

Good afternoon! Please see the information below for details around upcoming events at Olympia West. There is a lot of information again this week; be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom of the email to see all of the information.

1. **Wednesday, October 4 we will have an early release. OWE students will be dismissed at noon. OWE students will also eat lunch before they are dismissed. AM Pre-K students will be in attendance, there will be no PM Pre-K.**
2. **Our PTO is sponsoring a “Break the Rules” day on Wednesday, October 4. Students can wear a hat to school on October 4 with a \$1 donation to PTO. PTO uses all of the money they raise throughout the year to directly support our teachers and classrooms. [Break the Rules Day October.png](#)**
3. **Thursday, October 5 is our retake day for school pictures. Proofs and pre-ordered picture packages were sent home this week. If you will have a retake and have already purchased your picture package, you must return your original picture package on Thursday.**
4. **This semester, our school is participating in a unique fundraising program with Art to Remember that gives you the opportunity to purchase keepsake items with your child's artwork on them. The best part is that every keepsake order supports our school. Just head to [ArtToRemember.com](https://arttoremember.com) and search for your child's name, enter their online order code, and start shopping! Orders and payment are due October 6.**
5. **At the September Board Meeting the Olympia Board of Education approved the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. This can be found by clicking on this link: [Superintendent's Welcome Page](#) and then clicking on the link that says CURRENT DISTRICT BUDGET.**
6. **Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 11-12. Each year our PTO organizes meals for our teachers to eat during conferences. If you would like to help out with meals use this link to sign up. [P/T Conference Meal Sign-Up](#)**
7. **To sign up for a conference with your child's teacher on October 11-12 use this link https://ptcfast.com/schools/Olympia_West_Elementary**
8. **If you have not paid your student registration fees for the 2023-2024 school year, statements have been emailed and posted to Skyward Family Access. Please contact Mrs. Lessen in the OWE office if you have any questions about your bill.**
9. **Use this link to see a list of the Family Engagement events that will take place this school year. [23-24 ParentFamily Events \(2\).png](#)**
10. **Please see this link [Fall Wellness Event.jpg](#) for a wellness event at Hopedale Wellness Center on October 22.**
11. **Mark your calendar for October 23, PTO is sponsoring a fundraising night at Monical's Pizza. Flyers will be sent home with students with additional details.**
12. **The use of AI or artificial intelligence is becoming more popular in the educational setting. Please view the link to see the [official district stance on A.I.](#)**
13. **We have an opening for two special education aides at Olympia West. The positions are for 5.75/hours a day. If you are interested in more information**

contact Mrs. Castleman or apply online by going to the district website and clicking on the district link, then the employment link.

14. We also are in need of substitute teachers and substitute aides. If you are interested in becoming a substitute, please contact Mrs. Castleman at lisa.castleman@olympia.org for more information.
15. For a list of flyers about activities and events in the Olympia community, please go to the Olympia website, click on the parents link and then on the link for flyers. You can also use this link [Olympia Flyers](#)