



OAKVIEW NEWS

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Welcome back!

I hope that everyone has been able to enjoy some time together as a family. I know I have enjoyed taking some days off to spend with my dogs and my family.

Starting the week of January 18th we will be starting our One District, One Book initiative. All of the Intermediate buildings will be reading the book [The Insignificant Life of a Cactus](#) by Dusti Bowling. Each student will receive a copy of the book on January 18th. We are looking forward to reading this book as a District! Click on the title of the book to see a trailer of the book.

Starting January 24th-28th we will begin Terra Nova testing. We will be working on practice tests and reviewing good test taking habits in the weeks before testing. We always encourage students to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast in order to help them focus on their tests. Please remind your child that the test is not for a grade, but instead to show how much growth they have made in a years time. We encourage our students to take this test seriously and do their best, but to not stress about the test.

Thank you,

Ms. Baumann, Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

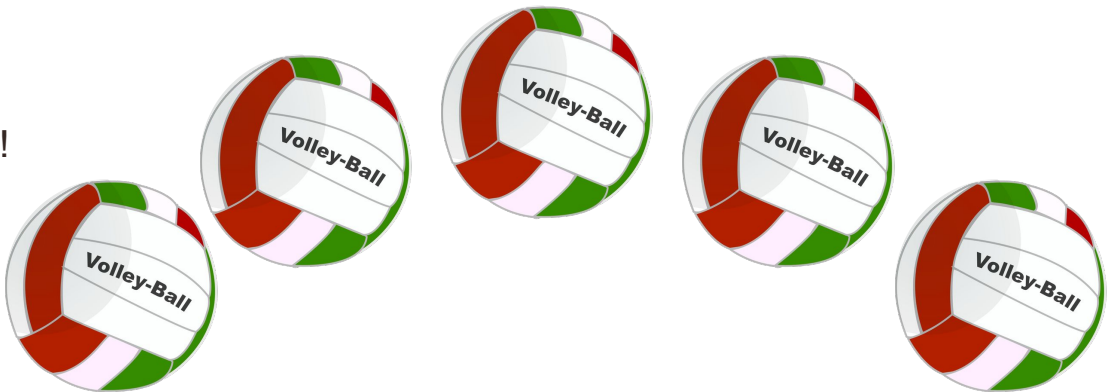
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17	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
18	School Board Meeting - 6:00 @ District Office
20	PTO Meeting - 9:30 @ District Office
24-28	TERRA NOVA TESTING

Hello Oster-Oakview Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great Winter Break! Starting when the students get back, we will begin with our 2nd winter sport unit which is volleyball. The students will learn the different skills associated with volleyball (bump, set, serve). The students will prepare for playing games by learning the rules of volleyball (rotations, out of bounds, how many hits per side, etc.) We will finish the unit/month by playing modified volleyball games.

Go Eagles!

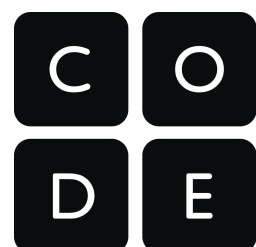
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Lines from the LRC

When we return from break we are diving into the world of coding. All grade levels will be utilizing lessons from the Google app Playgrounds. Ms. Baumann introduced the students to Playgrounds before Winter Break and we are excited to build our coding skills!

Happy Reading,
Mrs. Lasak





Notes from the Music Room



Hello from the Oakview School music room! I can't believe how quickly December has flown by. The students have been doing great work this trimester.

Fourth grade students continue to work on how to read notes on the music staff. We have been singing various songs that include the three notes Do, Mi and Sol. They have been practicing singing the notes, identifying the melody on the staff and listening to a melody and determining which one they are one hearing. It is giving us a challenge but they are doing wonderful.

Fifth and sixth grade students have finished working on the body percussion piece *Believer* by Imagine Dragons. There was a lot of clapping and patting involved. They gave their best effort and ended up with a great final performance. They all demonstrated the ability to follow the rhythms throughout the piece. Students learned more about the woodwind family and have gotten really good at identifying the flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon and saxophone. Finally, we have started working on our bucket drumming unit. We have worked on stick grip, and started learning about how to read a bucket drum score. The first piece that we are working on is "March" from the *Nutcracker Suite* by Tchaikovsky.

Mrs. McCure's class has been doing great things in the music room. We have been singing, dancing and playing our instruments. They have gotten really good at echoing their special rhythms with their names. We were singing the song "Jingle Bells" and playing along with it using our egg shakers. We really wanted to play along with the jingle bells instrument but we didn't have any on hand. That didn't stop us, we decided to make some instead. The students had a great time making their instrument. The students also got to explore using a new movement tool called the stretchy bend. It was a bit confusing at first but we will get better with it.

Mrs. Dybas' and Mrs. Trovato's classes have been practicing and performing different basketball beats. The choreography matches up with the song/music of the day. We have performed a basketball piece with the song "Nine in the Afternoon" by Panic! At the Disco and "Trepak (Russian Dance)" from *The Nutcracker Suite* by Tchaikovsky. They did a wonderful job and they showed off their basketball skills during the free style section. Their music learning objective focus has been reading the notes on the treble clef staff.

Great work everyone! Congratulations on a great second trimester!

- Mrs. Ruklic



TERRA NOVA TESTS

As part of our on-going commitment to academic excellence in New Lenox School District 122, the TerraNova Achievement Test will be administered to your child (Grades 2-7) during the week of January 24-28. This is an online test that is administered to students in-person.

Preschool Screenings

New Lenox School District will be screening children from ages three to five in the areas of motor, cognitive, and speech/language development. Early childhood educators will present "game like" activities to your child which assess various development skills. All preschoolers who reside in our district are eligible to attend free of charge. This is a preschool screening, **not** a kindergarten readiness screening. This year the screenings will be held at Cherry Hill Elementary and Early Childhood Center.

2021 - 2022 Screening Dates

March 11th

May 6th

Call Cherry Hill School at 815-462-7831
to schedule an appointment.

New Year's

2022

NLSD 122

PTO CORNER

*A special Thank You for all those that ordered wreaths and gift cards!!

*The PTO partnered with Fleckensteins bakery for a pie fundraiser, we had much success and feedback from our amazing community! We thank you for those that ordered!

*Pizza kits are currently under way from Little Ceasar's.

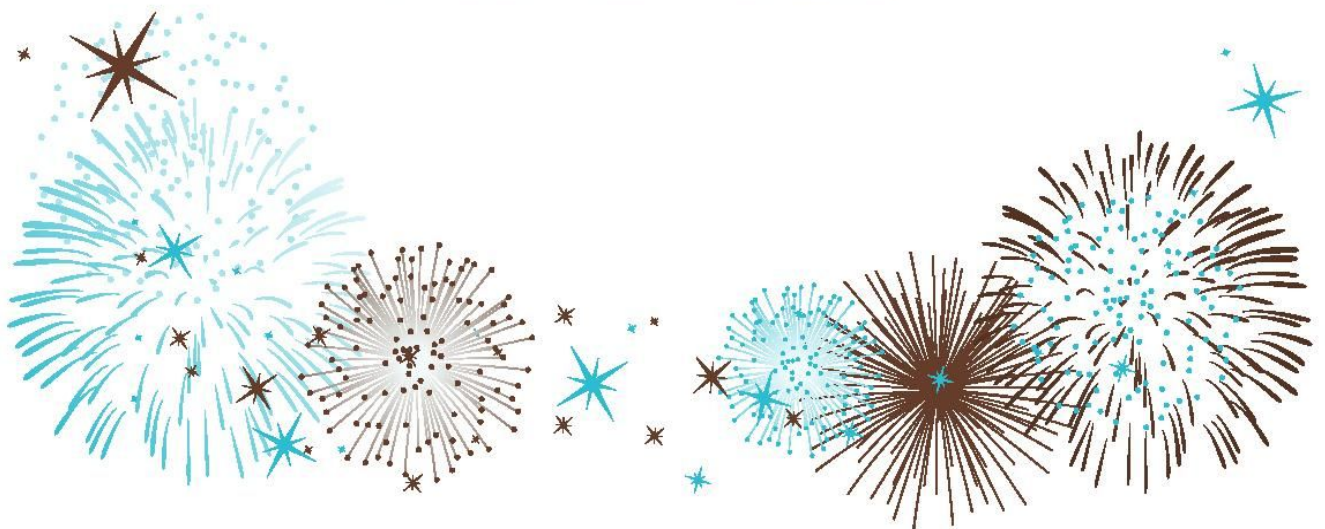
Please see our website/Facebook/Instagram for information.

5K Mental Health/Wellness will take place May 21st. Prices are currently \$30/\$35 and those prices end December 31st. Take advantage now!

**Bingo will be held January 22nd. Looking for donation baskets.

**March 5th Daddy/Daughter Dance.

As always we are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping the PTO out, please don't hesitate to contact www.nlsd122pto.org



5K RUN/WALK

FOR MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

Saturday, May 21, 2022

9am | New Lenox Commons

Featuring:

- Chip & bib 5K run/walk
- Wellness Fair
- Free fitness classes
- Youth activities
- Food trucks

Donations accepted, and sponsorships are available.

This is a non-profit event. All proceeds and donations will be evenly presented to 2 nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations: NAMI Will-Grundy and NLSD122 PTO.

TO LEARN MORE & REGISTER
visit bit.ly/5kNewLenox
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NAMI Will-Grundy (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is based out of Joliet, IL. Its mission is to provide advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives.

The NLSD 122 PTO (New Lenox School District 122 Parent/Teacher Organization) raises funds to help better the students/ education and wellness through library, music, art and physical education program enhancements, replenishing indoor and outdoor recess equipment, academic support grants and assemblies as well as teacher reimbursements and student scholarships.



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