



The Ohio School for  
the Deaf  
Columbus, OH

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# The Elementary Department News!

## Welcome!

It is the time of year again to get back into the swing of school! The Elementary Teachers wish to welcome back former students and also wish to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students this year! With the new school building under construction, the school theme is "Caution: Kids at Work!" With all the physical changes happening around us, we are embracing this year as a year of positive change and growth for all of our learners socially, emotionally, and of course academically! Just as with the construction, we are sure to encounter obstacles and challenges, but as teachers and families work as a team with the students, we are bound to succeed together!

We would also like to introduce and welcome 2 new teachers who have joined the department!

**Mrs. Leslie MacFarland** has been working at OSD for 4 years as a permanent substitute teacher. She has her master's degree in Deaf Education from R.I.T and will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher.

**Miss Laura Evans** is starting her 5<sup>th</sup> year teaching, coming to us from the Florida School for the Deaf. She has her master's from University of Tennessee and will be the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher this year!

We are so lucky to have them join our Spartan team and are excited for their students to meet them! They are AWESOME!



## Olweus Bully Prevention

We have a new program this year targeted to prevent bullying at school. All staff and teachers have been trained to support and teach students what bullying is, what to do if they personally experience or witness bullying, and how not to bully others. The program includes both positive reinforcement for doing the right thing, as well as consequences for making bad choices. Please note we will be conducting weekly class meetings to discuss this topic. Ask your student about them!

## Give Me 5!

"Give Me 5" is a school wide behavior program. There are 5 rules at OSD:

- 1) Be Aware
- 2) Be Safe
- 3) Be Responsible
- 4) Be Respectful
- 5) Be Ready

Please check your child's backpack for further description about how rewards and consequences are assigned based on these rules specifically at the Elementary level.

## Summer Reading Program

Those students, who hand in their reading passports by Friday August 27, will be rewarded with a field trip to eat lunch at the Old Deaf School Topiary Garden downtown. After lunch we will tour the main library. The trip will be Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30-1:30. If you are a new student, we will honor a summer reading program from your old school. If you do not turn in, or did not complete the program, you will stay at school and have regularly scheduled classes.

## Homework Logs

Each student will receive a homework log, which is a personal calendar for the year. Students will write down homework assignments in these logs. The logs are also a great avenue for parent/teacher communication. Please ask to see your child's homework log every night as you help them with their assignments. We also have new Spartan folders that have 2 clearly labeled pockets: "Keep at Home" and "Return to School". Please ask to see this folder daily and help your child keep their papers organized regularly. Both items should come home every night and return to school every morning.

## Reminders to Students

- While the hot weather lasts, you are permitted to bring a water bottle to class- put your name on it and bring it home every day to wash it.
- No Flip Flops at Recess- bring a change of shoes.
- To minimize distractions in class, **NO Silly Bandz (or the like) during school hours.**



## Reminder to Parents

It is recommended that your child puts their name and/or initials on all personal school supplies- especially each pencil they bring to school.

## Wear sneakers on GYM day

### Monday

3<sup>rd</sup> grade

### Tuesday

1<sup>st</sup> grade AND 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

### Wednesday

5<sup>th</sup> grade

### Thursday

4<sup>th</sup> grade

### Friday

Kindergarten

## Upcoming Events

### **Bully Prevention Kick-off Event**

Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-2:30

### **Summer Reading Program Reward**

Friday, September 3, 10:30-1:30

### **Labor Day, NO SCHOOL**

Monday, September 6

### **Give Me 5 Reward**

Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. **To Be Announced**

## Contact Info!

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