



Principal's Message

Good morning Ockley Green Families and Community,

This week is 'Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week' and again, I want to thank our OG PTA and families for putting on a week of surprises for our staff. At this time of year we can all use a little boost to help keep us on track and having breakfast and lunch prepared, plus the other niceties is just what it takes to keep the momentum going.

We received rave reviews from the team of science teachers from OHSU who came out to present last week. They said Ockley Green is one of their favorite schools to be in and our students were fantastic. Way to go students! The first group of campers returned from Outdoor School on Friday and once more, the teachers shared that our OG students were incredible. I was informed that 6th grader Utrillo, received an honorary purple bead which is given to only a few students each week. Well done Utrillo! The second group of campers left yesterday and will return to school on Friday.

Our 7th and 8th grade Dual Language Immersion classrooms spent the day at the Cinco de Mayo festival on Friday. Thank-you teachers Kiera O'Brien and Sarah Gonzalez for organizing this for your students. Again, OG students were great representatives for our school.

Don't forget this Saturday is the [St. Johns Parade!](#) Our amazing Ockley Green marching band and dancers will be in the parade with their new outfits and band regalia. You don't want to miss this! Thank-you to our teachers Richard Littledyke and Damon Keller for the work they have done this year to expand these programs. Go Dragons!

Best,
Paula

Calendar

This Week's Schedule

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

May 6 - May 11

Outdoor School Group B

May 10 - Thursday

PTA Meeting
6 pm - OG Library

May 12 - Saturday

St. Johns Parade: OG
Marching Band & Dancers
Noon

May 16 - Wednesday

LATE START
Site Council Meeting
6 pm - OG Library

May 25th - Friday

Awards Assembly

May 28 - Friday

NO SCHOOL
Memorial Day

May 31 - Thursday

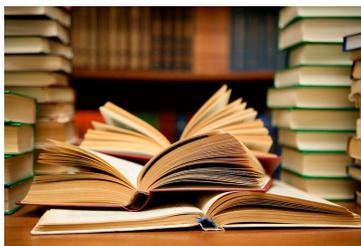
Spring Music Concert
6 pm - OG Auditorium

Need to plan ahead?

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

Library News

A good library is a library with people checking out books, so I'd say we have a very successful library at Ockley Green: 1562 items are currently checked out!



BUT--that means we have 1562 items to find before the end of the year to keep this library as vibrant and full of great books, so that means it's time to start the search for your books!

Students will be receiving slips of paper letting them know what they have checked out this week. Textbooks will be used until the last week, but other materials should start coming back as soon as possible. I'm still checking out books, but the limit will be around three books at a time as we get close to the end of the year.

In middle school, students are expected to pay for books that are lost, but I do understand that mistakes and tragedies happen, so please encourage your student to come and talk to me about how to work off fines or replace the missing book.

If you do pay for a book and then it turns up, we give you a refund.

Thanks for all your support of our amazing readers!

Amanda Graham--OGMS Library



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

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!

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

Reminders

Now that we are outdoors a little more, here are a couple of reminders:

BICYCLES/SKATEBOARDS

Students may choose to ride bicycles/skateboards to school. Bikes can be parked in the locked enclosure across from the play equipment near the back of the school.



Bikes should be locked to the racks provided to avoid theft. According to Oregon law, all bicycle riders under age 16 must wear bicycle helmets. Students may not ride bikes or skateboards on the sidewalks or on school grounds during the school day. Skateboards and scooters must be stored in student lockers for the entire school day.

CAMPUS BOUNDARY LIMITS

Just a reminder to families and students that PPS middle schools are 'closed' campuses and students are not allowed to leave the school campus at any time unless pre-approved by families.

SELLING ITEMS AT SCHOOL

Although we encourage creative thinking and entrepreneurial skills, students are prohibited from selling items at school. Trading of cards or items is permitted but selling for profit is not allowed.

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 Site Council by [email](#).

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!

Performing Arts at Ockley Green



Saturday, May 12th - OG Dancers and Marching Band will perform in the St. John's Parade

The parade starts at noon and travels along Lombard Ave toward the St. John's Community Center. Hope to see you there!

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

June 2nd - Oaks Park Band Performance

OG Band members will be selling all-day ride bracelets for our Oaks Park performance on Saturday, June 2nd. Buy one bracelet for \$20 or two bracelets for \$30. Bring your friends and family to see our final performance of the school year and enjoy the park with our OG community. See a band member or Mr. L for more details.
