

School News

“Friday Blast”

Principal’s Corner

A LOOK AHEAD:

Greetings, Otter Nation! As we reflect on another remarkable week at OPA, let’s take a moment to honor our unsung heroes—the dedicated staff who power our school. In my multifaceted roles within the district—District Career Technical Education Director, Principal of Dungeness Virtual School (DVS), and Principal of the Olympic Peninsula Academy—I recognize that my impact relies on the collective brilliance of our entire team.

Our OPA staff, akin to a harmonious symphony of expertise, orchestrates the daily magic at our school. Their unwavering commitment, remarkable talents, and sharp minds propel us forward, ensuring that every significant task is executed with finesse. Last week, they engaged in intricate planning for formative MAPS testing and readiness for the upcoming summative Smarter Balanced Tests in May. Simultaneously, some staff members participated in enriching field trips, while others focused on end-of-year drama presentations.

Amidst these activities, team members shaped next year’s core and enrichment course schedules. At the same time, they planned graduation and promotion ceremonies to celebrate the culmination of our academic year. Our administrative support staff meticulously closed out essential processes, including accounting for parent volunteer hours, wrapping up this year’s budget expenditures, forecasting budgets and supplies for the upcoming year, and initiating student enrollment for next year. Additionally, our certificated teachers collaborate directly with our Learning Support Services department to ensure individualized education plans and accommodations for qualifying students. Their dedication is the backbone of our school’s success.

While some of our colleagues engage with prospective new families and students, there’s a bustling hive of activity behind the scenes. These efforts go far beyond what meets the eye, ensuring that OPA operates seamlessly, and our students receive exceptional support.

May 9th: Burke Museum in OPA Gym

May 10th: Snow Make-up Day (School in session-OPA LABS)

May 13th-16th: SBA Testing for 3rd-12th grade

May 17th: OPA Spring Dance for 6th-12th

May 21st-5th & 8th WACAS (Science Test)

May 30th-Drama Dress Rehearsal 7pm

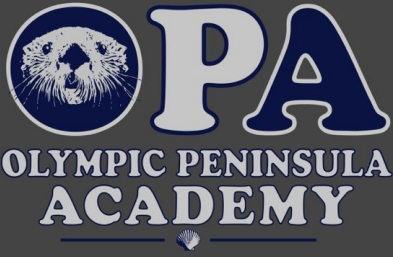
May 31st-Opening Night *Don’t Stop Believin’!* 7pm

June 1st-1:30pm Matinee & 7:00pm evening performances

Here is the [link](#) for SDS (School Data Solutions). Make sure to submit your monthly parent feedback by [April 25th, 2024](#)

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Principal Corner continued:

In addition to the visible day-to-day tasks like teaching, grading, and meeting with parents and students, our staff members are also busy crafting customized student learning plans and providing invaluable mentorship. Our staff truly go above and beyond, shaping the educational journey for our students each and every day. Let's celebrate the incredible work of our dedicated teachers and staff members at OPA.

Teacher appreciation week will be May 6th through the 10th. Please take some time during that week to thank our entire staff and especially our teachers who do so much to make OPA a great place for a student to learn and to grow.

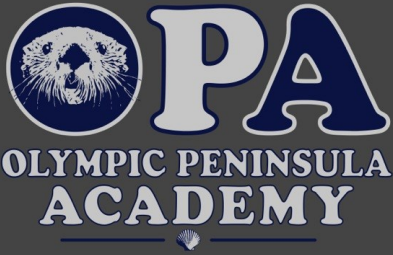
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Volunteer Opportunities:

For those of you who are still needing to complete your volunteer hours, here are several opportunities for you to be involved:

- * **Lunch Recess Monitor**-Wednesdays 12:15-12:45 pm and Thursdays 11:50-12:45. Remember, that volunteering during lunch recess earns you double volunteer hours.
- * During our week of SBA testing (May 13th-16th) , we will need parents to volunteer at lunch time 12-1pm. Please let the office know if you would be available one of those days.
- * Also during the week of testing, if you would like to bring any food or drinks for the staff (grab and go items) and/or snacks for students who are testing that would be greatly appreciated. Gum is also a great thing for our students to help with testing focus. Please contact Stacy at stucker@sequimschools.org if you have any questions.

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Laptop Charging Cord Update:



**IMPORTANT
UPDATE!**

Olympic Peninsula Academy

Laptop Charger Recall. Please return your student laptop charger to the OPA Library. Due to mechanical malfunction, all chargers from the NEMA 5-15 power plug 45 W Type-C Power Adapter are being recalled.

360-582-3416

Enrichment Class:

Here is an excellent example of OPA enrichment and ALE partnership in action!

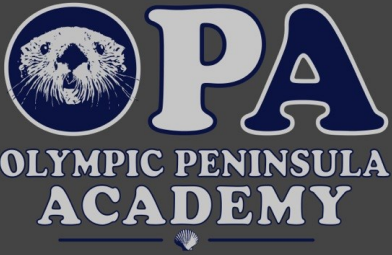
While on vacation, one of our students, Greyson Rhodes, had an opportunity to make biscuits with his uncle (Erik) who used to be a chef.

They were innovative and used a dowel rod from the paper towel holder, as the kitchen they were using didn't have a rolling pin!

Go Greyson! Biscuits for the win!



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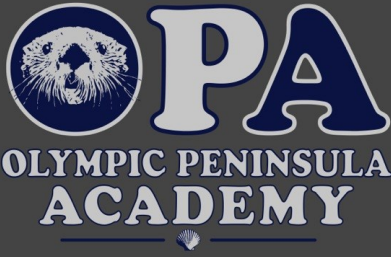
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Ms. Stacy’s Ag/Gardening Class:



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OPA PTO Happenings!

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We are helping at the Sequim Irrigation Festival’s Crazy Callen Weekend **May 4th and 5th** at Carrie Blake Park.

[SIGN UP TODAY BY CLICKING HERE!](#)

This will earn a donation to the PTO!!!

These hours count towards volunteer time!



~ PTO Meeting ~

Join us for the next PTO meeting on Tuesday, 5/21 at 5pm in Room /6B.

The meeting counts for volunteer hours, you’ll learn about other volunteer opportunities, and much more!

— Stay Connected —
Sign up for newsletter, find us on FB, etc. at:

[OPA PTO Linktree](#)

Congratulations to Mason Blake, this year's recipient of the **Dream Fund**. Mason will have \$100 to use to support his dream of developing his skills with basketball.

SAVE THE DATES!

May 17th—Middle School Dance at OPA Gym

June 13th—End of year BBQ & Dairy Farm Walk

August 15th—18th—Clallam County Fair Trash Pickup Fundraiser—Signup coming soon!