



Olympia South Elementary
Mrs. Stacey Rogers, Principal
Parent Update-Week of September 4th, 2023



Monday - No School - Labor Day

Tuesday - Picture Day

2:30-3pm - Crossing Guard Training

Thursday - 1:30pm - New Student Dilly Bar Party

Friday - Break the Rules Day - Sponsored by PTO



Focus for September - Growth Mindset

Each day throughout the month of September students will be learning about Growth Mindset. Throughout the month students will develop understanding that learning is a process. Just because you may have difficulty with something today, it does not mean you will always have difficulty with that "something". Instead of thinking "I can't do this or I'm not smart enough or I made a mistake," students will focus on how to change that fixed mindset into one of growth. I can't do this....yet, I will try hard to learn how to do something new and Mistakes are how I learn how to get better! All month long, staff will watch for students demonstrating their growth mindset and this will be our first spartan of the month recognition celebrated at the beginning of October.

PTO Update

PTO is currently looking for businesses (or individuals) to donate baskets (or monetary donations) for a raffle auction for a PTO event at Olympia South! If you are interested please contact us at OlySouthPTO@gmail.com

PTO will have a booth at the Atlanta Fall Fest September 8-10 however we are in need of volunteers to help run the booth. If you are available to help, find our signup located on our Oly South PTO Facebook page.

Mark your calendars, the first PTO meeting of the school year will be September 13 at 6:30 at Oly South. Anyone is welcome, we love to see new faces!

September 8 is our first Break the Rules day. For a \$1 donation your child can wear their pajamas. For a \$5 donation they can wear pajamas AND bring a small stuffed animal (must fit in their bag).

Data Day-MTSS groups planned

Our data teams met on Friday to look at fall benchmark scores for all of our K-5 students. All grades K-5 have a 25 minute block each day for MTSS, where students get instruction based on what they are ready to learn. Letters will come home this week providing information on what your students will be focusing on during this block of time. Family reports describing your students' fall benchmark scores will also be sent home this week.

September Mental Health

We have engaged in a partnership with the Cook Center for Human Connection. This non-profit focuses on parent education and our partnership is made possible through a grant we have obtained. Given what we see our students struggling with and the national statistics, we will be sharing mental health information with parents throughout the year. We will also be hosting parent education events featuring experts on various behavioral and mental health topics.

The [September Mental Health Newsletter \(English\)](#), ([Spanish](#)) talks about the power parental influences have on your child as you set clear expectations, encourage education and healthy friendships and become a role model to your child. Additional parenting topics and free online courses can be found at www.ParentGuidance.org

Important Upcoming Dates:

September 11th - MTSS intervention groups begin

September 11th - Board Meeting-6pm

September 13th - PTO meeting - 6:30 pm - OSE

September 25th - Institute Day - No School for students

Link for Flyers: Please check out our recently added flyers:

<http://www.olympia.org/o/district/browse/16336>