

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. **There is no school tomorrow, Monday, October 9**
2. **The Art to Remember Fundraiser deadline has been extended to October 18. Orders placed within this timeframe will be shipped for free to the school. Items are expected to be delivered by November 12, so they will arrive in time for the holidays. Use the website <https://arttoremember.com/school/73cs64> to place your order entering your child's unique code or their name. If you have any questions, please email Anige Swartzendruber at [angie.swartzendruber@olympia.org](mailto:angie.swartzendruber@olympia.org)**
3. **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>**
4. **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](#)**
5. **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](https://ptcfast.com/schools/Olympia_West_Elementary)**
6. **Thank you to PTO and all of the families that donated to our staff "Stock the Fridge". The Oly West staff appreciates the support from each of you. We are blessed with the best at West and that includes our families!**
7. **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](#)**

8. Please see this link [Fall Wellness Event.jpg](#) for a wellness event at Hopedale Wellness Center on October 22.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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](mailto:lisa.castleman@olympia.org) for more information.
12. 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](#)