



## Principal's Message

Good morning Ockley Green Families and Community,

The weather was perfect for the Ockley Green Spring Clean-Up last Saturday. There were more than 20 volunteers, students included, who



helped to spruce up our beautiful Ockley Green Garden and the vast area of our OG grounds. The edges were trimmed, lawns mowed, weeds pulled and trash picked up. Thank-you to everyone who showed up and a huge thank-you to Doris Tamaro our PTA President for coordinating.



Yesterday our first group of Ockley Green 6th grade students left for Outdoor School. **Outdoor School** is an amazing opportunity for all of our 6th grade students. Once again, I'd like to thank the 6th grade team for their thorough coordination and planning of this trip for our students as they embark to one of the many local Outdoor School camps: Namanu, Howard, Arrah-Wanna and Canby Creek. Enjoy the adventure.

## Calendar

### This Week's Schedule

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

### April 30 - May 4

Outdoor School Group A

### May 5 - May 10

Outdoor School Group B

### May 10 - Thursday

PTA Meeting

6 pm

OG Library

### May 16 - Wednesday

Site Council Meeting

6 pm

OG Library

Need to plan ahead?

**[Check out the OGMS](#)**

**[Student & Family](#)**

**[Handbook & Calendar](#)**

This coming week the team from Oregon Health Science University (OHSU) will be at Ockley Green bringing their **On Track-Careers in Bio-medical Engineering** program to all of our OG students via their science classes. Classes this session will be focused on the human brain and how it works. Some of our students will recreate the human brain and learn about each area's special purpose and function, some will come to understand the workings of a teenage brain. It should be exciting. Thank-you teachers for allowing OHSU into your classrooms.

Congratulations to 6th grader Finn Chisolm for winning the Dragon Wing contest! His entry was #16 and it will be painted (in life size form) on the back of the larger portable. This project was inspired by parent Lisa Belt and supported by our visual arts teacher, Megan Archer. Thanks to them both, Ockley Green will look very different from Interstate Ave. because of this art installation.

Finally, thank-you parents for supporting our **OG Cell Phone Policy**. It has made a huge difference to student engagement in the classroom. All student phones are powered off and are stored in either their backpack, locker or with a teacher from 9:10-3:45. If you need to reach your student during school hours, please call the office at 503-916-5660 or one of the administrators phone numbers below and we will be more than happy to assist you.

Have a wonderful week.

Best,  
Paula

**Administrators Cell Phone Numbers**

Paula McCullough - Principal - 971-334-9963  
Jane Harold - Assistant Principal - 503-320-6919  
David Jamieson - Assistant Principal - 971-806-4910



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 support with the publication of the yearbook! There will be support from Dorian (the company who does our student photos) with layout, as well as a teacher leader and several students. Please contact **Jane Harold** if you can help.

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## Mock Trial Class News



**Measure 11 Youth Outreach** Leadership Interns (YOLIs) visited Mr. Riser's Mock Trial elective to share information, personal stories, and even poetry on the impact of mandatory minimum sentencing on young people. Babak Zolfaghari-azar, the program coordinator noted that our Ockley Green students had more sophisticated questions than the high schools they visited. In the coming weeks, mock trial students will begin preparing for Trial and hosting more special guests, including two professors and a practicing public defender. #KnowledgIsPower

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## Outdoor School

**Outdoor School** is underway! As you are reading this, our first group of sixth grade students is already learning about our state's ecology in one of many beautiful Oregon sites.



Students will go home early on Friday when they return (around 1:30 or 2 pm), so be sure to arrange for how they can get home with all of their stuff.

## 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!

## **Week 1: April 29th to May 4th**

Pickup: Students will be back between 1:30 and 2:00 on Friday, May 4th

## **Week 2: May 6 to May 11**

Drop-off: Sunday, May 6, 2:30pm at Ockley Green

Buses leave promptly at 3 pm

Pickup: Students will be back between 1:30 and 2:00 on Friday, May 11th

### **What to bring?**

**Here is a link to the packing list.** Remember to bring medications in their original, labeled packaging. If your child plays an acoustic instrument, they can bring it along. Just remember, there will be no electronics or phones while at Outdoor School. Please don't bother to purchase anything new, but rather borrow from friends and bring older clothing and equipment that you already have.

We are so excited for this experience! Please **email Cory Bettinger** with any questions.

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## **Site Council Elections**

### **What is Site Council?**

Site Council is a group of teachers, parents, classified employees, and (potentially) students that works with the administration to develop, review and evaluate school improvement programs and school budgets. Members of Site Council are elected by their peers.

If you are interested in participating as an elected member of the Council please **email Emily Wever**, add your name **to this google form**, or leave your information in the PTA box in the office.

Please include your name, or the name of your nominee, with a brief (no more than 3 sentences) bio explaining who you are, your connection to the school and why you want to be on Site Council.

## **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, May 16th at 6 pm in the library. You can view the recent **Site Council meeting notes here.**

If you have any questions for Site Council, you can also reach them by **email.**

## **PTA Updates**

The PTA is planning a few events to thank Ockley Green teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week which is May 7th -11th. Please let us know if you can help in any of the following ways or if you have other ideas. Send your replies to **Doris Tamoro.**

Nominations are still being accepted and the elections will be held May 7th - May 12th. We will be electing two parent positions this spring, and may add one or more in the fall depending on teacher participation. Terms will be one or two years.

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## Performing Arts at Ockley Green

Mr. Damon's Dance Team has several field trips and performances coming up this spring - stay tuned for more details!

Saturday, May 12th - St. Johns Parade - Dance team will perform with OG Marching Band

May 30th - June 1st: 8th Grade Advanced Dancers field trip to Las Vegas to perform with Jabbawockeez

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

Saturday, May 12th - St. John's Parade (students meet at Roosevelt High School field at 10 am)

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

Saturday, June 2nd - Oaks Park Performance

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