WORLD/ASIA

SPRING FORWARD

Sunday, March 12th turn your clocks ahead 1 hour!



BROWN'S WORLD

On March 22nd, Brown's World testing will be on Middle East, please contact collette.rauch@live.com if you are able to volunteer to help test the students.

Principal's Corner



Dear families,

It is hard to believe that March is already upon us. The flowers will soon bloom and perhaps we will get a break from the winter rains. March also signals the chance to interact more closely with families.

Spring parent/teacher conferences will be held at the end of the month. This is a perfect chance for teachers and families to celebrate the growth of our students, and to discuss areas in need of attention. Scheduling forms will be sent home via backpacks on Monday, March 13. We ask that you respond quickly to the teachers so that schedules can be ironed out. We look forward to seeing you later this month!!

In the spirit of increasing our community connection, I wanted to make everyone aware that there will soon be an opening on the Olympia School Board. The positions are based on one's residence, and our 'area' of town is in need of representation. If you are interested or would like more information, please visit the OSD website for more details.

With warm regards,

Joel Lang

Notice for school newsletters regarding teacher professional development

The Olympia School District is committed to offering professional development to teachers so that they can better meet the needs of all of the students in their classrooms. During the 2016-2017 school year, the district is providing professional development in the areas of: English Language Arts, Mathematics and the Teacher/Principal Evaluation Program. The district welcomes any suggestions or comments about teacher professional development from parents and the community. These can be directed to your building principal or to the OSD K-12 Teaching and Learning office at 596-8585. Thank you for your continued support and interest in improving our schools.

Olympia Junior Program

The following is the schedule for our students to attend the Olympia Junior Programs at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts. Students will depart the school 30 minutes prior to show time and will arrive back at LP Brown approximately 2 hours later. Please schedule appointments for after school time on these days.

1st, 2nd grades & DLC	Peter Rabbit Tales	Friday, March 10th @ 12:30
3rd, 4th & 5th grades	Wings of Courage	Monday, March 20th @ 12:30
3rd, 4th & 5th grades	The Incredible Undersea Trial Of Joeseph P Lawnboy	Thursday, April 20th @ 12:30

Admission fee for 2 plays is \$8. Please make sure you have signed and sent in the OJP envelope. The signed envelope is your student's ticket into the performance.

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT!!



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support LP Brown Elementary PTO. Come in to the Chipotle at **625 Black Lake Blvd. Suite J-22** in Olympia on **Thursday, March 23rd** between **10:45am** and **10:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to LP Brown Elementary PTO.

http://brown.osd.wednet.edu/media/brown/chipolte_flyer.pdf

Counselor's Corner

Kathie Wade, LP Brown Counselor

Our LP Brown Character Strength Focus for March is COURAGE

Hopefully by now you are aware that we have started a new program this year at LP Brown. Each month, we highlight a character strength. We have a schoolwide assembly where we introduce the character strength for the upcoming month. At the assembly, we define the character strength, describe it, explain why it's important, and then have activities throughout the month that focus on the strength. At the end of the month, teachers select a student from their class that has done a great job of demonstrating that strength and those students are recognized at the next schoolwide assembly.

The character strength for March is COURAGE. We believe that all character strengths can be developed – they are not something you are either born with or not. In that spirit, here are some things you can do with your children at home to support development of courage.

When children show apprehension or fear about something, a common response is to say, "Don't be scared" or "Buck up – it's no big deal" or something else along those lines. Having courage doesn't mean that we're not afraid; it means that despite being afraid, we are able to get past our fear and do what needs to be done. When your child is afraid, instead of dismissing their fear, look at it as a chance to help them learn about and practice courage. You could find pictures, videos or stories of people demonstrating courage (try "Googling it" or asking a librarian). You could talk about times where you or another family member have had to face a fear with courage.

Demonstrate courage in your own life and talk about it with your children. Children look to adults to see how to act. Get out of your comfort zone. Try something new yourself. Stand up for something or someone. Be the person you want your child to be.

Don't rush in to solve all of your child's problems or eliminate barriers or allow them to opt out of things that are difficult. That doesn't mean you can't help them or coach them through a tough situation but allow them to see the natural consequences of actions and realize that they have the ability to make smart decisions and do important and difficult things. It's also important to acknowledging your child's courage after it's been demonstrated. This will help reinforce both courage and self-esteem. When children are able to experience success with developmentally appropriate challenges, they will be more sure of themselves as they face other challenges throughout their lives.

Next month..... Initiative



Mark your Calendars for Fifth Grade Outdoor School

Our fifth grade students will be attending Outdoor School at the Cispus Environmental Center in Randle, WA, **April 26th, 27th & 28th**. This will be a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday trip. The Center has been developed specifically for student's environmental studies and has excellent facilities for both study and research.

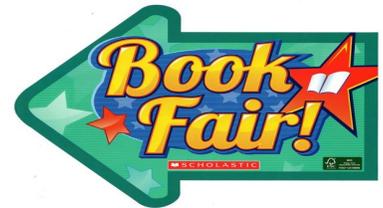
Cost is \$150 per student. If you need to make payments, please call Shelley in the office to set up a payment plan. Also, if your student needs to take a prescription or over-the-counter medicine, the medicine and doctors permission form needs to be at school by Friday, April 14th.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FALL 2017-18

Registration forms available starting—March 27

Return Registration forms starting—March 28

Open House at L.P. Brown—May 11 at 6pm



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

It's March which means not only Parent Teacher conferences but also Book Fair. This year the Book Fair will be open Tuesday morning 3/28/17 until Friday morning 3/31/17. The Book Fair hours during the week are from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm every day except for the late night conference day when it will be open until 7:00 pm. Students with parents can also come in before school to purchase books starting at 9:10am. Not only do we accept cash, but you can also pay using credit cards and checks. Just remember we do have to add tax to all purchases. We hope to see you in the library.

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.