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~NEWSLETTER~



Ted Sanders, Supt. — Terry Ahearn, Principal
"Large enough to educate you, small enough to know you."

Week of
March 18 - March 24, 2018

A Few Words from Mr. Sanders....

"Teaching is a gift that lasts a lifetime. It grows in value and pays dividends which reach far beyond your classroom. Just as you remember your special teacher, may you be that special teacher whom your students remember."—Little Lessons for Teachers

We are all teachers. Your classroom might be in a tractor or an office; at the top of the Empire State Building, or on a fishing boat with your grandchildren. Wherever your classroom is there are some important things to remember about teaching that those in the profession have learned over time.

Your words matter. Whether it is talking about the weather with an old friend, or meeting someone for the first time, your words make an impact on the psychological and physiological well-being of others. Kind words are like honey and can soothe the pain of a bad day or of emotional distress. Angry and hateful words have the power to tear down and destroy even the most confident person. We don't often think of prescribing our words in order to help others, but we should. Words resonate in the conscience long after the discussion is over. The way the words are delivered, the emotions, the facial expressions and body language, all play a part in an image that is created in the mind of the listener. Your words matter. Prescribe them as if you were prescribing medicine to people around you.

Your actions speak louder than your words. If you thought words were most important, you would be wrong. Children often learn to tune out many of the words that adults say around them (and thankfully so in many instances). Children are born with an optimistic nature for the most part. When they are young, the first few years of their lives children cannot understand nearly all the language you speak at them. However, they completely understand your actions toward them. Loving touch, helpful hands, kind gestures, playing with children, laughing with them, spending time with them, are all ways your actions speak louder than your words. Children in that kind of environment learn to do everything more quickly. As they grow, language can be misunderstood; but your actions will not be.

Discipline is not a bad word. As much as modern parenting experts want to teach everyone that your child is fragile and easily breakable it must be understood that, while there may be some truth in that statement, children are also highly resilient, strong, and capable of great things through the right training. Discipline is not a bad thing at all, and in fact is extremely important to the development of a healthy child. Being told "no" is an important lesson to a child. They must learn that self-centered behavior should not be tolerated. Putting yourself before the needs of others is childish and shows a lack of self-discipline. Instead, children need to have boundaries and expectations, and they should be held to those, firmly if need be. Discipline provides many other character qualities and is at the root of perseverance. Without discipline no one can truly succeed to their highest ability.

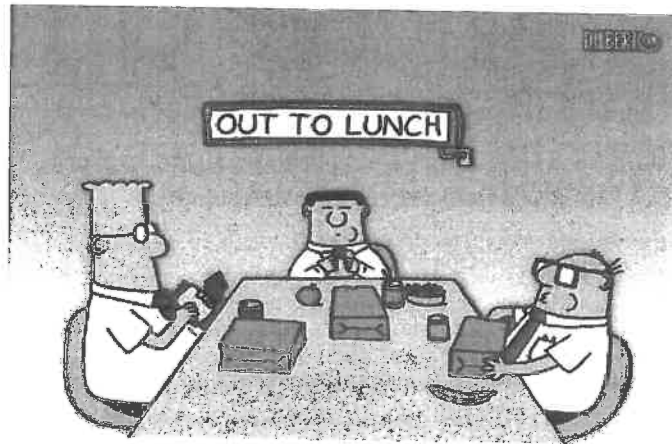
Be the special teacher someone remembers. Recently, a dear friend and teacher of mine passed away. She was the kindest, most gentle soul, who inspired many others to go into the teaching profession. She taught music, but that wasn't all she taught. She taught discipline, kindness, manners, perseverance. She inspired so many people that when she passed, Facebook was filled with stories and memories about her. One teacher, in a tiny town, in the middle of nowhere, who touched the lives of thousands of people and their families. By inspiring other teachers, her gifts were magnified and transmitted to the students of all of *her* students who went on to teach. We are all teachers. Be the special teacher someone remembers.

Have a Great Week!!!!

SENIOR LUNCH

Senior Lunch - Wednesday March 21st - 12:00p.m.

*PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR RESRVATIONS
NO LATER THAN THE DAY BEFORE. 815-249-6225*



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

*If you know of any child in our district that
will be entering kindergarten next year, please
tell the parent that registration is . . .*

*Wednesday April 11, 2018
from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.*

The child must be 5 before September 1, 2018

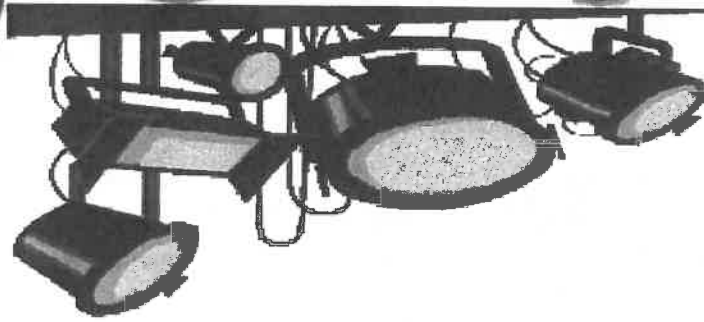
Good luck to our Band and Choir students who will be participating in the Solo and Ensemble Contest at Marseilles on Saturday, March 17th!

Students include:

**Aubrey Bowman
Joseph Burke
Alec Darrow,
Ben Domoleczny
Hannah Galletti
Aiden Gordon
Steven Hladovcak
Lexy Jensen
Abby Johanson**

**James Maltby
Michael Mills
Ava Paris
Alyssa Purifoy
Andrew Ristau
Allie Snyder
Marissa Vickers
Sadie Lechel
Amelia King**





****Spring Program (*SUMMER CAMP!*) : Grades
3,4,5 –Thursday, April 26 @ 6:30 p.m. in
the Multipurpose Room**

****Spring Concert - Thursday, May 17 @
6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room**

(Fifth Grade Choir, JH Choir & Band will perform)

**** Music classes are co-curricular. Information learned in Music Class each week is applied to our programs. Daily participation and performance attendance play an integral part in each students grade. Please plan to attend!!**



Calendar of Events

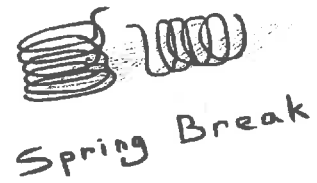
Mon. March 19

Tues. March 20

Wed. March 21 - 2:20 Dismissal
Senior Lunch

Thur. March 22

Fri. March 23 - Report Cards



SPRING BREAK MARCH 26TH - APRIL 2ND* / *RETURN APRIL 3RD

Special Birthdays

March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21 Mrs. Cox Lexy Jensen	March 22	March 23	March 24 Nicholas Raices Luke Gleim Kyotee McNeil
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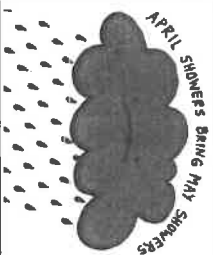
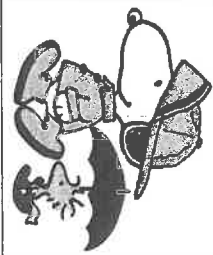

****PLEASE NOTE:**

**MENU IS SUBJECT TO
CHANGE WITH
AVAILABILITY****

Lunch Menu

	Monday March 19	Tuesday March 20	Wednesday March 21	Thursday March 22	Friday March 23
Breakfast Menu	Cereal Pop Tart Fruit Juice	Variety Day	Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Juice	Cereal Strawberry Chex Fruit Juice	Cereal Honeymaid Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	Sub of the Day Deli Turkey Salad w/ Dressing Fruit Condiments	Chicken Patty on Bun Coleslaw Mandarin Oranges Condiments	Creamy Chicken over Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Peaches Bread / Butter Cookie	Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Applesauce Pudding Condiments	Brunch 4 Lunch French Toast Sticks Hash browns Fruit Condiments

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	2 <i>No School ~ Last Day of Spring Break</i>	3 	4 6p PTO Meeting 2:20p Dismissal	5	6	7
8	9 <i>Track @ Seneca 4:30 p.m.</i>	10 7p School Board Meeting	11 <i>Track @ Seneca 4:30 p.m.</i> Kindergarten Registration 2:30p 2:20p Dismissal	12 <i>Track @ SHS 4:30 p.m.</i>	13 <i>Thomas Jefferson's Birthday</i>	14
15	16 <i>Track @ OHS 4:30 p.m.</i> <i>PBIS Store</i>	17	18 12p Senior Lunch 2:20p 8th Grade Graduation Pictures 2:20p Dismissal	19 <i>1st Grade Field Trip 6p.m. Fine Arts</i>	20	21 <i>Track Conference @OHS</i>
22	23 <i>Track @ Seneca 4:30 p.m.</i>	24 <i>Track @ Woodland 4:15 p.m.</i>	25 <i>Midterms 11:50 Dismissal</i>	26 <i>3, 4 and 5th Grade Choir Concert 6:30 p.m. Young Author's</i>	27 <i>Track @ OHS 4:30p.m.</i>	28
29	30 <i>Track @ OHS 4:30 p.m.</i>					

STREATOR FFA FARM FAIR!!

Schools Welcome

March 26th-March 29th
8:30-2:30 PM

Open to

The Public

March 26th, 5pm-7pm
March 27th, 5pm-7pm
March 28th, 5 pm-7pm





Ottawa Eagles 2018 Football Camp & Registration

Saturday March 17th – Marquette Academy Grade School Gym

Grades 1st-5th 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Grades 5th-7th 12:45 PM - 2:15 PM

- Free camp will include NFL style combine events
- **All campers will be entered in a drawing, winner of the drawing plays Eagles football for free in 2018!**
 - Camp is open to any, and all kids
- Players that register for Eagles Football on 3/17 will take part in NCAA style signing day pictures.

Players currently in grades K-7 can register at the camp for the 2018 season. Participants may also put down a \$50.00 payment to secure a roster spot!

All participants need to bring is a pair of tennis shoes. Registration will take place at the clinic.



For Release to all OHS Feeder Schools, Local Papers and Radio Stations:

On Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 7pm in the auditorium of Ottawa Township High School, the Fine Arts Club, in conjunction with the OHS Booster Club, is offering the opportunity to hear a speaker that could positively affect the future of your students, and possibly of parents as well. There is no doubt that social media has become a major preoccupation for all of our students and many adults. While we as parents and teachers are constantly trying to educate and guide our teenagers on the importance of making good choices and the future effects of those decisions, our messages often fall on deaf ears.

The potential impact of social media choices can have a tremendous effect on the future of our kids! CL Lindsay, is a well renowned speaker on the topic of social media and the powerful on line world. Lindsay is a student advocate and an attorney from California with a strong message about the legalities and ramifications of on line choices and delivers it in a humorous and understandable manner that will captivate and educate the audience. Posting pictures, comments, on line bullying, accessibility of personal information and plagiarism are just some of the topics he will cover.

Given the importance of this topic in everyone's lives, all OHS students and faculty will be required to attend an assigned session with Lindsay as part of the Fine Arts Club Festival. The OHS Booster Club whole heartedly embraces the idea of this speaker and the messages he will share and has agreed to underwrite the expense of this speaker and asked to have an additional presentation open to the public. Lindsay agreed to do so on Tuesday, March 20th at 7pm in the OHS auditorium.

While there is no fee to attend, we are asking for those attending to strongly consider making a donation that to the Fine Arts Club to help offset the expenses of the amazing acts they provide throughout the festival. There will be student FAC representatives at the entrances of the auditorium to collect any donations you are willing to share. The online world is vast, powerful and impressionable and we are hoping that Lindsay's message will impact our student body, faculty and community. Hope to see you there!

For more information about CL Lindsay, please visit his website at <http://www.cllindsay.com/about>.