

The Olympic Viewer

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Since 1962

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The Cougar's Den Principal's Message

Dear Olympic View Families,

Scholar Voice

Olympic View is committed to Scholar Voice! Scholar-led Conferences are being held Thursday March 19th 8:00-6:30 and Friday March 20th 8:00-12:00. These conferences are a critical part of your child's academics. As always, we are providing an open format where families may come in during a time that works and allows your child to demonstrate their learning by showing and telling through the use of work samples, a portfolio and specific examples. Your child will provide you with work examples that demonstrate their successes and challenges.

Power Goal

During the month of February Olympic View focused on student Power Goals and making sure all student- scholars knew their Power Goal. We also worked on the time your child spent on their Power Goal so that they did not spend too much time on one goal. The results were incredible:

In January the average number of days on Power Goal was 27 days.

By the end of February, the average number of days on Power Goals dropped to 14.9!

How can you help? Please ask your child what their Power Goal is every week!

As we begin our push into the spring there are several important reminders I would like to share:

- **Daylight Savings Time March 8th:** This time can be a challenge for many of us. It is critically important that you provide routines and structure for your child. Please prepare your child for Monday March 13th and the time change.
- **Smarter Balanced Testing:** In April, OLV will begin spring testing. Our teachers are preparing your Scholar through classroom activities and testing preparation, however there are things you can do at home to help prepare as well:
 - **Early and scheduled bedtime**
 - **Schedule vacations and or appointments around the testing schedule.**
 - **Encourage your child by telling them how much you believe in them!**

In closing I , again, thank you for entrusting the OLV staff with your most precious treasure...your child; an Olympic View Student-Scholar. Every day I am in classrooms and I ask our Scholars "What are you learning?" and "Why is it important?" These two questions are so important; they truly define the importance of school. I continue to challenge our scholars each day. Often times, during morning announcements, I'll ask them how they are going to be respectful and responsible over the weekend and show the world that they are an Olympic View Scholar wherever they are. These announcements, however, 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

March 4

In It Together @ 4:30 pm

March 11

Early Release @ 2:10 pm

March 17

Spring **CLASS** Picture Day – individual student photos will only be taken if you send your child with a filled out picture package order form and payment. If you do not send this with your student, their individual photo will NOT be taken.

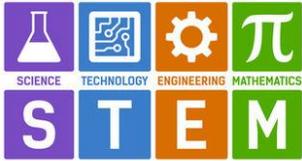
March 19-20

No School: Scholar Led Conferences

March 25

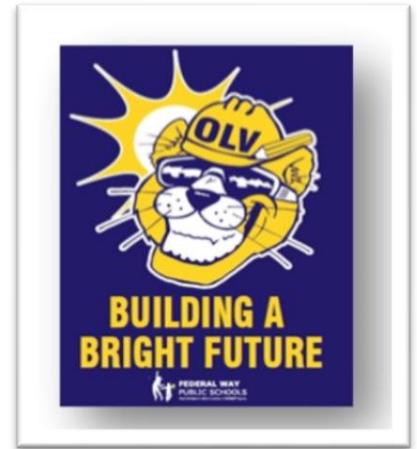
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STEM Exploration Night



Federal Way Public Schools is proud to announce our fourth annual STEM Exploration Night, Full STEAM Ahead. This exciting and informative event

highlights the diverse STEM learning taking place in our schools, and career opportunities and training groups in our region. This year the event will have an emphasis on the arts in STEM. The fourth annual STEM Exploration Night will take place Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Federal Way High School.



A Musical Note

March is National Music In Our Schools Month! This year's theme is "Music Changes Lives." We will be looking at how music is part of life around the world and that it can express feelings and ideas, unite communities, and inspire action.



The concert for 2nd grade, 3rd grade, and Mr. Stevens' class has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 30th at 6:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

Check it Out! It's a Message from Our Librarian



We will be having our Spring Book Fair in the library during the week of March 16th thru March 20th (Scholar Led Conferences week). Students can enter a drawing for cool prizes by bringing their raffle ticket to turn in during their conference. Students may shop during their recess that week (with money) or during conferences. The book fair helps the library earn free books for the entire school to read. We hope you will stop by, enter the drawing, and consider checking out some new books.



Scholar Led Conferences

Scholar Led Conferences (SLC's) are coming up on Thursday, March 19th and Friday, March 20th. Please remember that there is no school on either of those days, rather, you choose a time to come in with your child to have their conference. Be on the lookout for the letter that allows you to choose the time you'd like to come in for your SLC. If you have any questions or concerns, call the office at 253-945-3500.

Family Lunch & Recess Day!

There is no Family Lunch & Recess Day for the month of March. **Our next one will be on Friday, April 3rd!** Before Spring Break!

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.



- 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.



¡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.

- 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.

****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 3:00 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



Hello Olympic View families and scholars, the PTA has some great events coming up. Look below for the dates.

We are always looking for members and volunteers. Please stop by and pick up a membership form and join the PTA and help make this year more memorable for you and your families.



-  Wednesday March 4th – Popcorn Day (**Limit 4 Bags**)
 Cost \$0.50 for 1 bag or \$1 for 2 bags
-  Thursday March 5th – Spirit Night at Red Robin Federal Way location 5pm–9pm
-  Friday March 13th – Casual Dress Day
 Cost \$1
-  March 16th – March 20th – Book Fair Located in the Library
-  Monday March 23rd – PTA Meeting 4pm in the Library
-  Wednesday March 25th – Cookie Day (**Limit 6 cookies**)
 Cost \$0.75 for 1 cookie or \$2 for 3 cookies
-  Wednesday April 1st – Casual Dress Day (**Theme Wacky Dress**)
 Cost \$1



-  Walk-a-thon paperwork & money due **Tuesday March 31st**
-  Last day for coin drive to win a class party **Tuesday March 31st**

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, email: olvptafedway@gmail.com

You can also leave a note in the PTA drop box located in the Office

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Olympic-View-PTA-Cougars-2169071903421040/>

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!