



OWL NEWS

April 19, 2018

Message from Administration

PARCC testing will begin with our students in grades 3-5 on April 23. This is a chance for our students to show how AWESOME they are! We encourage them to do their best. We also explain that they might come across some difficult items that they will need to persevere through. We do not want any students to feel stressed about the test, so please help us by reinforcing that all they need to do is do their best work and it will be fine. Thank you to all of our families for all you do to support student learning. We are fortunate to have partners like you, as we work to educate our students. Although PARCC is given in grades 3-5, all of our staff helps to prepare the students by providing quality instruction through their years at OES.

Come Out to Support Our Former Students

Patriotic Eagles (Adlee Boerum, Charles Day, Nico Araya and Steven Berger) are having a car wash/bake sale to raise money for their trip to Destination Imagination Globals in Knoxville TN. They have worked very hard to earn this honor. The fundraiser will be at the Shell at 1275 W Patrick St, Frederick, MD 21702 this Saturday April 21 from 9-3. Thank you for supporting them.

FCPS School Safety Presentations

We consider the safety of your children a top priority. There are many things we do at the central office and school level to ensure their safety. As a part of this effort, Oakdale Elementary Staff has been trained in a strategy called Avoid, Deny and Defend. Safety Presentations for parents on this topic are being provided at each high school. The presentation will be at Oakdale High on Tuesday, April 24 from 6-8.

Drop Off Procedures

Please follow these procedures when dropping off students:

- Pull up to the front loop and join the drop off line (It is unsafe for students to be dropped off in the parking lot area.)
- Stay in the line and only pull around cars ahead of you if you have been directed to do so by a staff member.
- When possible, have students exit from the door closest to the sidewalk. If you need to have your child get out on the other side, wait for a staff member to come to escort your child from the vehicle to the sidewalk.

Arrival and Dismissal

Students are allowed to enter school beginning at 8:45. Please make sure they arrive in enough time to get to their class, so they are in their seats and ready to learn by 9:15. If a student arrives at 9:15, they don't have time to unpack and be ready for their day. This impacts the late student and other students. First of all, they begin their day feeling unprepared and behind. Another thing is that the teacher might need to stop to repeat directions or instructional information.

Regular Dismissal does not begin until 3:45. Please avoid picking students up early, unless it is unavoidable due to an appointment. It might only seem like 10 or 15 minutes, but that time adds up. It also causes a disruption to others because the office has to call up to the room while instruction is still going on. While we know there are times parents must pick up their children, we ask that parents use our car rider line or send them home on the bus whenever possible. Dismissal is a very hectic time and we need to be able to focus on getting all of our 655 children home safely. Minimizing office traffic and distractions at this busy time will help us with keep our students safe, which is our number one priority, Thanks in advance for your help with this.

PARCC Dates

Regular PARCC Testing will occur from April 23-May 7 in grades 3-5. Please make every effort to have your child at school during this window. We understand that students might be ill or have an appointment that could not be rescheduled. We will be providing make-ups for those students. Students that arrive at school after a session has begun will have to wait until the session is over to join the class. Below are the days for each grade. Please note that they could be changed without notice due to unexpected circumstances.

April 23 Grade 5 am Grade 3 pm	April 24 Grade 5 am Grade 3 pm	April 25 Grade 5 am Grade 3 pm	April 26 Grade 4 am Grade 3 pm	April 27 Grade 4 am Grade 5 pm
April 30 Grade 4 am Grade 5 pm	May 1 Grade 3 am Grade 5 pm	May 2 Grade 4 am Grade 5 pm	May 3 Grade 4 am Grade 3 pm	May 4 Grade 4 am Grade 3 pm
May 7 Grade 4 am Grade 5 pm				

Spirit Days Reminder

- June 1- Beach Day (no bathing suits please)

Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
April 19	PTA 4:15
April 20	Band Band Orchestra Concert for Students 2:20 Pack the Park- PTA Night at Frederick Keys
April 23	PARCC
April 24	PARCC Avoid, Defend, Deny Safety Presentation at OHS 6-8 PM
April 25	Chorus PARCC
April 26	PARCC
April 27	Go Green Day Band PARCC
April 30	PARCC

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May 2	Chorus PARCC
May 3	PARCC
May 4	Band PARCC

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