



Olympia South Elementary
Mrs. Stacey Rogers, Principal
Parent Update-Week of April 1st, 2024



This Week At South:

Tuesday - 2:30-3:45pm-After School interventions

Wednesday - Happy Paraprofessional Day to all of our wonderful aides!

3rd grade classes are IAR testing

2:30-3:45pm-STEM club

Thursday - Happy School Librarian Appreciation Day to Mrs. Spracklen!

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2:30-3:45pm- After School interventions

Friday - 3rd grade classes are IAR testing

IAR state testing for grades 3-5

The Illinois Assessment for Readiness will begin for students in grades 3-5 when we return from Spring Break. Students will test from Wednesday, April 3rd-Friday, April 12th. We will have the week of April 15th for make ups, but students in grade 5 will also be taking the Science State test that week. PLEASE try to avoid absences for your students during the testing window. If you have appointments that you can reschedule for that time frame, please consider rescheduling. Your child's teacher will communicate with you their exact testing days. Make sure to let the teacher know if your child will be gone on any of the testing dates so we can begin working on a makeup plan. These are required state assessments that are given annually.

Click on this [link](#) for a letter that provides information on the state testing

Parent Education - Sleep is important!

Discover the latest insights on how sleep impacts children's mental well-being in our April Mental Health Newsletter ([English/Spanish](#)) "Sleeping Sound." Dive into the crucial connection between quality sleep and children's emotional health. Explore expert tips for fostering better sleep habits and learn how a well-rested child is a happier, more resilient child.

As always, check out the [ParentGuidance.org](#) resources where you can access free courses led by licensed therapists on more than 50 topics. Check out the course titled, *Calming Your Anxious Mind*. To access the course, simply navigate to ParentGuidance.org and click On-Demand Courses > Anxiety & Depression > [Calming Your Anxious Mind](#).

Remember, you can always reach out to our family coordinator, Mrs. Maris, with any questions or needs. She is here to help! You can reach her at michelle.maris@olympia.org or by calling 708-689-3175.

McTeacher Night for Spring is scheduled

On Wednesday, April 10th, stop by the McLean McDonalds to visit with some of OSE staff and to support our school by having dine in or take out! A percentage of sales during this event goes back to OSE. At our fall McTeacher night we made a little over \$300!

Spring Music Program - Grades 3-5

Students in grades 3-5 will participate in our spring music program. The spring program will be at 6pm on Wednesday, May 8th in the Olympia South Gym. More information will come from Mrs. Jones as we get closer to the date.

Mark your calendars - Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day event for Olympia South is planned for Friday, April 26th. As in years past, this will be a morning event that will start at 8am and conclude by 10am. More information will come as we get closer to the event.

PTO Updates

Next PTO meeting is Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30pm in the OSE library

Our Spring Family Event scheduled for April 27th will be changing due to conflicts with scheduling. Stay tuned for more information!

Important Upcoming Dates:

April 2nd - April 19th - IAR state testing window for 3rd-5th grade students

April 10th - Spring McTeacher Night from 5-7pm-proceeds from sales goes back to OSE

April 23rd - 5-6pm - Kindergarten Round Up

April 25th - Spring pictures

April 26th - Grandparents Day

April 29th - DIAL Pre-K screenings

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

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