

Bulldog Bulletin

“All children can learn”
Washington Junior High School
 Oglesby Public Schools 125

S.O.S. Updates

Thank you to the entire Oglesby community for your support during our POP fall fundraiser!

The SOS committee will use those funds to contribute towards school projects in conjunction with the district's vision.



Academic Support

If you are concerned about your students grades there are options available to help.

Morning Homework club
 Mrs. Zimmer 8:15-8:40am

Lunch & Learn
 Staff supervised time for kids to eat & work

Afterschool support
 Students can work in the main office from 3:20-4:00

There is no signup for this, but you are welcome to let the office know to support your child.

Principal Notes:

October Happenings!

I would like to extend a big thank you to all the students who have been attending and supporting our athletes at their extracurricular events.

- October 4—Early Dismissal
- October 6—No School, Teacher Institute
- October 9—No School, Columbus Day
- October 18—RETAKES/Band/Choir Pictures at Washington
- October 23—Red Ribbon Week (drug abuse prevention)
- October 24—Fall Sports Pictures –Boys Basketball & Cheer pictures
- October 27—Fall School Dance (Halloween Theme), 4:30—6pm
- October 27—Day of Awesomeness

CYBER SAFETY AWARENESS WORKSHOP

IVCC is offering a cyber safety awareness workshop for parents on two separate nights in October. ROE35's Zach Shaw is working with the IVCC professor to bring you this opportunity.

Partner with IVCC in keeping your children safe. Cybercrime against children has increased by 20% in 2022. Join us in learning how to protect your entire family with a focus on our kids. Whether using social media to online gaming. From their smart phones to being in the comfort of their home, discover how you can identify if your child may be at risk and what we can do about it. The session will involve training with tools you can start using the same day. IVCC Computer Networking and Information Technology Professor Garrick Whitehead will be the presenter.

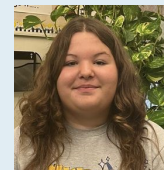
[October 4th](#)

[October 18th](#)

P.B.I.S - Students that are being the change they seek to see

The PBIS Spotlight Students for September were:

- ◇ Raahi Patel (6th grade)
- ◇ Sophia Picco (7th grade)
- ◇ Connor Mickelson (8th grade)



These students embody the characteristics & expectations we seek to instill in all of the students. They are open, kind and accepting to their peers. Their presence in the classroom and hallways makes us a better school. We appreciate their efforts thus far and wish them continued success throughout this year.

OCTOBER MENUS FOR WASHINGTON: Click [here](#)

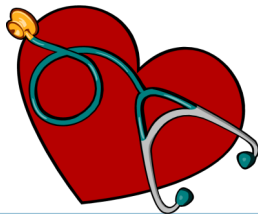
Nurse's Notes:

Dental Clinic:

Physical Examination & immunizations: Students in grades K & 6 must submit proof of physical examination and immunizations no later than October 15, 2023 to remain in attendance. Dental Clinic: Orland Park Dental Services will be coming to OPS on November 27 and December 1. Eligible students will receive a cleaning, fluoride treatment, and sealants if needed. Sealants are a protective coating on the chewing surfaces of the back teeth. This program is offered for all grades, but the state requires K, 2nd, & 6th graders to have a mandatory dental exam prior to May 15, 2024. This dental exam will fulfill this requirement.

Forms have been sent home with your students.

Please return them to school as soon as possible if you would like your child to participate. Vision examinations: All kindergarten students are required to submit proof of a vision examination.



Red Ribbon Week Themes

BE KIND TO YOUR MIND. LIVE DRUG FREE

- ◇ 10/23—Neon day. My future is too bright to do drugs
- ◇ 10/24—Red day. Red out for red ribbon week
- ◇ 10/25—Workout Wednesday. Work drugs out of your life
- ◇ 10/26—Sports team's clothes. Team up against drugs
- ◇ 10/27—Dress in costumes (no masks/hoods). Say boo to drugs!!

Parents Right to Know: In accordance with the ESEA Section 1111(h)(6) Parents Right to Know, the Oglesby School District is notifying every parent in a Title I school that you have the right and may request information regarding the qualifications of your child's classroom teacher. This information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teachers including at a minimum the following:

1. Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other professional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of certification or degree.
4. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

If at any time your child has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher not highly qualified, the school will notify you. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Superintendent Michael Pillion, at 883-9297.

Girls Basketball:

5th & 6th grade:

Both groups continue to make a lot of progress since the beginning of the season! 5th grade is working on challenging themselves with their fundamentals, while 6th grade is working on fundamentals while also trying to challenge themselves in becoming better players and teammates. They have been a blast to watch as they continue to make more growth over the final month of the season!

7th & 8th grade:

The 7th and 8th grade girls basketball season has been off to a great start. From the first practice in August to the most recent game, athletes have shown immense improvements individually, and also as a team. The Lady Bulldogs have faced some challenging teams; the 7th grade Lady Bulldogs are 5-2, and the 8th grade Lady Bulldogs are 2-6.

Cheerleading: Cheerleading will be open to all 7-8 grade girls. They will begin their season with practices starting on October 16.

Boys Basketball: The boys basketball season will start with practices on October 16.



Washington Junior High Band

ILMEA audition results will be back within the next few weeks and we have some excellent contenders this year, all very well prepared.

We have the Veterans Day performance coming up for band. We have just finished our LP Jr High Band Night, which was a great opportunity for our band students to be seen and heard all the while learning what band looks like at the high school level!

Meanwhile 4th Grade is working on their band karate belts (they earn a different color "belt" for every new skill they learn) and 5th grade is working toward our Halloween concert next month.

If you have any interest in your child joining band or choir please reach out to Mrs. Jennifer Richardson.

TEACHER EASE

Please access TeacherEase to update any information for your child and your family, identify their progress and to email staff regarding any questions that may arise.

Encourage your child to be proactive in accessing TeacherEase, as well as talking with their teachers about progress.