

The Olympic Viewer

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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

November 7 & 8

No School: Scholar Led Conferences

November 11

No School: Veterans Day

November 20

Early Release @ 2:10 pm

November 22

Family Lunch & Recess Day

November 27

Early Dismissal @ 1:40

November 28 & 29

No School: Thanksgiving Break



A Note from Your Librarian

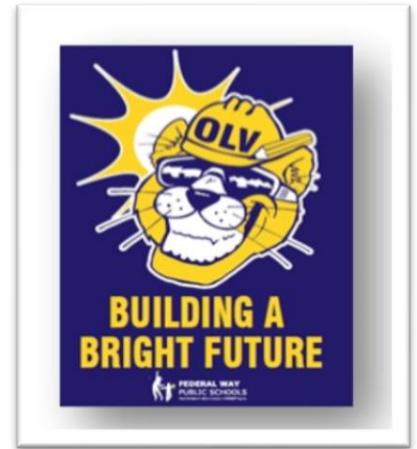
Hi, my name is Mrs. Marquez. I am the new librarian at Olympic View. I just wanted to introduce myself and let you know about 2 updates.

1. We will be having a Book Fair in the library during Scholar Led Conferences (the week of Nov. 4th- 8th). Scholars can enter a drawing for cool prizes by bringing their raffle ticket to turn in during their conference. Scholars may shop during their recess (with money) or during conferences.

2. Scholars are excited for this year's Battle of the Books and have begun reading the books for this year's battle which takes place in the spring. Book lists are available in the library and the library has about 3 copies of each book for checkout. We did a preview of each of the books during library in mid-October.

I look forward to meeting many of you during SLCs!

In Partnership, Mrs. Marquez



Reminder from our Nurse, Mrs. Dorsett

If your child is missing any of their immunizations, please make a doctor's appointment to get their needed shots. Those missing an MMR need to be aware of the new State Law requiring students to have both MMRs. All Health Point locations are offering free immunizations to those that need it as supplies are available. If you would like more information about this, please call the office at 253-945-3500 and ask for me, Mrs. Dorsett.



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 10th, 2019 and will feature Grades 1 and 4, and Mrs. Artl'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

BOLO
"Be on the look out"

Parent & Guardian Surveys!!!

Aiming for 100% participation for parent survey, open November 1-22, 2019.

Each year we provide surveys to our students, staff and parents to understand areas we are succeeding in and act upon areas we can make improvements. This year we are using a new survey tool that gathers feedback on a variety of topics including school climate, safety, and family engagement.

Parents and guardians, we are aiming for 100% participation. The survey will take approximately 5-10 minutes of your time and it's open November 1-22, 2019.

Beginning November 1st, the survey will be available online or via hard copy from your school's main office. Languages offered include English, Spanish, Korean, Russian, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Somali, and Dari.

You will also receive a notification to the email or phone number according to the preferences you set for receiving automated messaging.

****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 3:10pm.

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.



Meet Your OLV PTA Board!!!

President: Hello! My name is Lyndzey and I am a stay at home mom. I have a daughter in 2nd grade and a 3-year-old son. I love to do photography and bake. This is my first year at Olympic View, but not my first year serving on a PTA board. I went to OLV during my elementary years. I am going to college to become a teacher. I love to help and encourage students to always strive to do their best no matter what. Please come say hello.

Vice President: Hi! My name is Elisha Christenson and I have two kids; Elivia who is in 3rd grade and Tyce who is a Kindergartner. I've been married to my husband for almost 10 years. I've been working for Costco Travel for 14 years, part-time. I enjoy naps and my favorite beverage is milk. I'm extremely relaxed and I could be known for being a good listener and giving advice. I joined the PTA to be with my kids. This is my 2nd year as PTA VP. My main goal is happiness! I want to be able to give the kids something to look forward to and/or provide an activity that they may not be able to do at home. With this PTA Committee, together we are going to strive to be the best and do what we can to make OLV cool!!

2nd VP/PTA Volunteer Recruiter: Hello! My name is Dana and I am a stay at home mom and artist. I've been a tattoo artist since 2004 and love to paint, quilt, make jewelry, and read. Our family moved to Federal Way from Ohio in 2015 and we love our beautiful new home and spend a lot of time hiking, exploring, and visiting the beaches. I especially love to volunteer, and that is how I found the PTA! It is so much fun and so rewarding to help our wonderful teachers here at OLV by bringing treats and providing fun activities to all our scholars!

Secretary: Hello OLV Parents and Guardians, my name is Elodia and I am the secretary for this year. I am glad to be a part of this awesome board for the 2nd year in a row. I am a mom of 2 beautiful girls who are in 2nd grade and a former OLV student as well, which is very exciting to be back where childhood memories started. This year we hope to accomplish so much more in regard to school activities and any support we can bring to our staff/teachers. I invite you to become a member and come share any ideas you may have for our kids' school.

Treasurer: Hello OLV parents, my name is Mayrant Romero and I am your treasurer for the 2019-2020 school year. I am a mom of 3 boys, 2 attending OLV – 1 in Kindergarten and 1 in 3rd grade, and 1 in high school. I have lived in Federal Way for 19 years & attended OLV as a student, I'm very grateful to be a part of the board this year and to learn and grow so that we can better support our students, teachers and staff. As your treasurer I am responsible for keeping finances in order so that we can have funds to support school activities, with that said we need everyone's support to build a strong PTA at OLV.



November

4th – 8th: Book Fair!!!
Monday's hours of operation are from 2 pm to 3:40 pm, Tuesday & Wednesday the Book Fair is open during regular school hours, Thursday it is open from 8 am to 7 pm and Friday it is open from 9 am to 1 pm.

6th: Free Dress for \$1.00

13th: Cookie Day – you can get 1 cookie for .75 cents or 3 cookies for \$2.00

20th: Popcorn Day – you can get 1 bag for .50 cents or 2 bags for \$1.00

****Reminder****

Fundraiser packets are due November 8th! If you're turning it in on the 8th please drop your packet off at the library by 1 pm. Thanks!