



Olympia South Elementary
Mrs. Stacey Rogers, Principal
Parent Update-Week of October 9th, 2023



This Week At South:

Monday - No School - Columbus Day

Tuesday - Fire Prevention Day - Fire Drill with the Fire Dept.

Firemen visit each classroom

6pm-Board Meeting - OHS Learning Center

Wednesday - 3-7pm - Parent Teacher ConferenceS

6:30pm - PTO - Library

Thursday - 3-7pm - PT ConferenceS

Friday - Break the Rules Day - Info below

Parent Teacher Conferences This Week - October 11th and October 12th

Make sure that you have signed up for parent teacher conferences! Here is the link to sign up for a conference.

https://ptcfast.com/schools/Olympia_South_Elementary

Meet Ella!

Mrs. Duggins and her dog spent the summer going through training to receive Ella's therapy dog certification. Please click on the [link with information](#) from Mrs. Duggins about Ella



Parent Education Opportunity-Mental Health Series #2

The October series will focus on helping your child find success. This session will be held via zoom on October 17th. Information can be found in the link below:

[Helping your Child Succeed](#)

Break the rules day - This Friday!



Notes from the PTO

PTO is supporting dinner for the teachers on the two nights of Parent teacher conferences on October 11th and October 12th. The sign up genius is below if you'd like to help out!

[PTO Conference sign up](#)

October 11th - PTO meeting - OSE Library - 6:30pm

October 13th - Break the Rules Day- Bring your favorite snack to eat in class

Parents Night Out will be hosted on November 11th at OSE from 5-8pm. This is an adult only event where parents can come together to hang out with friends. There will be food vendors, vendors to shop and an auction. Admission is free.

PoP Fundraiser coming to a close

Our school fundraiser is coming to an end! This week we will be giving away the amazon gift card! All donations must be received by October 13th. Following the end of the donation window, we will receive reports with student/class totals and all of the individual and class prizes will be given out the following week. Remember any student that brings in \$100 worth of donations will be entered into the school raffle to win Crumbl Cookies, Principal for a half day or PE teacher for a half day.

If anyone has cash or check donations, those can be made out to Oly South and you can send those in an envelope with your student's name and fundraiser \$ on the envelope. We can manually enter those donations so your child receives credit for them.

Information from the Unit Office regarding referendum

As we move towards a referendum in the spring, we are soliciting input from parents around both facilities needs / wants as well as educational opportunities you would like for your children. All parents

will be receiving a survey in the next few weeks with questions about facility needs / wants as well as questions about additional educational programming you would like to see offered in the District. In addition to the survey, there will be a stakeholder meeting on Wednesday, October 18th at OHMS to tour both OMS and OHS and provide input on this facility as well as the elementary facilities. The October 18th meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the OHS Learning Center / Library.

We have solicited input from all staff and will be soliciting input from parents via the survey and the session on the 18th. All of that information will be collected and then the Board of Education will prioritize the list at their October 30th Special Board Meeting. The outcome will be a prioritized list of facilities projects to tackle IF the referendum were to pass. If the referendum does not pass, the Board will have to determine which projects we can afford. Similarly, the educational opportunities that surface will be prioritized by the Board and if the Education Fund increase (Tax Swap) is approved, we will work through the prioritized list. If the Ed Fund increase does not pass, the Board will determine what, if any, projects or opportunities we can afford.

For more information on the referendum, please see the story on our webpage:

<https://www.olympia.org/article/1261893>

Calling State Farm Employees for STEM support at South

We are working on a community partnership with the STEM initiative engagement coordinator at State Farm Insurance. They are supporting our STEM program in many different ways. We are looking to plan grade level opportunities for STEM instruction on Early Release Days. We would be looking for parents that work at State Farm or have retired from State Farm to assist with STEM stations on these days. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Kevin Haas at State Farm -

Kevin.hoss.hqlw@statefarm.com

Important Upcoming Dates:

October 20th - End of 1st grading period

October 20th - Kindergarten Field Trip

October 27th - 1st quarter report card

November 1st - Early Release Day

November 2nd - Picture Retake Day

November 10th - 5th grade Challenger Field Trip

November 10th - Break the Rules Day

November 10th - Veterans Day Assembly

November 22nd - November 24th-Thanksgiving Break

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

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