



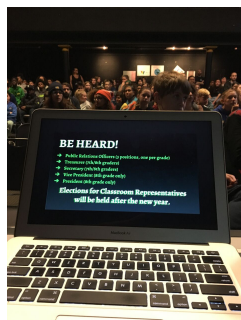
Principal's Message

Hello OG Families and Community,
 Last week was an exciting week, as we had two assemblies. The first was from our **Self Enhancement, Inc.** (SEI) team about their first tenet: we always greet each other with a smile. This sounds simple, but we often forget to make that friendly acknowledgement. Thanks to Ms. Monique Shellmire for putting that presentation together and the student actors who created the skits!



This was followed by our OG Awards Assembly, which included a performance by our Advanced Band. Thank-you Mr. L and students!

Ms. Lingenfelter, our 7th grade science teacher, will lead our OG student government, and she presented the framework at the assembly. Elections will occur in January. It is important for our students to have a voice in the processes that make OG a great school and our new student government will support that. Your voice is important as well, so please look for an email with a link to our Site Council's family survey. Have a wonderful week! Paula



Calendar

Dec 11
 6:00 pm
 TAG Family Night @ OMSI

Dec 11 - 15
 Spirit Week

Dec 13 - Wednesday
 6:00 pm
 Site Council Meeting
 (OGMS Library)

Dec 15
 School Dance

Dec 18 - Jan 2
 Winter Break - No School

Jan 8 - Tuesday
 6:00 pm
 OG Music Performance
 (OGMS Auditorium)

Jan 11 - Friday
 6:30 pm
 PTA Meeting
 (OGMS Library)

8th Grade Families - HS Reminder

Eighth graders must select their neighborhood or comprehensive option for high school by next **Friday, December 8.**

To make your selection, [go to this PPS website](#) where an account has been created for you. Your username is 5039750151@schoolmint.net. Click on "forgot my password," and follow the online steps to make your dual assignment selection. If you are interested in other high school choices, you may apply through this same online application.

State Testing at Ockley Green

This spring our students will take the Smarter Balanced State test. The test results are NOT used to “hold students back”, but will help show where more support, resources or teacher training is needed. The district also uses the results to identify students who qualify as Talented and Gifted (TAG).

What about students with special needs?

The test is given in English. The test includes supports for students who are learning English and/or have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Supports include such tools as a translated glossary for English language learners, a scratch pad, Braille and closed captioning. To learn more, visit the

[Smarter Balanced website](#)

Can students choose not to take the tests?

State law allows parents to exempt students from the tests. The parent or guardian must fill out an exemption form in the school office. Those forms will be sent home with all students in December.



It takes a village to make a great middle school! Ockley Green has many volunteer opportunities. Our staff can always use help in the office, assisting with class projects, improving the building, or attending PTA or Site Council meetings.

[Here are some current needs, can you help?](#)

Art teacher Megan Archer is looking for volunteers to help with a clay project at various times throughout the week of Dec. 4 - 8. Artistic skill not required, she just needs extra hands! If you might be able to help, please email Megan for more information - marcher@pps.net

On December 12th, 13th and 14th with various times between 9:25 - 2:25 we need



volunteers to help us with our OG “Student Binder Check-in.” Volunteers needed to serve hot chocolate (shh, it’s a surprise!) to students while they clean-up, repair and organize student

TAG Students

On December 11th from 6-8pm, the TAG Department is sponsoring OMSI Family Night. Enjoy free parking, free admission, and the Illusions exhibit for PPS TAG Families. If you have any questions, please email Amanda Graham at agraham@pps.net

Library News

Our November/December promotion is called **Read, Rise Up, Resist, Repeat.**

Your student is challenged to read at least one book about a character who challenges authority in some way. (Check out the display in the library, or ask for a suggestion!) Students can then fill out an entry form and be put into a drawing to **Resist Cafeteria Lunch**, where they will get take-out lunch for themselves and a friend in January. Encourage your student to challenge themselves by reading about a brave and bold character!



If you're interested in updated book reviews and other library happenings, follow [@ockleygreenreads](https://www.instagram.com/ockleygreenreads) on Instagram!

Do you need Health Insurance?

For families that do not get medical insurance through employers or other avenues, an important date is on the horizon: **Dec. 15**. That's the deadline to apply for 2018 coverage through the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.

The deadline is far earlier than 2017, when you had until Jan. 31 to sign up. Those who can afford insurance but choose not to get it face a fee, also known as an "individual mandate." *Anyone who*

binders. Student binders, which all students carry during school are an integral part to their success. If you can help, [please sign up for a time slot on this document](#), or contact Ms. Harold jharold@pps.net

We also are seeking a volunteer to help us hang the glass art that our 7th graders created last year for Right Brain. If you are someone with a talent in installations please contact Ms McCullough pmccull@pps.net or 503-916-5660.

needs coverage should go to [healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov).

Some Oregon residents could also qualify for the Oregon Health Plan based on age, income, disabilities and residency. [Visit the OHP website](#) for more information.