

# Olde Orchard Alternative



## NEWSLETTER

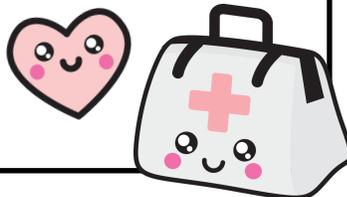
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### APPRECIATION AND CELEBRATION

In May we celebrate some of the people in our lives who care for us! **Mother's Day** is Sunday, May 12th this year. It's a good day to check in with your mom and let her know you appreciate her. **Teacher Appreciation Week** is also this month from May 6th to May 10th, and **National School Nurse Day** is

Wednesday, May 8th.

Between mothers, teachers, and the school nurse, Olde Orchard students have a whole pack of people who care for our hearts, our bodies, our futures, and everything in between!



### ONWARD AND UPWARD

For some of us May isn't just the last month of the school year, but it's also the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. On **May 24th**, Olde Orchard kindergarteners will be officially promoted to first graders! This is a huge accomplishment for our smallest classmates.

Also this month is the **Fifth Grade Promotion**. On **May 28th** our oldest students end their time as Olde Orchard Pandas and move on to middle school as sixth graders. It's a big time in our fifth graders' lives.

Congratulations to all!

### KEY DATES

**May 1: Science Testing Grade 5**

**May 2-3: Math Testing Sp Ed**

**May 6: PTO Meeting at 6**

**May 6: Interims Go Home**

**May 6-7: Science Testing Grade 5 Sp Ed**

**May 9: Kindergarten Field Trip 930-130**  
Vern Riffe Center

**May 9: SLT Grade 5 Field Trip**

**May 10: Fun Run at 6**

**May 11: Children's Day 10-1**  
Walnut Ridge High School

**May 14: Author Visit**  
Steve Metzger comes to 0.0!

**May 17: Spring Concert at 10 and 2**  
Choir and Instrumental

**May 22: Sp Olympics Track and Field 145**

**May 24: Kindergarten Promotion at 230**

**May 27: No School**  
Memorial Day

**May 28: Fifth Grade Promotion at 145**

**May 29: Field Day**

**May 30: Last Day for Students**



## IN THE LUNCHROOM

As part of our **commitment to healthy eating** at Olde Orchard, please refrain from allowing children to bring candy or pop to school in packed lunches. Large bags of chips are prohibited.

Many students have **serious allergies** and all food items brought to school can only be consumed by the student who packed them. Food items **cannot** be shared with others.

## FIRST GRADE CAMP

Look for information coming home soon about **first grade camp** that takes place at the end of the year during the school day. Students will be tie-dying T-shirts for camp and we will need some donated items for camp snacks and projects. Families will also be asked to write letters to their first grader while they are at “camp”.

Camp packet will come home soon!

## RELAXATION STRATEGIES AND TESTING

This year while visiting classrooms for class lessons we have talked a lot about what to do when we experience “big” emotions such as anger, sadness, anxiety, or frustration. Being able to calm down when we feel this way helps us make better choices.

You can help your student practice these calming strategies at home. Also, encourage your child to use these skills during the upcoming third, fourth, and fifth grade State testing over the next few weeks.

**Take deep breaths.** Breathe in through your nose, hold for three, then breathe out through your mouth.

**Relax those muscles.** Focus on a specific group of muscles such as your shoulders. Tighten the group of muscles and hold for five then release and allow your muscles to relax.

**Use positive Self Talk.** Say positive statements to yourself to stay encouraged.

**Use visualization techniques.** Close your eyes and think about the choice you need to make. Picture yourself making that choice keep calm while imagining yourself making the choice.

Mrs Case, Guidance Counselor

## TESTING SCHEDULE

**April 29, May 8, 10:** *Makeup testing for Math and Science*

**April 30-May 1:** Fifth Grade (only) Science testing

**May 2-3:** Math State Test for students with an IEP or 504

**May 6-7:** Fifth Grade (only) Science testing for students with an IEP or 504

**Please Note:** Some students may take their state test on an alternate day. The classroom teacher will contact you if a different date has been selected for your child.



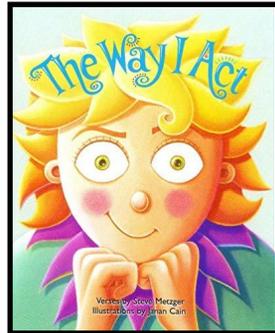
## 5TH ANNUAL FAMILY FUN RUN

Our Family Fun Run fundraiser is Friday, **May 10th at 6**. Students and families may run the ½ mile, full mile, or participate in both runs. Students will receive a medal at the finish line along with a healthy treat for completing the race, and participants will also be entered into a drawing for prizes after all runners have finished. Registration forms coming soon.

## STEVE METZGER AUTHOR VISIT

Mark your calendars for May 14th! We are looking forward to popular author of children's literature, Steve Metzger, coming to visit Olde Orchard. He will present to all students, and all grades will have projects displayed. Check it out!

Your Literacy Team



## GRADE 5 AT CHILLER ICE RINK

Our fifth grade students had a great opportunity to learn how to ice skate thanks to the **Columbus Blue Jackets Power Play Program**. Many of our students had their very first experience on the ice and even though we had lots of falls, our students persevered and had a great time.



# First Grade



# Camp

**Olde Orchard Elementary  
2019**

## MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU!

Are you a Star Wars fan? **May 4th** is Star Wars Day. It's also **Free Comic Book Day**. Many comic book stores have a selection of comic books they give away free on May 4th! It's a good time to explore your community comic book store. Enjoy your exploring!

## FIELD DAY

Olde Orchard's **Field Day** is Wednesday, **May 29th**. Field Day is a day-long event full of fun outdoor activities that our students look forward to every year. Over the next few weeks your child will be earning his or her Field Day through the points students receive each day at school. The goal is to earn 100 points; however, we understand that students don't always have perfect days. At least an 85% is required for students to earn Field Day.

**Parent volunteers** are needed to help with setup and to work the many activity stations. Please send back the volunteer form or email Coach G at [lgattshall7175@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:lgattshall7175@columbus.k12.oh.us).



## SLT PENNY HARVEST UPDATE

The school voted! Olde Orchard is donating \$884.83 to **Families For A Cure** which helps sick children and their families. The school is also donating \$442.42 to **Canine Collective**, a rescue organization that adopts out dogs.

We're holding a school drive during the week of May 13th to collect supplies for the **Van Buren Shelter**. The raised supplies help make hygiene kits that the organizations gives to families who come to the shelter. Further information about the collection will be sent home as we draw closer to the drive.

Thanks again for your support and donations. We are so excited our school is involved on helping our community!

## A REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Olde Orchard's school dress code is still in effect and will continue through the end of the year for all students, including Grade 5. **Students not in dress code will lose recess.**

Personal bags like fanny packs, mini backpacks, and purses of any kind are **not permitted** at Olde Orchard. Please have your students keep these items at home.

Students need to be on time to school and in school every day. Please encourage your child to come to school ready to learn, dressed in appropriate school uniform, and without prohibited items.

Please be considerate in the walker/rider **pickup line**. Parking on the opposite side of the street and **cutting in line is not permitted**. Parents who do so will be redirected.

Picking up students on the wrong side of the street is a **safety hazard** and is prohibited. Please wait in the **authorized pickup line** only so as to retrieve your child on the side of the street closest to the school.

