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Superintendent's Message

As we complete this issue of "Oregon-Davis Schoolhouse," the weather has become cooler, the days shorter. Animals may be gearing up for hibernation, but our student and staff are working harder than ever at Oregon-Davis!



This year, there are many exciting opportunities for our students to further their education outside the classroom. Academic teams and clubs, athletics and the arts – there is something for everyone. We encourage our students to get involved, try something new, and possibly discover a life-long passion. There are also numerous opportunities for students to pursue academic excellence in Oregon-Davis

School Corporation. As you will read about in this issue, the new intercession programs offer students additional resources to succeed through tutoring and academic enhancement.

Educating the youth of our community is a collaborative effort with schools, parents and the community working in tandem to ensure student success. Many service organizations, businesses, parents and individual patrons provide support in numerous ways to our students and their activities every year. Thank you for everything you do for our schools! Carve out a little time to read this issue of Oregon-Davis Schoolhouse and learn about the education of our students. Together we can make this year great!

-Greg Briles, Superintendent, Oregon-Davis School Corporation



The start of the school year is an exciting time for students and their families. Together, we can make this year at the Oregon-Davis School Corporation, the best year yet.

Balanced Calendar Offers Time for Intercession

Oregon-Davis School Corporation has adopted a balanced calendar for the 2015-16 school year. As such, there will be extended breaks, or intercessions, in both the fall and spring semesters. During these breaks, we will offer students the opportunity for tutoring to ensure their academic progress, and enrichment for students who wish to work to enhance their progress. They may do this by completing projects, participating in academically rigorous activities, or competing in academic competitions.

Here are the important intercession dates:

First quarter grading period ends.....Oct. 6, 2015
Parent/Teacher Conferences .Oct. 13-14, 2015 (3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)
Fall Intercession.....Oct. 19, 20 and 21, 2015
Time8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Transportation: We will follow the same patterns as Summer School with drop-off points in Hamlet, Grovertown and Koontz Lake areas.

Third quarter grading period ends.....March 8, 2016
Spring BreakMarch 28 - April 1, 2016
Spring IntercessionApril 4 - April 8, 2016
Time8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Transportation: We will follow the same patterns as Summer School with drop-off points in Hamlet, Grovertown and Koontz Lake areas.

Under the following circumstances, students will be required to attend intercession for remediation tutoring:

- Students with excessive absences, tardies, or trancies (students with more than four unexcused absences of any kind and/or more than four tardies)
- Students in danger of failing the semester who earned an "F" in one or more core/required classes the previous nine weeks, or who is failing one or more core/required classes for the current nine weeks
- Where formative assessments show a student is behind academically. These assessments may include but are not limited to: Acuity, Achieve3000, USA TestPrep
- Students' status after previous state-wide tests or need to prepare for retesting in ISTEP or ECA

Under the following circumstances, students may attend intercession for enrichment:

- Students **may** attend to complete course projects
- Students **may** participate in academically rigorous activities, experiments, or classes
- Students **may** meet at this time to work on academic competitions that are within or outside the school

If a student fails to attend the remediation time assign, the building principal **will** make the initial contact with the parent asking the parent to please send their child to remediation. If the student continues to fail to attend the remediation, the county probation department **will** be contacted by the building principal.



At the Oregon-Davis School Corporation, we strive to prepare students like Robbie Barker for success in a changing world, and give them opportunities for a lifetime of learning.

Seventh Grade Attends Manufacturing Day Event

Seventh grade students attended the third annual Manufacturing Day Event on Oct. 8, 2015 at Knox Middle School. The event was put on by the Starke County Economic Development Foundation, in partnership with Oregon-Davis School Corporation, North Judson-San Pierre School Corporation and Knox Community School Corporation. Many Starke County industries were represented, with displays showing what their company manufactures, the types of jobs available at their company, and the skills and qualifications necessary to get those jobs. This event was designed to help students know what jobs are available, and to help them prepare for their future, whether it be college or a vocational program.

Lacey Wert Memorial Scholarship

The Oregon-Davis Chapter of SADD is planning to create a memorial scholarship in honor of Lacey Wert. We will keep you informed of further details as the group works to fundraise and establish the scholarship.

OD Participates in Yellowstone Trail Festival

Oregon-Davis was present at the Yellowstone Trail Festival this summer. Joseph Eskridge was able to procure a "hobo shack" on a trailer. Ryan Julian's AP U.S. History students made informative posters relating the history of the Yellowstone Trail and the history of hobo camps. Eskridge and Scot Hollenbaugh's students helped create and paint a large sign with the festival logo. This cutout was great for photo opportunities. Amanda Lester's band marched in the parade on Sunday. We are very happy with everyone's willingness to participate, and the community seemed to really enjoy our participation.



Students Study Engineer Career

Brian Pillar's seventh and eighth grade Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Gateway students researched and composed books on what it means and entails to be an engineer. This is one of the first projects in the first module for this course. Pillar had his students share their work with the lower grade students at the elementary. This is a great way to continue our cultivation of the PLTW program throughout our schools.



Quality education means not only putting children first, but giving them the best tools for their success.

OD Hosts Blood Drive

In August, OD hosted the first blood drive of the year. The American Red Cross was here and the turnout was solid, collecting from 30 people. This is a fantastic start to our collection goal of at least 150+ pints. If we can meet this goal, we could hand out a couple \$500 scholarships! The more blood donations we have, the more scholarship money we can earn. The new donation breakdown looks like this:

35-70 pints = \$250
71-100 pints = \$500
150 pints = \$750
151-200 pints = \$1,000
201+ pints = \$2500

The next blood drive is Nov. 3 at the Jr/Sr High School. We appreciate all the donations, which help support scholarships for OD students.



Oregon-Davis' Spotlight Students of the Month are Tristan Minzy and Colten Sliwa. Way to go, guys!

Students of the Month

Congratulations to our Students of the Month for August. These students have been recognized for their efforts and exhibiting Trust, Respect, and Responsibility. We want to recognize Logan Brissette, Dominic Cox, Cameron Erhart, Jack Gregor, Isabella Gregory, Courtney Jurkowski, Corbin Marshall, Tristan Minzey, Colten Sliwa, and Faith Stone.

Our Spotlight Students of the Month are Tristan Minzy and Colten Sliwa. Tristan, a sophomore, went out of his way to assist another student at lunch. He did this with no prompting by others, retrieving a basketball for a student who needed the helping hand! Colten, a freshman, has been working hard in his classes, making a solid transition to high school. He has taken a lead role in his group project in English/World History. He has shown solid leadership skills. Way to go, guys!

You're Invited!

The Oregon-Davis School Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 5998 North 750 East, Hamlet, IN. You are invited to attend these meetings.

Board of Education

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Feedback Is Welcome

We welcome our readers' letters, comments and critique. Write to us at Editor, *Oregon-Davis Schoolhouse*, Oregon-Davis School Corporation, 5998 N. 750 E., Hamlet, IN 46532, or call (574) 867-2111.

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District Calendar 2015-16

Oct. 19 – 23	Fall Break
Nov. 25 – 27	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 17-18	Semester I Exams
Dec. 18.....	End of Second Nine Weeks Grading Period
Dec. 21 – Jan 1	Christmas Break
Jan. 5.....	Second Semester Begins
Feb. 15.....	Presidents Day (no school)
March 2 – 11	ISTEP Applied Skills
March 6.....	End of Third Nine Weeks Grading Period
March 25.....	Good Friday (possible make-up day)
March 28 – April 8	Spring Break
April 18	No School (possible make-up day)
April 27 – May 15	ISTEP Multiple Choice
May 6.....	No School (possible make-up day)
May 26.....	End of Fourth Nine Weeks Grading Period
May 27.....	Last Student Day
May 30.....	Memorial Day (no school)
May 31 – June 3.....	Possible Make up Days
June 3.....	Graduation