

Tuesday Tidbits

October 24, 2017



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regional learning academy

Important Dates

- This week: Montessori Conferences - **12:05 Dismissal - Montessori only**
- **Friday 10/27 No MAST - Conferences All Day**
 - Oct. 27: Teen Movie Night 6:00-8:00 pm for 6th - 12th graders - *Spiderman Homecoming*
- Monday Oct. 30: iConnect & hConnect Progress reports emailed to parents
- Tuesday Oct. 31: Happy Halloween - Remember NO COSTUMES at ORLA!
- Nov. 5-10: Book Fair @ Barnes & Noble - ORLA fundraiser!
- Monday, Nov. 13: Jim Cogan Storyteller - 1:00-2:00; Grades 6-12
- Tuesday, Nov. 14: New Market Skill Center Visiting ORLA!
- Dec. 7, 2017: Winter Festival 4:00 - 6:30 pm

ORLA All School News & Events

- All students 12 & older need to sign in at the kiosk in the lobby and put their ID badge on. If your student is missing their badge or they need to pick their up, please come to the office and pick it up from Tricia.
- Congratulations to President Taylor, Vice President Delaney, and Records Officer Amanda who will lead our new Student Council in Leadership class!
- Lifetouch pictures arrived this week! Please check your parent folders (hConnect) and student backpacks (MAST & Montessori). Picture retake day is Wednesday, November 15, 9-Noon. Original pictures must be returned to have pictures retaken. ID Badges for 2017-18 may also be taken if a student was unable to attend Thursday picture day.
- No Band this week due to conferences. Orchestra is happening for hConnect students only.
- New Market Skills Center is coming to lunch with high school ORLA students, parents, & staff. Come hear all about their amazing programs for community youth! New Market Skills Center provides high school students (16-20 years old) with the skills, leadership, and employability training needed for success in school and the working world. Students attend New Market in either a morning or afternoon session and remain at their sending high school to complete their academics. We offer programs such as: Automotive Service Technology, Collision Repair Technology, Commercial Graphic Design (AP), Construction Trades, Cosmetology (requires extended hours), Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Cyber Security, DigiPen Computer Science (AP), Firefighting & EMS Careers, Pre-Veterinary Technician, Professional Medical Careers, and Small Business Start-Up. If space allows- new students can start each Monday. We have a campus orientation and tour every Friday from 8:15-9:45 AM, drop in parents and students are invited! Please check out our website at www.newmarketskills.org or call (360) 570-4500 for more information!
- Rehearsals for "The Lion King", the after-school theater program at ORLA, is in full swing! What an amazing opportunity for our students! Thank you to the PTA for making it happen and to all the ORLA

families who are committing to its success. We can't wait to see the culminating performances on November 17 & 18!

- ORLA's Winter Festival is scheduled for December 7th from 4:00-6:30. The Winter Festival is an amazing event where all ORLA students get to combine their creative & entrepreneurial skills by signing up for a table & bringing their handmade wares to the market in the Commons. Adult tables will be available for handmade goods on a space-available basis with a small fee. Volunteering for this event is a great way to support our school! See details below.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteers are needed to help on Sunday November 5, 2017 at the Book Fair Kick-Off located at Barnes and Noble on Black Lake Blvd! Shifts are available from 12:00 - 4:00 pm. You can sign up for a shift by going to www.signupgenius.com. Please email any questions to Robbi Kesler, PTA's Fundraising Chair @ robbi.kesler@gmail.com.
- Join PTA and be part some of the amazing programs being brought to ORLA this year! Contact Kelly Morgan for membership information.
- Winter Festival volunteers needed! Are you able to help our students bring their creativity to market during ORLA's handmade marketplace? Please let the office know if you are available for any of the following:
 - Organization & Coordination
 - Event Communications
 - Event Day Setup
 - Event Day Clean Up
 - Photobooth

ORLA Students, Staff, & Parents Showing AWARENESS & LEADERSHIP!

- Thank you to Eric, Olivia, Adia, & Sophie for greeting families and students at the front door! You demonstrated *awareness* by being helpful and knowing how nice it is to enter the building to smiling, friendly faces! That's the **WAY!!!**
- Ms. Claire's whole class demonstrated **every element of the ORLA Way** today. Students took **ownership** over their learning in a **respectful** manner. They were **aware** of their noise & activity levels so others in the room could get their work done. And each student showed **leadership** by modeling the behavior for one another. Excellent work! That's the **WAY!!!**
- In Nikolai's Montessori classroom, students showed **all 4 ORLA Way characteristics** when they transitioned from their morning routine to their work cycle. Students were moving about the room cleaning up their spaces and getting materials prepared for the next portion of their morning work. Everyone was kind to one another and there was a real sense of order and shared purpose in it. That's the **WAY!!!**



- Ms. Erickson's Horticulture class has also shown ***all 4 ORLA Way characteristics*** in the work they are doing in the garden and greenhouse. These students are working hard studying climate while simultaneously getting our spaces back in great, productive shape! That's the ***WAY!!!***
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ORLA iConnect & hConnect News

- Monthly progress reports will be emailed to both parents & students (their OSD email address) as attachments on Monday October 30th.
 - Parents must respond within 48 hours by simply replying to the email and letting your student's advisor know you received the progress report.
 - Students in grades 9 - 12 are able to respond to their own progress reports.
 - Every student enrolled in the iConnect & hConnect programs receive monthly progress reports. Additionally, every progress report must have a response so we know it was received. These actions are requirements of the Alternative Learning laws in Washington.
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