

# The Olympic Viewer

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Since 1962

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## The Cougar's Den Principal's Message

Dear OLV families,

### Family Engagement

It is an exciting time here at OLV! We have had more family engagement than I have ever had the opportunity to be a part of in my career! In October we engaged our families with our OLV-Scholar Success Conferences. These conferences brought families and teachers together to hold healthy and robust conversations on how to help our scholars with reading. Teachers met with over 60 families during these meaningful conferences and coupled with our Student-led Conferences on Nov. 7th and 8th we are well on our way to meeting with 100% of our families! One of our Signature Strategies in our School Improvement Plan is: Provide frequent, two-way communication with student-scholars and families formally twice a year and informally four to six times a year, in an increasing number of languages, regarding each student scholar's academic progress toward mastery of all subjects. We will be holding additional conferences in January and will let the community know of upcoming dates soon!

### Literacy

Olympic View Student scholars are bringing home numerous books to read every day, setting Power Goals, and building their "Reading Stamina!" Every day I ask our scholars questions such as "What is your favorite book right now?" or "What is your Power Goal?" and our OLV Scholars are so excited to answer. We are building a culture of literacy at Olympic View, and we are already seeing a difference! There are some things you can do with your child at home to support this culture of literacy:

- Limit screen time including phones and tablets.
- Ask your child "What is your Power Goal?"
- Make sure your child has a book (or two) in their backpack and that they are reading at home.

**We value the partnership with our families!**

In closing I thank you for entrusting the OLV staff with your most precious treasure...your child; an Olympic View Student Scholar. Often I make school-wide announcements during our morning routine or on the intercom. Often times, I challenge our scholars to read at home on Early Release days and the weekend. Often times I ask them how they are going to be respectful and responsible over the weekend, however, these announcements serve a specific and singular purpose; to ensure that they have a Voice, a Dream and BRIGHT future.

In partnership,

Chris McCrummen, Honored Principal of the OLV Family

## Upcoming Events

### December 4

Early Release @ 2:10 pm

### December 10

Music Concert: 1st, 4<sup>th</sup> & Mrs. Arlt's Class at 5:30 pm

### December 18

Early Release @ 2:10 pm

### December 20

Family Lunch & Recess Day

### December 21 thru January 5

No School: Winter Break

## Highly Capable Program referral window open Dec. 2, 2019-Jan. 10, 2020



The FWPS Highly Capable program provides services to scholars who are designated as highly capable learners, typically in math and/or English Language Arts (ELA).

If a scholar is designated as a highly capable learner, they will receive specialized instruction and support to meet their needs.

FWPS staff, families, community members and scholars may refer a K-11 scholar for consideration during Dec. 2, 2019-Jan. 10, 2020 for the 2020–21 school year.

For more information, and to download the referral form visit:  
[www.fwps.org/Page/386](http://www.fwps.org/Page/386)



### Math Club Announcement

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math Club Members – this is just a reminder that our math practices take place every other Tuesday (they began on November 19<sup>th</sup>) from 4:15-5:00 pm. All 20 spots have been filled, but there is a waitlist if you're still interested.



Please reach out to Miss Nicholson at [fnichols@fwps.org](mailto:fnichols@fwps.org) to get your name on the waitlist. Parents, please remember that this is not a tutoring program, but a chance for interested students to go beyond what they are learning in class with fun puzzles, games and contests. Club members are strongly encouraged to attend math contests to put their math skills to the test!

### From the Music Room



Olympic View scholars are off to a musical start this fall! All grades have been increasing their comfort in singing independently and creating their own musical ideas. Our first concert of the year is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and will feature Grades 1 and 4, and Mrs. Art's K-2 class.

Extracurricular arts activities have opened up for grades 2-5 during their first recess as well. Any student in grades 2-5 can choose to participate in Hip Hop Dance Club or Choir for their grade level during 1 recess a week respectively.

-Ms. Thompson

### Northwest Church Sponsored Holiday Help

If your family is being sponsored by Northwest Church, for Christmas help, please make sure to check your child's backpack for the flyer that will state the date and time you are to come and pick up your items. A parent/guardian must be able to pick these items up – they cannot go home on the bus. If you have any questions about this, please reach out to our Family Liaison, Rosa Peña, at 253-945-3525.



## Join us! Standards-Based Grading and Reporting Family Forum



A grade is the ultimate form of feedback to a student and it must be accurate. As a result, Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS) is working diligently to ensure every scholar's grade is accurate.

We have important information to share with you about the new principles of grading and report cards, and enhanced communication to ensure greater transparency and partnership with families. We also would like you to attend one of the forums to provide valuable feedback.

- February 5, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at Todd Beamer High School, 35999 16th Avenue S., Federal Way 98003
- April 22, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Educational Service Center, 33330 8th Ave S. Federal Way 98003

Light refreshments will be provided. Spanish, Korean, Russian, Ukrainian and Somali interpreters will also be available.

If you have questions about SBGR in FWPS, contact us at (253) 945-2126 or visit [www.fwps.org/SBGR](http://www.fwps.org/SBGR).



## ¡Únete a nosotros! Foro de familia sobre calificaciones e informes basados en estándares

Una calificación es la mejor forma de retroalimentación para un estudiante y debe ser precisa. Como resultado, las Escuelas Públicas de Federal Way (FWPS) están trabajando diligentemente para garantizar que la calificación de cada estudiante sea precisa.

Tenemos información importante para compartir con usted sobre los nuevos principios de calificación y boletas de calificaciones, y una comunicación mejorada para garantizar una mayor transparencia y asociación con las familias. También nos gustaría que asista a uno de los foros para proporcionar comentarios valiosos.

- 5 de febrero, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm en Todd Beamer High School, 35999 16th Avenue S., Federal Way 98003
- 22 de abril, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm en el Centro de Servicios Educativos, 33330 8th Ave S. Federal Way 98003

Se proporcionarán refrigerios ligeros. También estarán disponibles intérpretes de español, coreano, ruso, ucraniano y somalí.

Tiene preguntas sobre SBGR en FWPS, contáctenos al (253) 945-2126 o visite [www.fwps.org/SBGR](http://www.fwps.org/SBGR).

## **\*\*Important Information\*\***

### **Birthday Party Protocol**



1. One store bought treat per student and/or 1 box/pouch drink per child. **2. Please have the following items at home as they can distract from academic learning at OLV: pizza, sheet cakes, decorations, balloons, party favors and piñatas.** 3. Happy to celebrate your child's birthday, however, please provide teachers at least 2 days' notice. Be mindful that our purpose is for each student to focus on their education. 4. Birthday treats may be left in the office so that each teacher will be able to find the best time in their schedule to celebrate.

### **Arriving On Time is Important!!**

Our school start time is 9:10 am. Students arriving after that time must come to the office for a tardy slip. \*Breakfast is served from 8:45-9:00am.



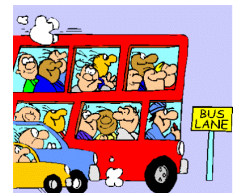
### **Early Student Pick Up**



If your child is going to leave early, please send a note to their teacher or call the office. You will need to sign them out at the office. Please allow a few extra minutes when picking them up, in case their class has to be located. We will not call your child to the office until you have arrived. We are protecting their learning time. To preserve student learning time for our student scholars, Olympic View office will not be honoring any early releases after 3:15pm.

### **Changing Your Scholar's After School Pick-Up Routine**

Any changes on how your child will be going home after school must be called in by 3:00 pm. Any calls made after 3:00 pm might not get to the student before dismissal time. Please help us ensure that your child gets their messages by calling in by 3:10 pm.



### **Dressing Appropriately for Recess**



It is our policy to have children go outside for recess as much as possible. Your child will go outside for recess in the rain and cold – please dress them appropriately for the weather. Please watch for cold, rainy days... students should come to school with sweaters/coats, mittens, good shoes, and hats on those days.

The Health Room **does not** have extra clothes for children who get wet or muddy at recess. All students have been told not to play in the puddles & grass field (when it's muddy & wet) at recess, but sometimes they still do. If they do not have a change of clothes with them they will have to continue through the rest of the day wet – we will not make calls home to get clothes brought to your child. **Please pack a change of clothes in your child's backpack for such emergencies.**

Umbrellas are discouraged at school because of the problems they can create, they are not allowed out on the playground due to safety reasons.



# Olympic View PTA



We are doing a Sprinkle Board this year. Teachers and Staff have written down items they may need for their class or around school.

These requests will be posted on the bulletin board located by room 9. If you were thinking of buying your student's teacher, or a staff member in the building, something for this holiday season the Sprinkle Board will be available to you for ideas.

## Events to remember:

- Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Free Dress Day (Cost \$1)
- Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> Sugar Cookies (\$0.75 for 1 cookie or \$2 for 3 cookies)
- Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> Spirit Week – **see details in the column**

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, email: [olvptafedway@gmail.com](mailto:olvptafedway@gmail.com)

A successful PTA equals participation. We appreciate your support!

**PTA** is a school association run by parents and teachers to discuss matters that affect our children; and to organize events to raise money for our school. **PTA** is an abbreviation for parent-teacher association.

**Together we can do so much!**



## **SPIRIT WEEK**

Monday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

**-WACKY DRESS DAY-**

(mismatch, inside out, fun colors, crazy clothes etc.)

Tuesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>

**-TWIN DAY-**

(find a friend and dress the same)

Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

**-CRAZY HAIR DAY-**

Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>

**-COLOR PER GRADE LEVEL & DEPARTMENT IN BUILDING-**

(Kindergarten – Yellow, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade & Specialists/ Intervention Staff – Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & Office Staff – Red, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Purple, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Orange, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Blue)

Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>

**-Surprise Gift-**

(kiddos will get a surprise gift from their PTA; kiddos & staff can also wear pajamas for OLV's IRLA Challenge reward. Please make sure that pajamas are school appropriate and that your child is wearing shoes that they can go out to recess with.)