



Olympia South Elementary  
Mrs. Stacey Rogers, Principal  
Parent Update-Week of January 4th, 2024

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## **This Week At South:**

**Thursday: School Resumes with a normal day**

### **Spartan Focus for January is Empathy**

During the month of January, students will focus on identifying emotions, recognizing that feelings change and others may feel differently than you. Students will learn the value of listening and understanding other people's perspectives, especially when dealing with difficult situations.

### **2nd Quarter Progress reports will be available through Family Access on Monday**

On Monday after school, families can log in to the Skyward Family Access to see their child's 2nd quarter progress report.. The gradebook will be open until January 15th.

### **January Mental Health Newsletter**

Stay Informed and protect your kids. If you don't know the first thing about vaping, this is for you! As vaping continues to impact the lives of today's youth, staying informed is more critical than ever. In the January Newsletter: Clear Lungs, Bright Futures([English/Spanish](#)), we highlight the latest insights, trends, and essential information about vaping. Discover why it's crucial for parents to be in the know about this pressing issue and how you can safeguard your children's health. Knowledge is your best defense.

Join us and start by reading this month's newsletter. As always, check out the [ParentGuidance.org](https://parentguidance.org) resources where you can access free courses led by licensed therapists on more than 50 topics. Check out the course titled, "Parenting with Purpose." To access the course, simply navigate to ParentGuidance.org and click "On-Demand Courses."

### **Notes from the PTO**

Please join us for our next meeting on January 10th at 6:30pm in the OSE Library. Dr. O'Donnell will be in attendance to share information about the referendum.

### **Spartan Parent Resources**

*Parenting can be hard! Holidays can add stress. Find hope, answers, and stay current on parenting trends. Check out this Spartan parent resource: <https://parentguidance.org/>*

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

January 8th - Report Card Day

January 8th - January 12th - Winter MAP assessment window

January 8th -6pm Board Meeting - OHS Learning Center  
January 10th - 6:30pm-PTO meeting  
January 12th - 8am - December Spartan Walk of Fame  
January 15th - No School, MLK Jr. Day  
February 1st - DIAL preschool screening  
February 7th -Early Release Day - PM PreK attends  
February 27th - Family Reading Night at OSE

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

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