



OAKVIEW NEWS



JANUARY 2024

**Ms. Theresa
Baumann
Principal**

**Mrs. Charissa
Swiech
Asst. Principal**

**Office Hours
6:45 - 3:30**

**Phone
Number:
815-485-2125**

**January
Lunch
Daily Menu
*Click above link***

**District
Website:
[http://www.nlsd
122.org](http://www.nlsd122.org)**

**School
Website:
[Oster-Oakview](#)**

**Transportation
815-717-3100**

Happy January!

I hope that everyone has been able to enjoy some time together as a family and be able to rest and recharge. I know I have enjoyed taking some days off to spend with my dogs & my family and am looking forward to starting off the new year!

Starting January 16th-19th we will begin Terra Nova testing. We have been working on practice tests and will continue reviewing good test taking habits in the week 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.

Every newsletter we have been providing information from Be Sure Consulting. This video series is intended to help you navigate social media with your child. There are videos for parents and some videos that can be used with students if you choose. Please note that most social media sites require participants to be 13 years or older. Also please be aware of group chats that your child may be a part of on their cell phones or iPads. Cell phone providers do have features so that you can see what is happening in your child's text messages.

Thank you,

Ms. Baumann & Mrs. Swiech

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 3-7) during the week of January 16th. This is an online test that is administered to students in-person.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9 Welcome Back to School
- 10 Wrestling Home Meet vs. Minooka (JV Only) 4:30pm
- 11 Boys Basketball AWAY @ Spencer Crossing 4pm
- 15 **NO SCHOOL** - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
- 16-19 TerraNova TESTING
- 16 School Board Meeting - 6:00pm @ District Office
- 16 Boys Basketball HOME vs Bentley 4pm
- 16 Wrestling Away Meet @ LaGrange Gurrie 4:30pm
- 17 Boys Basketball AWAY @ Nelson Ridge 4pm
- 18 Wrestling Away meet @ Washington Jr. High 4:30pm
- 19 Decades Day
- 19 PTO Meeting - 9:30am @ Spencer Point/Crossing LRC
- 22 Wrestling Home meet vs. Jefferson & Manteno 4:30pm
- 24 Wrestling Home meet vs. Peotone & Brookwood 4:30pm
- 25 Wrestling Away meet @ Darien vs. Eisenhower & Hadley 4:30pm
- 30 Wrestling Home meet vs. Homer 4:30pm
- 31 Wrestling Home meet vs. Old Quarry & Yorkville 4:30pm

[Oster-Oakview Calendar](#)



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 and then buzzed into the office to have your ID scanned. At that point you will sign your child out on the IPAD. Please call the office in advance making us aware that you are picking up your child early. 815-485-2125

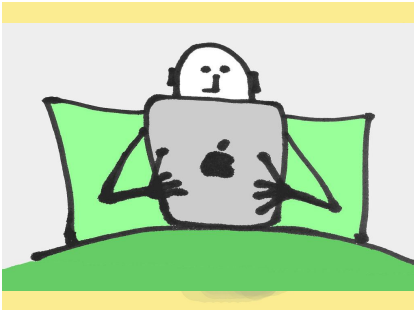


Dropping off Items

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 leave 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



YEARBOOK Sales are Happening Now!!!

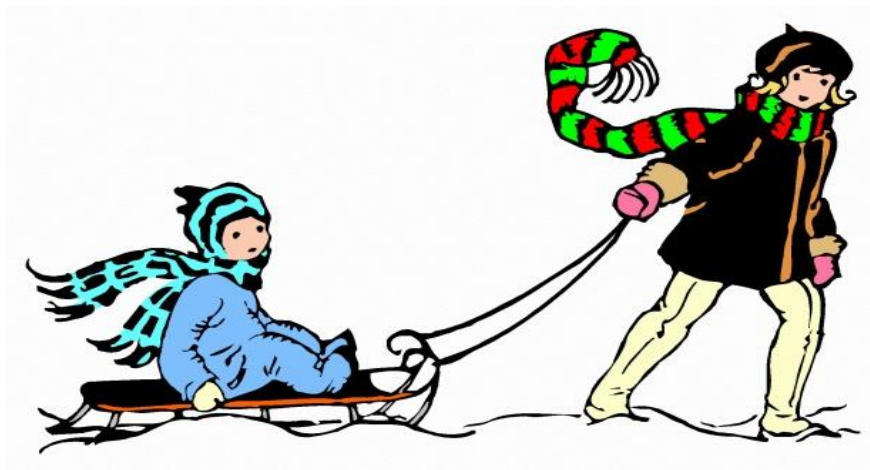
All orders will be online, please **do not** send money into school.

Click here to purchase [Oakview Yearbook](#)

Cost is \$15

All Orders are due by April 10th 2024.

We Do Not purchase additional yearbooks



Lines from the LRC

- The students had a great time coding in the month of December. We used the Apple coding app Swift Playgrounds. This is a great introduction to coding and is accessible to students over break if they would like to continue to develop their coding skills.
- Students also played a game called Computelt, which is always a favorite, and worked together on a digital breakout room! The Specialized Instruction classes had fun completing and “unplugged” coding activity featuring the picture book *Unplugged* by Steve Antony.
- When we return from break classes will begin to review the different types of reference sources and how to discern if information found online is accurate.

Happy Reading,
Mrs. Lasak

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.

2024 Screening Dates

March 8th

May 10th

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

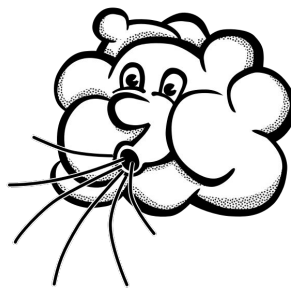
ACES

Our district is partnering with the New Lenox Park District ACES program. This program takes place at Oakview School to provide after school care. For more information, call 815-485-3584 or click [ACES](#)

Outdoor Recess Guidelines

Weather permitting, all children go out for recess. Be sure your child has all proper clothing for the outdoors. The fresh air and exercise are important for the children. We have indoor recess whenever the following happens:

- The temperature/wind chill is below 15 degrees
- The snow is extremely wet
- We are unable to clear the snow



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January is the month for two safety videos; Vaults & Fake accounts (9) and No one is anonymous & online laws (10). 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
Password: NLSP623!

Student login:

URL: vimeo.com/showcase/nlss
Password: NLSS876!

Nurse's Notes



COLD vs. FLU vs. RSV vs. Covid

VIRUS	LEVEL OF INFECTIVITY	TIME FROM EXPOSURE TO INFECTION	ASSOCIATED SYMPTOMS	PREVALENCE IN CHILDREN	VACCINE AVAILABLE	PREVENTION
COMMON COLD <i>Rhinovirus</i>	Contagious	1-3 days; symptom onset is gradual	Cough, low-grade fever, sneezing, sore throat, stuffy nose	Common Most children will experience 2-4 colds per year.	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wash hands with soap and water - Use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
SEASONAL INFLUENZA <i>Influenza virus (A and B)</i>	Very contagious	1-4 days; symptom onset is abrupt	Cough, fever, chills, body aches, fatigue, headaches, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose,	Common Children younger than 2 and kids with underlying medical conditions are at the highest risk for more severe illness.	Yes	
RSV <i>Respiratory Syncytial Virus</i>	Very contagious	4-6 days	Cough, fever, runny nose, sneezing	Common Infants are at high risk for severe disease. We are seeing an increase	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clean and disinfect surfaces - Avoid touching your face - Stay home when sick - Cover your cough and sneezes - Keep your distance from others when you are not feeling well
COVID-19 <i>Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)</i>	Very contagious	2-14 days	Cough, fever, chills, body aches, fatigue, stuffy/runny nose, headache, loss of smell/taste, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea	Becoming more common, symptoms are usually mild	Yes	



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 be 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!

Mr. Kman



Welcome 2024!

May this new year bring all of us an opportunity to try something new, practice self care, and focus on what is important!

Merci. Gracias. Grazie. Danke. Spasibo.

Did you know that January is National “Thank You” Month? Me neither! After the business of the holiday season, January can often feel like a bit of a let down. A wonderful way to combat that post-holiday season blues is to cultivate a gratitude practice.

Being thankful can make you feel better. When you have a pleasant experience, you are actually experiencing a dopamine rush in your brain. Dopamine reinforces behaviors that make us feel good so that we want to engage in that behavior again!

Ways you can celebrate National “Thank You” Month:

- *Start a gratitude journal and write one or more things each day you are thankful for.

- *Write someone a thank you note, email, or even a sticky note telling them you are thankful for something they did.

- *Do something nice for someone else.

January social work will focus on completing our Erin’s Law presentations and spending some time “Rethinking” and learning how to change our mindsets when things are difficult.

Marie Goulet

Oakview Social Worker





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 treble clef music staff. They worked on following a score by reading music for the boomwhackers and following a percussion play along. They practiced their instrument control in groups which is a very hard skill but all classes had vast improvement. We played the melody of 'Jingle Bells' with the Boomwhackers and performed 'Rudolph is coming to town', which is a combination of the songs 'Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer' and 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town', with classroom percussion instruments. Students are demonstrating their readiness for their recorders. When we return from break, 4th graders will begin the recorder unit.

Fifth Grade students started the month of December by practicing instrument control in preparation for the return of recorders. We were reviewing the notes on the Treble Clef staff as well as using Boomwhackers and classroom percussion instruments to play along with various holiday Christmas Carols. During the last couple weeks of December, we started working on reviewing important elements of recorder like hand position, air/breath control, posture and articulation. We reviewed the notes BAG and started practicing two new notes, E and D. Students are working on preparing the song 'Jolly Old St. Nicholas' which incorporates the new notes. Students made some good progress.

Sixth grade students were introduced to reading notes on the Bass Clef staff. They learned interesting ways to remember the bass clef notes using sentences like 'All Cows Eat Grass' for the space notes and 'Great Big Dreams For All' for the line notes. We used GimKit games to practice identifying the Bass Clef notes. They also learned a percussion play along to 'Rudolph is Coming to Town' and learned about the music term *crescendo* (getting louder). Lastly, students were introduced to the composer Peter Tchaikovsky and his very famous piece 'The Nutcracker Suite'. They listened to three pieces from the Nutcracker including, *The Russian Dance* (The Trepak), *The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy* and *The March*. We talked about the form (the pattern of the music) of the piece and performed a parachute ballet. Great job!

Mrs. Leckrone and Mrs. McMahon's students were so excited to start singing some Christmas carols. They sang 'Jingle Bells', Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer', Santa Claus is coming to Town' and much more. We got to learn some stretchy band movement pieces; their favorite movement piece was to the song 'Jingle Bells'. We even accompanied different melodies from 'The Nutcracker Suite' using various classroom instruments. I love seeing the joy and excitement on their faces during this time of year.

Mrs. Trovato's and Mrs. Brenczewski's classes have been working on reading rhythms that include Quarter note and eighth Notes. They have been using their ears to identify what rhythm is missing in a four-beat pattern. We sang the songs 'Pease Porridge Hot', 'Jingle Bells' and 'The Parody of Jingle Bells' (Jingle Bells, Batman Smells...). I have never heard them sing louder than when we sang that parody. We learned about the story of 'The Nutcracker Ballet' and even got to use the parachute. The students have gotten so good at reading rhythms with quarter notes and eighth notes that they were able to follow along to a rhythm play along without any help. Good Job!

Great work everyone! Congratulations on a great second trimester!

Mrs. Ruklic



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on our website linked [HERE](#).

