



OCKLEY GREEN FAMILY & COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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Principal's Message

Hello Ockley Green Families and Community,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable vacation. It was wonderful getting that little bit of snow on the 24th, but I think we were all relieved that we didn't have a repeat of last year's snow events.

We ended before the break with an All-School Dance, a full Spirit Week, as well as our Binder Check Cocoa parties. We were busy! If you were a volunteer at the binder event, thank-you so much for your support of our students academic and organizational success.

We are excited to get back to the important work of teaching and learning at OG and look forward to the next couple of weeks as we move closer to the end of the first semester on January 26th with a teacher planning day on Monday, January 29th. Please also note the important meeting dates coming up with our PTA on January 11th at 6:30pm and Site Council on January 17th at 6:00pm. Both committees are critical to the work we do at Ockley Green. Please consider attending a meeting to find out more about how Site-Council and PTA support our students and school. Your voice and input are valued.

The first, Ockley Green Winter Music Festival is Thursday, January 18th at 6:00pm in the OG auditorium. Mr. Littledyke has done amazing work with our musicians so this will be an incredible event to attend. We will also have our third OG Awards

Calendar

Jan 11 - Thursday

6:30 pm
PTA Meeting
(OGMS Library)

Jan 15 - Monday

MLK Day - No School

Jan 17 - Wednesday

Late Start

Jan 17 - Wednesday

Site Council Meeting
(OGMS Library)

Jan 18 - Thursday

6:00 pm
OG Music Performance
(OGMS Auditorium)

Jan. 29 - Monday

Teacher Planning - No School

Need to plan ahead?

[**Check out the OGMS
Family Monthly Calendar**](#)

Assembly on Friday, January 26th in the afternoon at school. At these assemblies we honor Ockley Green students who have shown empathy, been critical thinkers, social justice advocates and set personal achievement goals. Assembly times will be posted the week before the event.

Ockley Green will be busy the next several weeks and I will be sure to keep you informed via weekly newsletters and more urgent news blasts. Have a great week back!

Paula

OGMS Site Council Survey

Parents and caregivers: it's not too late to give your feedback! The Ockley Green Middle School (OGMS) Site Council includes parents, teachers, and administrators from Ockley Green and they want to hear what you think about school climate and family involvement. [Please click here to take a short, 7-8 minute survey.](#)

If you are interested in learning more about the Site Council, please consider attending the next meeting on Wednesday, January 17th at 6 pm in the OG library. [You can also read the December meeting minutes here.](#)

Classroom Visits & Conferences

You are welcome to visit your student's classroom and we encourage you to do so. A personal conference with the teacher is one way to track academic progress or resolve concerns. In addition, all families have access to [ParentVue](#) to monitor their student's assignments and grades. Please schedule classroom



This is what parents who recently volunteered at Ockley Green had to say:

"It was so much fun to volunteer today and see faces that I haven't seen in a while."

"It was so fun! I'm thinking of volunteering again tomorrow, if its still needed!"

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. Check this weekly newsletter for opportunities, or check in with Jane Harold at jharold@pps.net.

Can you help? We are seeking donations of large, old shirts for students to use as painting smocks while painting their lockers as part of a large-scale art project. Donations can be brought to the front office.

visits at least one day in advance. This will enable the teacher to gather student work and to arrange a time for an uninterrupted conversation. Parents must check into the office before their appointment in the classroom.

AVID at Lewis & Clark College



In December, students from Ockley Green's [AVID \(Advancement Via Individual Determination\) program](#) went on

an field trip to learn more about the college experience. AVID students got a chance to tour the Lewis and Clark campus with a professor, see college classes in action, interview students, and eat in the dining hall.

College food is pretty enticing! They also learned about how different students get help paying for college--a combination of



financial aid, work-study, and scholarships. It was chilly, but a great day to explore a beautiful campus!
