



Principal's Message

Good morning Ockley Green Families and Community,

First of all I want to thank our Ockley Green PTA for the remarkable work they are doing to support our Ockley Green community. At the meeting last Thursday night, it was revealed that the 'dragon wing' mural will be painted on our back portable wall to enhance and beautify our school. The designs that students are voting on are in the main hallway. Thanks to our art teacher Megan Archer and parent Lisa Belt for their work on this wonderful project.

Also thanks to parent Kersten Green for the beautiful photographs of our students that are on display, upstairs in the 7th grade hallway. Also a thank-you to Pro-Photo for donating their services in printing the photographs for us. If you are on campus please make your way upstairs to see the display of our incredible students.

Included in this newsletter are the policies around visitors and early check-out. Please take time to read them.

This Friday, April 20th is #NationalSchoolWalkOut Day. Our counselors, Ms. Stone and Mr. Meyer have worked with our students and Mr. Jamieson to set up a plan for the day. The information is included in this newsletter.

Finally, the eighth grade team has included information about all of the end of year events and the '40 Day Rule' policy here in this newsletter. If you have an 8th grade student please consider volunteering at one of their events. This is a great opportunity to support our students as they transition to high school.

Best,
Paula

Calendar

This Week's Schedule

Monday ~ B ~ Regular Schedule
Tuesday~ A ~ Regular Schedule
Wednesday~ B ~ Late Start
Thursday~ A ~ Regular Schedule
Friday ~ B ~ Regular Schedule

April 18 - Wednesday
Late Start Day

April 18 - Wednesday
Site Council Meeting
6:00 pm OG Library

April 24 - Tuesday
Band Booster Meeting
6:30 pm - Music Room

April 27 - Friday
Awards Assembly

April 28 - Saturday
School Grounds Clean Up
10 am - Noon

Need to plan ahead?

**[Check out the OGMS
Student & Family
Handbook & Calendar](#)**

Blood Drive at Jefferson High

Jefferson High School is hosting a blood drive on April 18th from 8:30 am to 2:15 pm. Community members who want to donate are welcome to do so. Eligibility information can be [found here](#).

Anyone interested in donating should contact klloydknoxmcdo@pps.net

Artist Residency

Ockley Green sixth grade artists will be enjoying time with artist-in-residence [Ashley Klump](#). Our resident artists are coordinated through the [Right Brain Initiative](#), and designed to bring new art forms to students through integrated arts unit. Stay tuned for more on Ms. Klump's projects with our sixth graders!



National School Walkout - April 20th

This Friday, April 20th marks the anniversary of the school shooting in Columbine. Many students across the country are planning to walk out of school to protest gun violence. This event is not school sponsored and, although we are preparing for it, we are not organizing it. Last week we met with student leaders who informed us that some students are planning to join the national walkout. Below are the details students have shared:

When: 9:45 AM - 11:00

Where: Walking to Peninsula Park Gazebo Area and then back to Ockley Green

What: Students will be making speeches

Leading up to Friday all of our students will be engaged in discussions around the purpose of protests, student rights,



Ockley Green is always looking for volunteers. Can you help? Here are some current ways to volunteer or contribute:

PTA Volunteers Needed

The PTA is in need of volunteers for Teacher Appreciation Week and School Grounds Clean Up. If you can help please contact [Doris Tamoro](#).

Carpenters?

Are you handy with a hammer? We could use a group of OG family members to help construct a picnic table and a couple of benches for our students. If you are a handyperson, please contact [Paula McCullough](#). Thank-you!

Yearbook

Ockley Green needs a volunteer to lead/take on the responsibilities for the publication of the yearbook this year! There will be support from LifeTouch (the company who does our student photos) with layout, but we also need a volunteer leader for this important publication. Please contact [Jane Harold](#) if you can help.

consequences, and safety concerns. We encourage our families to continue those conversations at home.

Plant Sale Fundraiser - Extended!

Good news - the plant order has been extended! You can order plants through Wednesday, April 18th.

As a reminder, plant pick up will be at Ockley Green on Wednesday, April 25th from 12-5pm.

End of Year Events for 8th Grade



[Here is a link](#) with lots of information about the end of year events for 8th grade families, which includes the '40 Day Rule' below.

40 Day Rule

We expect all our 8th graders to complete their last days at Ockley Green M.S. showing respect and leadership.

Eighth graders will not be allowed to participate in the 8th grade BBQ, Seaside trip, promotion dance and/or promotion if they engage in the following behaviors during the last 40 days of school:

Vandalism

Fighting

Transfer, sale or under the influence of drugs or alcohol

Unexcused skipping of classes

Chronic discipline behavior such as ongoing bullying, cheating, hate speech, leaving class for extended periods of time, sexual harassment, play fighting, inappropriate physical contact, continually disrespectful to adults, chronic violation of cell phone policy etc.

Ockley Green Policy Reminders

We welcome and are grateful for the many volunteers that support our school. This is a general reminder about the

OG Website

Are you good with website organization? The OG website could use an overhaul, and the staff could use some parent expertise to help make some improvements. Do you have these skills to offer? Please contact [Jane Harold](#) if you can help.

Snack Program

Several parents have offered to bring in snacks to OG to help support students during the day who need a snack break. If you would like to support our Snack Program, please bring a gift card to Cash & Carry or Fred Meyer. Principal McCullough will go to the stores and purchase the snacks for students.

Fred Meyer Rewards

Did you know that Fred Meyer will donate a percentage of your purchase to Ockley Green Middle School? If you have a Fred Meyer Rewards Card, you can designate OG as the school of your choice via the Fred Meyer website. It's easy! Visit the [Fred Meyer Community Rewards registration page](#).

Ockley Green's account number is 88181. Our PTA will use these funds as a source to help pay for field trips, buses, 8th grade graduation, school dances, teacher mini-grants and supplies, the school garden and more!

protocols and procedures for being a volunteer, releasing students before the end of the day or coming to visit OG:

All visitors must sign in at the main office and wear a visitor sticker. Between 9:15 am -3:45 pm we try to protect instructional time as much as possible.

Information for Volunteers:

- Volunteers must clear the [Volunteer Background check](#) through PPS Security Services prior to volunteering in the building
- Volunteers are expected to be supporting instruction
- Visits must be planned
- Main office should be notified prior to the schedule visit
- Volunteers should sign in at main office and wear a volunteer badge
- Volunteers should sign out at the main office and return the badge at the end of their day
- Office staff will seek administrative approval prior to sending a volunteer to a classroom if they are not given advance notice of a volunteer's schedule

Information for Visitors:

- Anyone who comes to visit without the intent of supporting instruction is considered a visitor, including parents.
- All family visitors who want to meet with a teacher about their student need to pre-arrange a time with the teacher.
- The principal must approve any other visitors before the intended day of arrival.
- Teachers must notify and seek approval from the principal at least 24 hours prior to the visitor's intended day of arrival.

Early Check-Out for Students

We understand that there are times when a student needs to be released from school before the dismissal bell. They may have an appointment, family emergency or other need to leave school early. This is a reminder about the policy for early check-out:

Students will be released from class when the family member is in the office and the student has been signed out. Office staff will call the classroom for the release. Students are only released to parents, legal guardians, or

School Community Meetings

Have you been curious about the OG PTA and Site Council but haven't had a chance to attend a meeting? It's not too late! Please consider joining these important committees, which will be holding elections for next year's leadership this spring.

Site Council - The next Site Council meeting is Wednesday, April 18th at 6 pm in the library. You can view the recent [Site Council meeting notes here](#).

Upcoming Music Performances (Volunteers Needed - please contact [Richard Littledyke](#))

St. John's Parade
Saturday, May 12th
Students meet at Roosevelt High School field at 10 am

Spring Music Concert at Ockley Green Auditorium
Thursday, May 31st at 6:00pm

Oaks Park Performance:
Saturday June 2

contacts listed on the emergency contact list.

PTA Updates

Saturday, April 28th from 10 am to Noon.



Ockley Green students have regular access to the school garden and garden activities at lunch hour and our garden and campus need a Spring sprucing up! We will be weeding and sheet mulching in the garden and picking up trash from the surrounding campus grounds. Please bring gloves and tools if you have them available. Donuts and coffee provided.

- * If we have 15 or more volunteers we can earn Disney park passes to raffle off at a later date.
- * There is a need for 5 gallon buckets to water the donated fruit trees this Summer.
- * If you have plumbing experience the garden watering system needs fixing.

Staff Appreciation Week is coming!

Do you want to help show OG staff some love? The PTA needs volunteers who can help plan and organize some fun activities for teachers during the week of May 7th.

The PTA is still collecting box tops for the Box Top for Education program. Funds raised will benefit OG students and staff by supporting mini grants for teachers, the garden space, school community events, student dances, 8th grade graduation and help with extras for music and library. To participate in the Box Top fundraiser, add your box tops to the collection bin in the office.

Site Council Updates

The next OG Site Council Meeting is Wednesday April 18th at 6 pm in the OG library.

If you have any question for Site Council, you can also reach them by [email](#).

