

Tuesday Tidbits

September 19, 2017



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Important Dates

- Early release Wednesday!
 - Montessori Dismissal = 2:32
 - hConnect, iConnect, & MAST Dismissal = 2:10
- PTA meeting: September 21, 2017 @ 6:00 pm - **ALL ORLA**
- Candyce Bolinger Parenting Workshop: September 26, 6:30-8:30 pm
- September 28, 2017 from 4:00-7:00 pm: Back to School BBQ – **All ORLA**
- Oct. 5, 2017: School pictures – **All ORLA**
- Oct. 5, 2017 – Curriculum Night from 6:00-7:00 pm - **Montessori only**
- Oct. 13, 2017: No School – Teacher In-Service – **ALL ORLA**

Volunteer Opportunities

- PTA membership – Join the PTA! All you ORLA families are here because we know you want something different for your child and we are able to offer unique educational opportunities. Please join the PTA and help support all ORLA programs and students in order to sustain what we all want.... *the best choice for kids.*
- Playground help - Lunchtime for hConnect & MAST is busy! We'd love some help out on the playground so students can go outside more often. Please stop in the office if you are able to supervise from 11:20-11:55 on a weekday and we will show you the ropes! - **hConnect & MAST**

Requests from ORLA Teachers & Office

- Please do not *reserve* tables by leaving backpacks, lunches, etc. on them. ORLA was designed to accommodate work spaces for kids, families, & onsite parents. The tall tables in the hallway outside the office as well as those in the Commons are for parents needing a space to work while their students are in class. And please share table space so everyone can be productive while at ORLA.
- Be on time to classes. Late arrivals are disruptive in all ORLA programs because the staff & teachers must give individual attention to tardy students in order to get them caught up and on task. This is not equitable to students who arrive on time and are ready to learn at the start of class.
- Schedule Change Forms - Class additions closed today (Tuesday) at 3:00 pm for September. The office will be accepting them again during the first week of October. Classes may continue to be dropped. **hConnect & iConnect**

ORLA Students Showing Ownership!

- In Ms. Stephanie's Montessori classroom, students are learning to *own* their work cycle notebooks and highlight tasks when they have shown mastery. They then move onto next tasks for productive work in the classroom! That's the *WAY!!!*
- In Ms. Peterson's Maker's Space class, students are building grit, perseverance, and resilience as they

navigate weekly group problem solving challenges. This week, students took *ownership* over their work as they applied a variety of strategies to support hardcover science textbooks above a tabletop using only 1 piece of copy paper and a 5 cm piece of tape. The record for the day was 9 textbooks stacked! Congrats to all the students who took ownership over their materials, space, & strategy (including the failed attempts). This class also exhibited *awareness* of space, *respect* for self, others & materials, and *leadership* roles within the small groups. That's the *WAY!!!*

- This month, students all around ORLA are taking ownership over themselves and their learning as they get themselves to class on time & participate in ORLA activities.
 - hConnect students are arriving to class on time
 - Lunches have been kept (for the most part) in the Commons & Balcony
 - Our new Montessori pre-K & kinders made it to class on their own today, saying goodbyes outside the Montessori wing
 - Students are using the breakout spaces in the hallways for work
 - MAST is helping provide parent supervision during lunch so students can go outside! *Hooray for Mrs. Ecklund who was the first brave parent on Monday!*

That's the *WAY!!!*

Spotlights & Thank You Notes!

A huge thank you to the ORLA PTA! Your fundraising is greatly appreciated and ORLA students will benefit from all your hard work and efforts. The plans and programs in the works are exciting and amazing opportunities for students. Thank you for all you do for our school! Be sure to join PTA so you can be part of bringing fantastic resources to students!

And, another enormous shout-out to the entire McClatchey family! Your dedication to ORLA and the leadership roles undertaken by each family member is appreciated. Thank you for helping make the back-to-school days warm & welcoming for everyone!
