



OAKVIEW NEWS

APRIL 2024



**Ms. Theresa
Baumann
Principal**

**Mrs. Charissa
Swiech
Asst. Principal**

**Office Hours
6:45 - 3:00**

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

***April Lunch
Menu***

**District Website:
[New Lenox School
District 122](#)**

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

Happy Spring!

I hope that all of us were able to enjoy some nice weather over Spring Break! All of our students will be taking the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) test this month and our 5th graders will also be taking the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) as well. **On Tuesday April 2nd we will be having a Rock and Roll dress up day.** We want to remind our students of all the test taking strategies they have learned and help them to know that as long as they try their best they will rock the test! IAR Testing will take place April 3rd-9th, and ISA testing will take place from April 15th-18th. Please be sure that your child gets a good night's rest and a good breakfast to fuel them up for the testing dates. We will be having the students keep their iPads at school during testing so that they are fully charged each morning. Please be sure that they have their charging cord with them on Tuesday so they will be ready for testing on Wednesday.

Thank you!

Theresa M. Baumann & Charissa Swiech

Ranch Frostie Time of Year

We do not have a Ranch Frostie line. If you are allowing your child to walk to a friends or somewhere else then please make sure to send them with a note or notify the office by 10:30 am. Students will not be allowed to call home to get a note to walk to Ranch Frostie.

COPS CARE FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for all that donated to this years food drive. We had a total of 811 food items donated. The class that donated the most was Mrs. Brost's class with 295 items. They won a pizza party with Officer Kristine.

Returning Student Registration

Online Registration for 2023-2024 school year will be opening on April 2nd to April 19th. Details regarding will be forthcoming.

APRIL IMPORTANT DATES

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| 2 | School Resumes- Rock and Roll Day- We will "Rock the test!" |
| 2-19 | Returning Student Registration is Open |
| 3-9 | IAR Testing (4th-6th grade) |
| 8 | Solar Eclipse |
| 10 | Last Day to order Oakview Yearbook |
| 11 | 4th Grade Growing Up Healthy Presentation |
| 11 | 4th Grade Music Performance- 5:30pm-7pm |
| 12 | Tye Dye Day |
| 15-18 | ISA Testing (5th grade only) |
| 16 | New Lenox School Board Meeting 6pm District Office |
| 18 | PTO Meeting at District Office 7:30pm |
| 19 | Teacher Institute Day-NO SCHOOL |
| 22 | Earth Day |
| 23 | 6th Grade Candor Health Presentation- Lunch at 12:10 |
| 25-26 | 5th Grade Outdoor Education |
| 25 | Sweet Sale for Project FIRE BUDDIES Walk |

[Oakview Calendar](#)



Last chance to purchase a Yearbook

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. If you are unsure if you purchased one, please email Jnegri@nlsd122.org

We Do Not purchase additional yearbooks

TESTING INFO

Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) and Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) Testing

In the upcoming weeks, New Lenox School District 122 students will participate in online state testing. During the weeks of April 3rd-19th, students in third to eighth grade will take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) test. The IAR assessment consists of ELA tests and math tests.

In addition to the IAR, students in fifth and eighth grade will take the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) during April 15th-18th. The ISA consists of three units and will be administered during your child's science class.



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.



We will be presenting the “**Growing Up**” program to all **4th grade** students on **April 11th**. Below are the links to the videos we will share, please watch the appropriate video for your child. Classes will be split up into groups for boys and girls. We will show the video and have a short question and answer time to follow. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Boys: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XF0awGRTWs>

Girls: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gV21b3ZpSLg>

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Oster Oakview School Nurse

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815-462-7810

Hello from the music room! I can't believe that it is April!

4th graders have been working on their recorder skills. They have been learning how to hold the instrument, proper playing techniques, and how to play simple songs with the notes B, A and G. The recorder curriculum we use is called Recorder Karate. Students learn the songs and can either play the song for me in person or record themselves playing the piece and send it to me in Google classroom. Some students have earned all three belts already. We will be putting on an end of the year recorder concert on **Thursday, April 11th**, 5:30pm start time. Each class will perform the three songs that they learned during the trimester and after the performance, all students and families will enjoy a sweet treat. There will be an invitation sent on April 2nd. I hope to see you there!

Start at 5:30

5:30-5:45 - Diaz

5:50-6:05 - O'Shaughnessy

6:10-6:25 - Cavazos

6:30-6:45 - Kettelson

6:50-7:05 - Van Dyke



5th graders have been working on reading and identifying rhythms that include quarter, eighth and half notes as well as quarter rest. They are becoming masters at identifying these rhythms using games such as rhythm imposter and rhythm four corners. They are working on reading rhythms by playing instruments while following along to a play along. They also composed a Do (C), Re (D), Mi (E) piece using xylophones and boomwhackers.

6th graders finished up their units on note value and time signature. We have started learning about the ukulele. We will learn how to hold the ukulele, about different playing techniques (plucking and strumming) and how to read a chord chart. So far we have played along to open string songs and in the coming weeks we will try playing along with some popular songs.

SI students have been singing songs like "Eggs and Ham", "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and "A Sailor went to Sea, Sea, Sea". We have been learning organized dances with scarves, parachutes, and the stretchy band. We learned a simple Hoe-Down and even an Irish Jig. We're continuing to use our instruments like the egg shakers, hand drums and rhythm sticks. The students have loved the addition of free dance time.

What a great trimester we have had!

Lines from the LRC

Our Battle of the Books competition is off to a great start! In the month of April each grade level will be focusing on different research tasks. Fourth grade students will be learning all about different events that occur in the month of April. Fifth grade students will be focusing on how to evaluate websites to make sure their research is accurate and sixth graders will be examining primary sources. Our specialized instruction students have been doing a great job learning about all of the different genres. In April we will be focusing on the mystery and historical fiction genres.



Happy Reading,
Mrs. Lasak



Hello Oster-Oakview Family and Friends,

Can you believe it is already April? The school year has flown by! This month in PE, the students will complete a round of fitness testing using the FitnessGram Program. For this round of testing, The students will complete fitness testing using the FitnessGram Program, the students will be trying to do their best on each test that. These test will measure the cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength/endurance and flexibility. After we finish fitness testing, it is time to go outside (fingers crossed) and start our spring sports units. We will be playing kickball and softball during this month. Students will learn the basic concepts of how to play each game and play the game throughout the units.

The Summer Kickoff is right around the corner! Be on the lookout of information and opportunities to volunteer!

Go Eagles!

Mr. Kman



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

May 10th

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



ACES

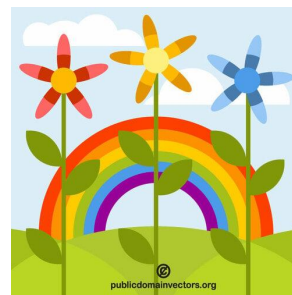
Our district is partnering with the New Lenox Park District ACES program. This program takes place at Oakview School to provide after school care. For more information, call 815-485-3584 or click [ACES](#)

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:

- Raining
- The playground equipment and blacktop area is extremely wet.



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Parents,

April is the month for one safety video How to Report a Cyber Crime and Closing(15/16). 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: <http://vimeo.com/showcase/nlsp>
Password: NLSP623!

Student login:

URL: <http://vimeo.com/showcase/nlss>
Password: NLSS876!

Signing Out Procedures

If you are picking up your child early, please call the office in advance 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.

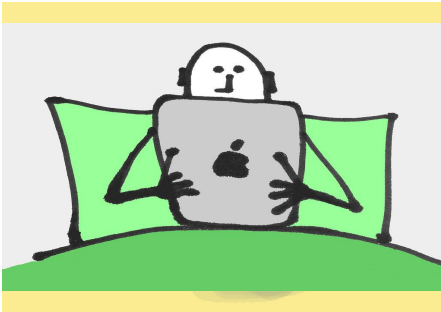


Dropping off Items

When dropping off items during school hours, (lunches, backpacks, homework, iPads, etc.) please leave 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 |





New Lenox School District 122
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Gifted & Academically Talented Education (GATE)

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 provide options in classroom assignments and learning experiences that will encompass a variety of intelligences, modalities, or learning styles. In addition to these experiences, our district offers gifted/accelerated classes.

Our current Gifted And Talented Education program known as GATE will acknowledge the abilities and talents of not only gifted students but high achievers. The intermediate GATE classes will be structured similar to the junior high Accelerated classes in order to provide more opportunities for our students. Students will still need to meet the program requirements in order to participate.

Beginning in fourth grade, a set criteria will be used to determine students' eligibility into the program. A matrix measuring multiple components including student's class performance, cognitive ability, achievement and aptitude will be used. We have included more criteria to determine placement including aims scores and the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR).

Below is the complete list of assessments that will be used to qualify students.

| | ELA | Math |
|---------------|--|--|
| Grades 4-8 | Cognitive Skills Index (CSI) TerraNova Reading & Language aimswebPlus Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) GPA <i>Local Placement Test (6-8 only)</i> | Cognitive Skills Index (CSI) TerraNova Math aimswebPlus Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) GPA <i>Local Placement Test (6-8 only)</i> |

In the GATE/Accelerated class, the curriculum will be presented at an accelerated pace, instruction will involve a deeper level of application and students will be required to work independently on many tasks. Students in GATE are expected to continually meet and exceed the following criteria to remain in the program. Below are work habits and skills expected of GATE students.

- Independently complete class work.
- Read and comprehend textbooks and material independently.
- Consistently complete homework on time.
- Manage time in order to successfully participate in other activities in addition to academics.
- Attend school regularly.
- Display a high level of focus while in class.
- Demonstrate problem solving and critical thinking skills.
- Participate in additional enrichment beyond required curriculum.
- Produce work at a higher level of mastery.
- Understand working at a higher level may mean limited re-dos and grades that are not all A's.
- Demonstrate a deeper level of application of skills and concepts.
- Enjoy the challenge of the advanced program.
- Demonstrate kindness, patience, and support for one another's unique displays of giftedness.

If your child qualifies for the program, you will receive a letter in May. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher or principal. For more information, visit our website for the complete GATE document.



GROWING A RESILIENT MIND: THE PARENT EDITION

This presentation focuses on teaching five foundational tools for building emotional wellness through the Growth & Resiliency Model®. Our mission is to provide parents the necessary skills that support mental & emotional growth during challenging times.

APRIL 23RD

6:00-7:00 PM

**MANVILLE HAVEN
ADMINISTRATION CENTER
102 S. CEDAR ROAD,
NEW LENOX, IL 60451**

Objectives:

Understand the 4 key elements to become self-aware

Observe automatic reactions

Learn to respond skillfully to stressors

Integrate new skills within your social support

Reflect, change and grow an optimal mindset



PRESENTED BY:

**AUDREY GRUNST, LCSW
SIMPLY BEE COUNSELING
CEO & THERAPIST**



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](#).

