



OAKVIEW NEWS



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A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Oster-Oakview families!

February is one of my favorite months because it is the month we celebrate random acts of kindness week. As a school we try to be kind everyday, but it is nice to have a week dedicated to kind acts and thoughts. Thank you to Mrs. Justice and our Kindness Club for planning the fun events this week. Be sure to check out the flier to see what our focus will be each day! Don't forget that the PTO is hosting the Bingo event on February 12th. There will be some "Kind is the New Cool" t shirts in the raffle baskets from Oakview so be sure to check out the raffle too!

We did link the E-Learning schedule to this newsletter in the event we will have a snow/inclement weather day this month. Staff have reviewed the schedule with students and made sure that they know how to get on to the zoom links through Google Classroom. If your child has an issue logging on please contact :

Ms.Baumann at tbaumann@nlsd122.org
or the tech help line at tech-help@nlsd122.org

[E-LEARNING SCHEDULE](#)

FEBRUARY 2022 CALENDAR

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- 11 SPIRIT DAY- JERSEY DAY
- 14-18 "VALEN-KINDS" WEEK
- 14 VALENTINES DAY
- 15 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.
- 18 NO SCHOOL - INSTITUTE DAY
- 21 NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENTS DAY
- 25 SPIRIT DAY- HAWAIIAN DAY



- Please check our [Virtual Backpack](#) for upcoming programs and events!



GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION (GATE)

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New Lenox School District 122 believes that each child is unique and has special talents. Teachers provide experiences in an atmosphere in which these talents will be nurtured and new talents will be acquired and encouraged. Teachers will provide options in classroom assignments and learning experiences that will encompass a variety of intelligences, modalities, or learning styles.

Beginning in fourth grade, New Lenox School District 122 has a Gifted and Academically Talented Education program known as GATE. A set criteria is used to determine eligibility into the program. A matrix measures multiple components including student's class performance, cognitive ability, achievement and aptitude.

We recognize many students have remarkable grades (Secure/A's) on their report cards. These scores are part of identifying students for our GATE program. We acknowledge student's academic ability and class performance by factoring GPA/Secures into the eligibility criteria. In addition to grades, achievement scores from the TerraNova, cognitive scores (CSI) from the InView test, and diagnostic scores in grades 6 & 7 are taken into consideration to provide a complete profile of the student. High achieving students who do not qualify for GATE, will be challenged in the general education setting through differentiation strategies implemented by the classroom teachers. For more information about the Comprehensive Plan for Gifted and Academically Talented Education in New Lenox School District 122, visit <https://www.nlsd122.org/c/>.

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.

Emergency School Closing Information

Parents/Guardians will receive a Connect Ed message via email. Closings may also be found on the new Lenox School District 122 website at www.nlsd122.org and the internet at www.EmergencyClosings.com

Or Watch television channels: 2,5,7,9, Fox 32 and CLTV News.

Or listen to WGN AM Radio 720, WBBM AM Radio 780, or WJOL AM Radio 1340

Extra Legos?

Cleaning out those closets and toy rooms? Lego Club would love donations of **LEGOS**. If you have any sets missing parts, bulk legos you don't use, or sets that don't get played with anymore, we take them and use them for years to come! Thank you!



Memory Book Sale

We are now taking orders for the 2021-2022 school year memory book. The cost of each book is \$13. We will be accepting orders through February 17th and they will be passed out at the end of MAY.

We usually do not have extra books to sell at the end of the year so don't miss out on the sale.

Congratulations to the Yearbook Cover Contest Winner:

Maddie Murphy



From Ms. Justice:

Every month, I travel into each classroom to help support the social-emotional learning of our students through the Safe and Caring Schools curriculum. During the month of February, your student(s) will be learning about the following topics:

Teaming Up for Success: Social Interaction Skills, Responsibility, Decision Making, Teamwork, and Sharing

We will address these topics through a variety of activities and classroom discussions. Please feel free to call or email me should you have any questions regarding our February topic!

For more information regarding the Safe and Caring Schools curriculum, visit: <http://www.safeandcaringschools.com/>

Lines from the LRC

This month we will be getting more familiar with our nonfiction section. We will begin by getting a better understanding of how our nonfiction books are organized. In later weeks, the students will be put to the test and will work together on a nonfiction scavenger hunt!

Happy Reading,
Mrs. Lasak

PE HAPPENINGS

Hello Oster-Oakview Family and Friends,

In February, there are 2 units that we will participate in. The first unit is our DrumFit unit! DrumFIT is a cardio-based drumming program that combines physical activity with brain fitness, resulting in the most fun students can have while increasing their overall wellbeing. Students grab drumsticks, and drum away to amazing music all while incorporating brain fitness activities that are fun!

Towards the end of the month, The students will be learning some line dances. The 4 line dances are dances that are very popular and played at a lot of social events and now be able to perform at those different events as they get older!

Go Eagles!

Mr. Kman



Notes from the Easel

Welcome again Oakview families to another short post from Mr. McDivitt's "Notes From The Easel".



4th grade will start a superhero cityscape. First, they will learn how to do a watercolor wash for their sunset. Then they will use a photo of themselves recreated as a superhero, and a unique design of a silhouette city to round of their superhero cityscape.



5th grade is finishing up their profile portraits and getting ready to start weaving their own cuffs inspired by Native American art and culture. Students will use rubber bands as their warp so the cuff will have some flexibility.



Finally, the 6th grade will start a stained glass influenced chalk drawing. To create the black lines, they will trace the pencil lines with glue which then dries clear. They will learn how to blend chalk to create shading and highlights.



Continue to ask your child what they are doing in art. Students are required to photograph and turn in their work digitally, so you can always ask them to show you what they have done in art. They will get all of their original art back at the end of the year. If there are any questions about what your child is doing in art feel free to contact through email or phone at school address, and again, thank you for your support in the arts at Oakview school.



ValenKINDS Week

Spread the love during the week of
February 14th-18th

Monday

Wear your KIND IS
THE NEW COOL
spiritwear or the color
red to kick off the
week!

Tuesday

Bring a canned food
item to donate to the
Food Pantry.

Drop off in the
Green Screen Room

Wednesday

Complete your COLOR A
SMILE sheet and turn it
in to Ms. Justice.

Go to colorasmile.org
to participate
at home.

Thursday

Watch the following
video and make your
own list!

[How to Change the World
With Kindness](#)

Friday

No School- complete a
random act of kindness at
home! Check out this list for
ideas: [Random Acts of
Kindness List](#)

[Video Link](#)

[Random Acts of
Kindness Link](#)

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
or scan this image



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.



*Believe
You Can*

**5K RUN/WALK
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NLSD 122 PTO FEBRUARY CORNER



*Dine and Donate Tom Kelley's, Thursday, February 3rd-9p.m.

*TCBY/AUNTIE ANNE'S KITS orders are due February 4th to your school. Forms went out with your kiddo.

*Bingo will take place February 12th. 2 sessions to choose from 11a.m.-1p.m. and 3-5p.m. There is a signup link that was sent out to reserve tables. We are still in need of volunteers for that day. We are also in need of donations for bingo prizes and items for the basket raffle. Please reach out to nlsd122pto@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or donate. This will be a fun event for all!

*Daddy/Daughter Dance is March 5th. Looking for volunteers to help for that day. There will be 2 sessions offered as well for this event. An Event Brite will be sent out for tickets soon. Bella Fiora has also agreed to partner with us to offer corsages for the event.

*5K walk/run for mental health and wellness-registration is \$35 for 12 and under and \$40 for 13 and up. Event is May 21st.

*Slammer's game news coming out soon.

**We are always in need of volunteers, please reach out to us via email or on social media Facebook/Instagram.

