



OCTOBER 2023

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASST. PRINCIPAL

Happy October!

It was nice to see so many families at our Fall Fest last month. We are looking forward to our next family event- Trunk or Treat! Mark your calendars for 10/25 for the Haines/Oakview Annual Trunk-or-Treat! We will be sending out information about signing up to be a Trunk and to attend. We had a great time last year and hope we continue the fun this year! We are looking for candy donations to help supply the trunks with some extra candy. If you would like to donate, please just send the items in with your child and have them give it to their teacher.

As the weather starts to change we like to take advantage of all of the nice days we have and get our students outside as much as possible. Mr. Kman does try to get the classes out as often as he can so we ask that students dress in layers so they are ready to go outside on any day.

We are looking forward to our Holiday parties. This month we will host our Halloween Party from 9:30-10:15 on Tuesday October 31st. This will be a 1/2 day school improvement day so dismissal will be at 10:35. Students are allowed to wear their costumes to school. If they have a very large costume they might want to wait to put it on for the party. Please see the costume guidelines in the newsletter for more information on costumes. We are still looking for Room Parents for many classrooms, please consider volunteering to help plan the party for your child's homeroom. Our 6th graders enjoy a party with all of the classes in the gym while our 4th and 5th graders enjoy classroom parties with their homerooms.

Thank you,

**Theresa M Baumann**  
*Principal*

**Charissa Swiech**  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2-31	"Cops Care" Coat Drive
3	Girls Basketball Home Game vs Hilda Walker @ 4pm
3	PTO Dine & Donate-Chipotle
4	Girls Basketball Home Game vs Homer @ 4pm
9	NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY
10	4th Grade Candor Health Education Program
10	Girls Basketball Home Game vs Crossing @ 4pm
13	Mismatch Day
16	PICTURE DAY
17	Girls Basketball Home Game vs Manhattan @4pm
17	Board of Education Meeting
18	Girls Basketball Away Game vs Bentley 4pm
18	UNITY DAY - Wear Orange
19	PTO Meeting-Nelson Ridge @ 7:30pm
23-27	RED RIBBON WEEK
24	Girls Basketball Away Game vs Troy 4pm
25	Oakview/Haines Trunk & Treat
26	Girls Basketball Home Game vs Nelson Ridge 4pm
31	½ day School 10:35 dismissal Halloween Celebrations



## **OAKVIEW COSTUME GUIDELINES**

The students at Oakview **WILL** be allowed to wear their costumes to school. We ask that you consider restroom breaks, they need to be done independently. Accessories should be left in a bag until the party time and remember that no look alike weapons are allowed as part of the costume at school. Please leave these items at home. Students will wear their costumes home on the bus and we will once again ask that they store the accessories in a bag so no part of their costume is lost. Please let us know if you have any questions. No treat bags are allowed at all! Students **MAY NOT** hand out anything to classmates. Do not forget that October 31st is an early dismissal and students will be released at 10:35am.

## 6th Grade Physicals are Due



Just a reminder to our 6th grade families that all physicals are **due on October 12th**. Please be sure to have your child's physical turned in before this date. We will be sending another reminder on the School Messenger system to all 6th grade families that we have not received a physical from on Monday, October 3rd.

## 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.



### Screening Dates:

November 17th, 2023

March 8th, 2023

May 10th, 2023

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



### **BeSure Consulting**

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October is the month for two safety videos; Sextortion(3) and Apps & Tik Tok (4). Attached is the parent login information for Be Sure Consulting for Cyber Safe Schools. If you would like to watch the student videos with your child, please see the following login information. We will not be showing the student videos at school.

Parent login:

URL: [vimeo.com/showcase/nlsp](https://vimeo.com/showcase/nlsp)

Password: NLSP623!

Student login:

URL: [vimeo.com/showcase/nlss](https://vimeo.com/showcase/nlss)

Password: NLSS876!

## NURSE'S NOTES



# The Flu:

## A Guide for Parents

### FLU INFORMATION

#### What is the flu?

Influenza (the flu) is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs caused by influenza viruses. There are many different influenza viruses that are constantly changing. Flu viruses cause illness, hospital stays and deaths in the United States each year.

The flu can be very dangerous for children. Each year about 20,000 children younger than 5 years old are hospitalized from flu complications, like pneumonia.

#### How serious is the flu?

Flu illness can vary from mild to severe. While the flu can be serious even in people who are otherwise healthy, it can be especially dangerous for young children and children of any age who have certain long-term health conditions, including asthma (even mild or controlled), neurological and neurodevelopmental conditions, chronic lung disease, heart disease, blood disorders, endocrine

disorders (such as diabetes), kidney, liver, and metabolic disorders, and weakened immune systems due to disease or medication. Children with these conditions and children who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy can have severe illness from the flu.

#### How does the flu spread?

Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with the flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might get the flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, eyes or nose.

#### What are the symptoms of the flu?

Symptoms of the flu can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults). Some people with the flu will not have a fever.

#### How long can a sick person spread the flu to others?

People with the flu may be able to infect others from 1 day before getting sick to 5 to 7 days after. However, children and people with weakened immune systems can infect others for longer periods of time, especially if they still have symptoms.

### PROTECT YOUR CHILD

#### How can I protect my child against the flu?

To protect against the flu, the first and most important thing you can do is to get a flu vaccine for yourself and your child.

- ▶ Vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older.
- ▶ It's especially important that young children and children with long-term health conditions get vaccinated. (See list of conditions in "How serious is the flu?")
- ▶ Caregivers of children with health conditions or of children younger than 6 months old should get vaccinated. (Babies younger than 6 months are too young to be vaccinated themselves.)
- ▶ Another way to protect babies is to vaccinate pregnant women. Research shows that flu vaccination gives some protection to the baby both while the woman is pregnant and for several months after the baby is born.

Flu vaccine is updated annually to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season. Flu vaccines are made using strict safety and production measures. Over the years, millions of flu vaccines have been given in the United States with a very good safety record.



U.S. Department of  
Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention

# Notes from the Easel

Hello Oakview families. My name is Mr. McDivitt and I am the art teacher at Oster-Oakview. I am also the art teacher at Haines school so most of the students and families already know me. At Oakview I will continue to teach your child all that I know about art, being creative, thinking outside the box, and mainly just enjoying themselves while doing some really cool and challenging art projects. Here's a look at a few projects your child will be doing in the upcoming weeks.



4th grade focuses on creativity and "IMAGINATION" as they start the year with my favorite project "Name Monsters". They create these by writing their names facing together in a mirror image form. Then they will use those lines to create a unique monster, Alien, or creature design. This project usually brings out the most creative designs from our 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

5<sup>th</sup> grade will study and design monochromatic moonscapes. Students start with white as a tint, and then add scoops of one color only to create a radiating design which shows a slow decrease of light coming from the moon. They then hand paint their own spooky trees in black.



6<sup>th</sup> grade will learn all about one point perspective to help create this realistic view of a covered bridge. They learn how to create depth in a landscape by drawing objects larger and closer to the viewer and smaller and farther away from the viewer. I love doing these in the fall so the students can use lots of colors in the trees and surrounding environment.



Remember to ask your child what they are doing in art class. Projects usually come back later in the year so they won't really have much to show you until then. Please email me with any questions, and once again, thank you for your support of the fine arts.

Mr. McDivitt

### Virtual Backpack

New Lenox School District is proud to support the “Going Green” initiative with our Virtual backpack. Information regarding activities, special events, and registrations available for school aged children from outside organizations will be posted. Go to [NLSD Website](#) and click on the Parent/Student tab at the top and scroll down to the virtual backpack.



### **Lines from the LRC**

We had a great first month in the library! It was so wonderful to see all the students and their excitement for checking out books. We kicked off our year with an introduction to how our library operates, learning about our reading habits, a quick author spotlight on Gordon Korman, a review of our library app, and finally checking out books! We have been busy!

Students also participated in our monthly diversity lessons. Fourth grade students listened to the story *When I Was Eight*, fifth graders participated in a Nearpod lesson called *Who I Am* and sixth graders completed the Nearpod *Discovering My Identity*.

Next month, I will be spotlighting some of our library's newest books and we will begin to brush up on some technology skills!

Happy Reading,  
Mrs. Lasak



Hello Oster-Oakview Family and Friends,

Starting in October, Ms. Hrvatin will be finishing her Frisbee unit up and by the middle of October, she will be leaving us and start teaching at Liberty to finish her student teaching. We cannot thank her enough for being here and learning from the best student here at Oakview.

After she leaves, Mr. Kman will be teaching our brief flag football unit. Students will learn how to throw and catch a football. Students will also learn how to wear a flag belt and how to properly pull a flag off someone else's belt. We will play some fun games using footballs and the flag belts to finish out the month of October.



## LUNCH ORDERS

Just a reminder that school lunches are ordered on a two week basis. The email is sent from the District Office every other week. . If for some reason you don't get the email, you can access the link through the NLSD Website at [www.nlzd122.org](http://www.nlzd122.org) then click under the parent/student tab, scroll down to Lunch Program.

Here are a few things to remember:

1. When filling out the lunch order, please make sure you are choosing the student's **homeroom** teacher.
2. If your child is absent, they will still be charged for the lunch ordered.
3. If your child brings a lunch and they have also ordered lunch for that day, but they do not take it, they will be charged for that lunch.
4. Milk is included with each lunch. It is .35 for each additional milk
5. If you have missed the window to order lunch, please contact the office at 815-482-2125 and we will help you the best we can.



# CALLING ALL ARTISTS



All Oakview students are invited to complete a design for our yearbook cover this year!!! The winning design will be featured on the front cover and the nine runner ups will be featured on the back cover! The winner will be selected by the Oakview Staff and Students.

## Cover Guidelines

- ✓ Your design should be in full color. Make every effort to have the colors bold and darker.
- ✓ Your design must include this year's theme **"Top School: Oakview"**
- ✓ Your Design must include the year 2023-2024.
- ✓ The design should be drawn on an **8 ½" by 11"** piece of **plain** (not lined) paper and should be drawn **vertically (PORTRAIT STYLE)** on the paper!
- ✓ You must leave a ¼ inch border edge without words or major pictures. You should only have color within ¼ inch of the edges of the page.
- ✓ Check your design for correct spelling and grammar.
- ✓ Your design must be your original design and not anything that will violate copyright laws.
- ✓ Please place your name and homeroom teacher's name on the **back** of your design. It can not be written on the actual design.
- ✓ All designs are due to the office by **Friday, October 27th!**



# Oster-Oakview Picture Day



Oster Oakview's Picture Day will be held on **October 16, 2023.**

Parents: All orders will be completed online. There is nothing your student needs to bring in that day except for a SMILE.

## VIEW & ORDER PHOTOS FROM **PICTURE DAY!**

You'll receive an email when your images are ready to view online. Or, you can search for your gallery at [vipis.com](http://vipis.com) shortly after photos are taken.

If you need further assistance, contact us at [support@vipis.com](mailto:support@vipis.com)



### How to Order School Portraits:

Picture proofs should be available within two weeks of picture day. All proofs and ordering of pictures will be completed through PowerSchool.

- Parents will log on to PowerSchool:
  - \*Select your student
  - \*Click the 'Student Photo' option on the left-hand navigation menu
  - \*This will lead you to VIP's individual website photo proof page for the student

You'll be able to select which photo you want used in the yearbook (head-and-shoulders crop only) Please take a moment to do this or VIP will pick the best one for you. You can then place an order. All orders will be delivered to the home address you enter at checkout.

- **Questions** regarding ordering or photo options can be emailed to [support@vipis.com](mailto:support@vipis.com) or through calling VIP at 262-375-9633. The VIP website is [www.vipis.com](http://www.vipis.com).
- Any other questions can be directed to the Oster Oakview office or by emailing Mrs. Swiech at [cswiech@nlsd122.org](mailto:cswiech@nlsd122.org).

**Absent on picture day? No Worries! Retake Day is NOVEMBER 15th!**

## Social Work News and Updates:

October is a BIG month for social work! In addition to celebrating Red Ribbon Week from October 23-27th be “Being Kind to Our Minds”, we will also be celebrating Unity Day on October 18th!

We are excited to share with you that our school community will be celebrating Unity Day on October 18th this year. We will be celebrating by wearing the color orange and with activities geared towards kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

Unity Day is an annual event occurring during National Bullying Prevention Month in October that promotes joining together to create healthier communities through kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. It was started by PACER’s National Bullying Prevention Center in 2011 and is now celebrated around the world.

We hope you’ll take this opportunity to talk to your children about bullying prevention and all the positive things we can do to make healthier communities. For more information on the history of Unity Day and its impact, please go to <https://www.PACER.org/bullying/about/history.asp>.



Help Oakview School Celebrate

# RED RIBBON WEEK

October 23-27, 2023



**BE KIND TO  
YOUR  
MIND**



**Monday** - Wear Red to kick off Red Ribbon Week!

**Tuesday** - Take time to exercise and turn off the screens  
(wear sports shirts or jerseys)

**Wednesday** - Getting enough sleep helps our brain work better  
(wear your PJs to school)

**Thursday** - Kindness “ties” us together  
(wear a tie)

**Friday** - Kindness is our superpower  
(dress like a superhero)



# Join us in our annual Cops Care Coat Drive!

October 1st-31st

Coat donations can be dropped off at:

- New Lenox Schools
- New Lenox Police Department
- New Lenox Village Hall

Coat Vouchers are available at:

- New Lenox Schools
- New Lenox Police Department
- New Lenox Village Hall
- New Lenox Township



### Signing Out Procedures

When coming to pick up your student during the school day, for any reason, please bring your photo ID. You will be buzzed into our foyer where you will sign out your child on our iPad and then buzzed into the office to have your ID scanned. If you could, please call the office in advance making us aware that you are picking up your child early.

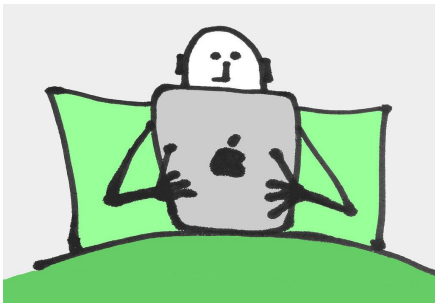


### Dropping off Items

When dropping off items during school hours, (lunches, backpacks, homework, iPads, etc.) please leave them on the table in the vestibule. Please make sure your child's name is on the item. We will continually check the table throughout the day.

### Attendance

If your child will be absent from school, you're required to call the office at (815) 485-2125 to report the absence. This is a 24 hour line, so you can call any time: Please leaves message if calling after hours.



### Technology Help

If your student is having trouble with technology, please create a "support ticket" by going to the New Lenox School District Website (see link) and follow the steps:

- <https://www.nlsd122.org/c/index.php/departments/technology/technology-help>

	LUNCH	RECESS
GRADE 6	10:55 - 11:15	11:15 - 11:30
GRADE 5	11:35 - 11:55	11:55 - 12:10
GRADE 4	12:10 - 12:30	12:30 - 12:45

