



OAKVIEW NEWS

MARCH 2024



**Ms. Theresa
Baumann
Principal**



**Mrs. Charissa
Swiech
Asst. Principal**

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

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



March Lunch

[MENU](#)



**District
Website:
[District](#)**



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


**Transportation
815-717-3100**

Happy March!

The end of February has brought us some pretty wild weather- 70's one day and 22 the next! Be sure to encourage your child to dress in layers so that they can adjust to temperatures in and outside the building.

As the weather gets warmer we do review behavior expectations and the dress code. We encourage students to dress comfortably and appropriately for the school environment. Just a reminder that gym shoes are required for PE as well as for the different sports activities at recess.

We are looking forward to a number of fun events this month! Be sure to mark your calendars for the Chorus concert on March 6th and another exciting chorus event on March 17th when the Oakview Chorus will join other Chicagoland chorus groups and sing a few songs at the Chicago Wolves game! We are very proud of all the hard work Mrs. Ruklic and the chorus have put in this year!

We are so proud of all the hard work our fourth graders are putting in to learning their multiplication and division math facts! Our Math Fact Karate Challenge is in full effect with a fun incentive for them just around the corner. We hope our 4th graders keep practicing those facts and testing with Mrs. Swiech and Ms. Baumann so they will be able to join us for the first incentive party!

Thank you,
Ms. Baumann and Mrs. Swiech



4th Grade Math Fact Karate Challenge

Our 4th graders are off to a fantastic start earning belts in the math fact karate challenge. Keep up the hard work of practicing your facts. Our first incentive date will be on March 8th. Any student that has earned their purple belt by March 8th, will get to participate in a special surprise!





WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

- 01 Report Cards are Sent Home
- 1-15 PTO Read-A-Thon
- 06 Oakview Chorus Concert @ Liberty Jr. High
- 08 Preschool Screening Day: See Flyer in newsletter
- 10 Daylight Savings Time -Spring Ahead
- 15 Pajama Day
- 17 Oakview Chorus Sings at the Chicago Wolves Game (Sunday)
- 18 Step Up Night for 6th Grade (Parents ONLY) @ Liberty Jr. High 6pm
- 19 Step Up Day for 6th Grade (Students ONLY) @ Liberty Jr. High
- 19 School Board Meeting 6pm
- 21 **WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY-Wear Blue or Yellow**
- 21 PTO Meeting: Haines School 9:30am
- 25-29 **SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL**

APRIL

- 1 NO SCHOOL
- 2 SCHOOL RESUMES

Oster-Oakview Calendar

REMINDER

**Don't forget to change the
clocks @ 2:00 am on
Sunday, March 10th.**

Spring Ahead an hour!



**SPRING
BREAK!!!**

MARCH 25 - APRIL 1

NURSE'S NOTES:



An oral health examination form signed by a licensed dentist is required for **ALL 6TH GRADE** students by **May**! If you have not turned this in yet, please do so as soon as possible. You can turn in a copy to the nurse or upload your copy on to Powerschool.



Here are a few tips for a healthy smile!

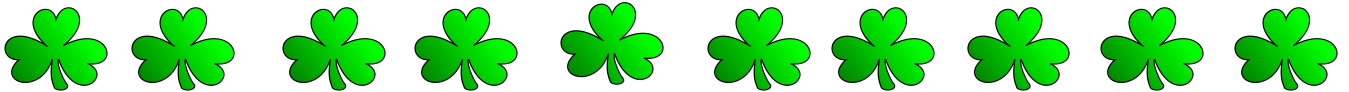
- *2/2 RULE- Brush twice a day for at least 2 minutes
- *Floss Everyday
- *Avoid sugary drinks and snacks
- *Visit your dentist twice a year



Please click the link to print the forms that are required. If you can't print the forms, please contact the office at 815-485-2125 or Jnegri@nlsd122.org and we will print them for you.

[Dental Exam Form](#)

[Dental Exam Waiver](#)



YEARBOOK Sales are Happening Now!!!

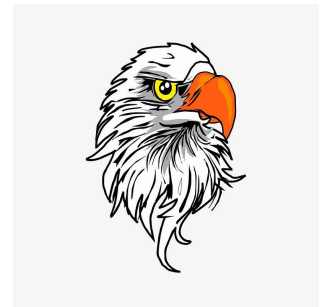
All orders will be online, please **do not** send money into school.

Click here to purchase [Oakview Yearbook](#)

Cost is \$15

All Orders are due by April 10th 2024.

We Do Not purchase additional yearbooks



Hello Oster-Oakview Family and Friends,

In March, we will have be starting our last indoor sport unit which everyone has been waiting for and that is Basketball! The students will be learning how to properly dribble a basketball (with both hands), learning how to effectively pass a ball using the chest pass and bounce pass, and shoot the ball with correct fundamentals (BEEF). The students will be playing a bunch of fun lead up games that will transition into actual gameplay of basketball. We will start with 3 on 3 games and eventually playing 5 on 5 games with the students. The basketball unit should take us right into spring break!

Go Eagles!

Mr. Kman



Library News

This month, I will be introducing the students to an optional reading encouragement program called Battle of the Books. Students will work in teams to read four selected titles, ranging a variety of genres. At the end of the activity, teams will battle against one another to see who knows these books the best!

Also, this month students will be introduced to some of our newest books in the library! Thank you for all of your continued help in reminding your child to return their library books on their due date!



Happy Reading,
Mrs. Lasak



WORLD
DOWN
SYNDROME
DAY | MARCH 21



Every student will receive a blue and yellow bracelet.

Social Work Updates...

Hello Oakview Families! We are all excited to head into the lucky month of March! We will be discussing the following topics in our monthly Character Education presentations:

4th grade: Same but Different

5th grade: A Different Point of View

6th grade: How Emotions Affect Your Decisions

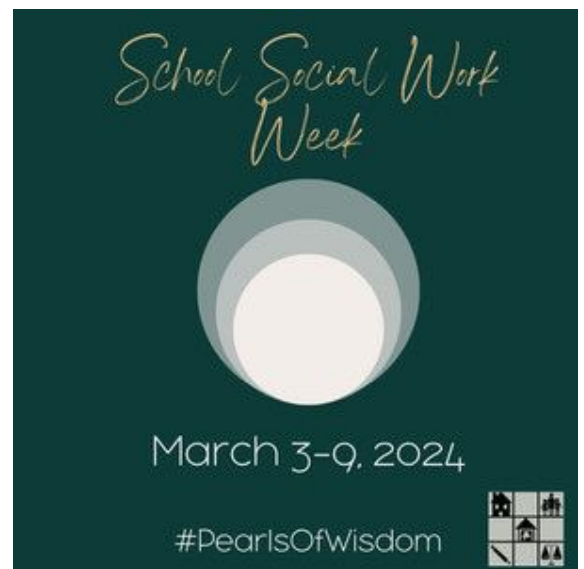
We are also continuing to work on our kindness skills and being a good friend.

Here are some fun FREE Kindness Activities for St. Patrick's Day:

[St. Patrick's Kindness Activities](#)

March 3-9th is School Social Work Week.

I am so grateful that I get to help your students with their social, emotional, and other challenges. Watching your students gain important skills on how to manage their anxiety, improve their social skills, learn how to regulate emotions, and practice kindness is the best job in the world! Thank you for sharing your amazing kiddos!





Welcome to the third trimester!



Greetings from the music room! Welcome to the third trimester! Students have just returned to music on the last week of February. Let's see what they have done so far,

Fourth grade musicians will be starting work learning songs for the upcoming 4th grade musical "A Night at the Movies" We sang the song *Ham and Eggs* and talked about the music term tempo. Students will be starting the recorder unit in the next couple weeks.

Fifth graders will also start reviewing concepts and skills that we learned last trimester. We will continue learning how to play songs on the recorder and keep trying to earn those recorder karate belts. *Please remember to bring recorders to school for music class.*

Sixth graders started the trimester reviewing note and rest lengths, We will be starting our ukulele unit in the next couple weeks.

Mrs. McMahon and Mrs. Leckrone's Class will be learning about music through song, dance, instrument playing and different games. They did a great job remembering the structure of the music class. Let's keep exploring the world of music.

The Oakview Chorus has their Spring concert on Wednesday March 6th. They will also perform at the Chicago Wolves Game on Sunday, March 17th. So far, we have over 150 singers, family members and friends filling up the stands. Wow! Way to represent Oakview!

All students are going to be reviewing the rules and expectations in the music room. In order to learn and make beautiful music, we need to present ourselves with high expectations.

Let's have a great third trimester Oakview Eagles!

- Mrs. Ruklic



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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Schools, Parents and Children

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Parents,

March is the month for one safety video; Monitoring Software (14). 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!



New Lenox School District 122

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Lori R. Motsch, Ed.D., Superintendent

Illinois 5Essentials survey

March 1, 2024

Dear Parents,

This is a reminder to participate in the parent survey supplement, part of the Illinois 5Essentials Survey administration. We guarantee that survey responses will *never* be connected to the identity of you or your child. School reports will only present aggregated information of how parents and students responded as a whole.

A parent survey report will be generated if at least 20 percent of parents respond to the survey. While the parent data will not be made public, the parent report will be made available to the building principal and superintendent and will enable them to make considerations based on the responses given by parents. Your participation in the parent survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Again, your identity and individual survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

Please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> to take the parent survey.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact 5Essentials Customer Support at 1-866-440-1874 or impact-surveys@uchicago.edu.

Sincerely,

Marianne Cucci

Marianne Cucci, Ed.D

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Technology

Signing Out Procedures

If you are picking up your child early, please call the office in advance making us aware at 815-485-2125. When coming to pick up your child 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.



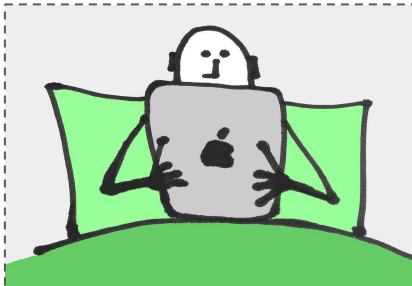
Dropping off Items

When dropping off items during school hours, (lunches, backpacks, homework, iPads, etc.) please leave items on the table in the vestibule. Use the post-its that are on the table to put their name 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 by 8am at (815) 485-2125 to report the absence. This is a 24 hour line, so you can call any time. Please leave a 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



NEW LENOX 122 PTO PRESENTS

LIGHTS, CAMERA, READ!

**A READ-A-THON IS AN EVENT THAT ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO
BECOME BETTER READERS AND LEARNERS BY DEVELOPING A LOVE OF
READING. IT IS ALSO A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SCHOOLS!**

MARCH 1ST - MARCH 15TH

REGISTER FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST

**https://www.getmovinfundhub.com/register?school_uuid=6387948dba42e
School Identifier Code: 6387948dba42e**

4TH - 6TH GRADES: REGISTER UNDER HOMEROOM

7TH & 8TH GRADES: REGISTER UNDER STUDY HALL

CHAPTER 1: SHARE STUDENT'S PAGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

CHAPTER 2: SEND 10-15 EMAILS/TEXT MESSAGES

CHAPTER 3: WATCH NIGHTLY READINGS AT

<https://www.newlenoxpto.org/read-a-thon-march.html>

**REGISTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
INDIVIDUAL, CLASS, AND SCHOOL PRIZES!**

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE



QUESTIONS?
nsld122readathon@gmail.com

REGISTER HERE!





NEW LENOX 122 PTO READ-A-THON
FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST - FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

OAKVIEW SCHOOL INCENTIVES

Goal	Incentive
\$2110	Hat Day <u>and</u> Extra Recess
\$4220	Rock and Roll Day <u>with</u> Dance Party
\$6330	Board Game Day
\$8,440 OUR GOAL	PJ - Movie Day <u>and</u> KONA ICE from PTO!

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PRIZES

Goal	Prize
Register, Share & Log Minutes	2023-2024 Chicago Wolves Ticket Voucher + One Virtual Raffle Ticket (Principal/Asst. Principal for the Day)
\$15 Raised	2024 Joliet Slammers Ticket Voucher
\$25 Raised	Restaurant Voucher
Top 10 Readers & Top 10 Earners	An additional 10 Virtual Raffle Tickets (Principal/Asst. Principal for the Day)
Top Earner (from each class)	Gym Teacher for their Class Period



NEW LENOX SCHOOL DISTRICT 122 | 2024-2025 CALENDAR

Gray=School Day
Red=Holiday (No School)
Blue=Teacher Institute (No School)
Green=Teacher SIP-School Improvement Day (1/2 Day of School)
Orange=PT Conferences (No School)
Purple=Emergency Days
Yellow=New Teacher Orientation
Bold = Pay Day

- 15 New Teacher Orientation
 Find Your Way Day (1-8)
 16 New Teacher Orientation
 19 Institute Day: No School
 20 Institute Day: No School
 21 1st Full Day (1-8)
 Cherry Hill/K Orientation
 22 1st Day Cherry Hill/K

AUGUST '24						
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- 6 Institute Day: No School
 7 Classes Resume
 20 Holiday: No School

FEBRUARY '25						
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- 14 SIP Day (1/2 Day)
 17 Holiday: No School

- 2 Holiday: No School
 20 SIP Day (1/2 Day)

SEPTEMBER '24						
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MARCH '25						
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- 14 SIP Day (1/2 Day)
 31 Spring Break Begins

- 14 Holiday: No School
 31 SIP Day (1/2 Day)

OCTOBER '24						
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- 7 Classes Resume
 18 Holiday: No School
 21 Institute Day: No School

- 5 Election Day
 No School
 22 SIP Day (1/2 Day)
 25 P/T Conf: No School
 26 P/T Conf: No School
 27-29 Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER '24						
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- 9 SIP Day (1/2 Day)
 26 Holiday: No School
 29 Last Day of School for
 EC/PB/K
 30 SIP Day (1/2 Day)
 Last Day 1-8

- 20 SIP Day (1/2 Day)
 23 Winter Break Begins

DECEMBER '24						
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JUNE '25						
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- 2-6 Emergency Days (if need)

	TR1	TR2	TR3
Start	8-21	11-18	3-3
Mid T	9-27	1-10	4-17
End	11-15	2-28	5-30
Report Cards	11-22	3-7	5-30

NEW LENOX POLICE DEPARTMENT



Sixteenth Annual “Cops Care Food Drive” February 20th-March 22nd 2024

List of items the Food Pantry needs:

Coffee/Tea	Salad Dressings
Breakfast Drinks	Mayonnaise
Orange/Fruit Juice	BBQ Sauce
Cereal	Peanut Butter
Oatmeal	Jelly/Jam
Pasta (No Spaghetti)	Flour
Rice	Sugar
Instant Potatoes	Evaporated Milk
Refried Beans	Baking Soda/Powder
Seasoning/Spices	Corn Starch

Food donation drop off locations:

New Lenox Police Department
(200 Veterans Pkwy)

New Lenox Village Hall
(1 Veterans Pkwy)

New Lenox School District #122



NLSD 122 IS HIRING!

**INTERESTED IN WORKING IN THE
BUILDING YOUR CHILD
ATTENDS? DO YOU NEED TO
WORK THE HOURS YOUR CHILD
IS IN SCHOOL? IF SO, APPLY
NOW TO BE A
PARAPROFESSIONAL!**

With a short-term approval,
paraprofessionals need only to be
19 years of age with a high
school diploma (or equivalent), or
higher. This approval is available
now until June 30, 2025.

Interested applicants can apply
on our website linked [HERE](#).





STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

PARENT GUIDANCE

In the event of a live incident, parents may have questions about their role.

SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"



Secure is called when there is something dangerous outside of the building. Students and staff are brought into the building and the outside doors will be locked. The school might display the Building is Secured poster on entry doors or nearby windows. Inside, it will be business as usual.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A SECURE EVENT?

Probably not. Every effort is made to conduct classes as normal during a secure event. Additionally, parents may be asked to stay outside during a Secure event.

WHAT IF PARENTS NEED TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENT?

Depending on the situation, it may not be safe to release the student. As the situation evolves, Secure might change to a Monitored Entry and/or Controlled Release.

WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SCHOOL GOES INTO SECURE?

When a secure event is brief or the hazard is non-violent, like a wild animal on the playground, there may not be a need to notify parents while the Secure is in place.

With longer or more dangerous events, the school should notify parents that the school has increased their security.

LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"



A Lockdown is called when there is something dangerous inside of the building. Students and staff are trained to enter or remain in a room that can be locked, and maintain silence.

A Lockdown is only initiated when there is an active threat inside or very close to the building.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A LOCKDOWN?

The natural inclination for parents is to go to the school during a Lockdown. Understandable, but perhaps problematic. If there is a threat inside the building, law enforcement will be responding. It is unlikely that parents will be granted access to the building or even the campus. If parents are already in the school, they will be instructed to Lockdown as well.

SHOULD PARENTS TEXT THEIR STUDENTS?

The school recognizes the importance of communication between parents and students during a Lockdown event. Parents should be aware though, during the initial period of a Lockdown, it may not be safe for students to text their parents. As the situation resolves, students may be asked to update their parents on a regular basis.

In some cases, students may be evacuated and transported off-site for a student-parent reunification.

WHAT ABOUT UNANNOUNCED DRILLS?

The school may conduct unannounced drills, however it is highly discouraged to conduct one without announcing that it is a drill. That's called an unannounced drill and can cause undue concern and stress.

Parents should recognize that the school will always inform students that it is a drill during the initial announcement.

It's important to differentiate between a **drill** and an exercise. A drill is used to create the "Muscle Memory" associated with a practiced action. There is no simulation of an event; this is simply performing the action. An exercise simulates an actual event to test the capacity of personnel and equipment.

