



# Parent/Student Bulletin

October 2022



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/18	School Board Meeting 6:30 PM - District Office
10/20	Great American Shakeout 10:21 AM
10/21	Shout Out Cake Student Council Meeting 9:10 AM Grade 5 Popcorn Friday
10/25	Grade 3 Eric Ode Assembly
10/26	Health Re-screens - All Grades Parsons Photos Retakes Character Award Assembly 9:10 AM
10/27	Terrific Kid Awards
10/28	Grade 3 Popcorn Friday
10/31 - 11/04	Conference Week - Early Release 1:20 PM Scholastic Book Fair Open Monday - Thursday
10/31	Character Dress Up Day
11/04	Fire Drill 9:30 AM OSE Office closed at 4 PM
11/10	Veteran's Day Assembly 9:10 AM
11/11	NO SCHOOL
11/15	School Board Meeting 6:30 PM - District Office
11/18	Shout Out Cake Student Council Meeting 9:10 AM Grade 4 Popcorn Friday
11/23	Cougar Card Reward Early Release 12:05 PM
11/24 - 11/25	NO SCHOOL
11/30	Character Award Assembly 9:10 AM
12/02	Early Release 1:20 PM
12/08	Terrific Kid Awards
12/09	Shout Out Cake Grade 5 Popcorn Friday

### Dear Orin Smith Families,

Happy October! It's hard to believe that we've been in school for an entire month. For those of you who were able to attend Student/Parent Orientation night in September, we are so glad you did. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, October 13 for our Open House event from 5:30 to 6:30. Our Math Game Night will run concurrently in the gym and Room 203 from 5:30 to 7:00, so please be sure to visit your students' classroom, as well as the gym and Room 203. We believe a strong partnership and a collaborative spirit between school and home is the best support system for our students.

We are constantly looking for ways to support and celebrate students and their positive choices. At Orin Smith Elementary, students experience [character-building lessons](#) in their classrooms, as well as weekly social skills lessons.

Students can receive "shoutout" cards from staff for making positive choices. We draw from these cards for a chance to receive a slice of cake, as well as a \$20.00 gift certificate from Shop'N Kart. We also have monthly Character Award Assemblies, and each child selected receives a pencil, a Jeremy's Farm to Table brownie sundae certificate and a Character Trait certificate. Additionally, Rotary Club provides certificates, pencils and prizes for third grade "Terrific Kids." There are also grade-level rewards for students to earn. For additional information, [click on this link](#).

As students settle into the daily routines, they may test boundaries or have conflicts with peers. If you hear from your child about a conflict and have concerns, please be sure to connect first with the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher will help with problem solving and will refer the situation to administration if necessary.

Your diligence in keeping students at home when they are not feeling well is appreciated and needed. Your communication with the school is an important step and will help us keep students healthy and safe.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

**Rachel Dorsey, OSE Principal**



Take a look at our elected  
2022/2023 Student Council  
representatives for grades 3-5!

#### Grade 3:

Molly Watkins, Jack Brooks, Dayton Lusk, Alton Millet, Ella Smith, Kellen Justice, Emma Mannikko, Colton Alvarado, Vivien Gaskill

#### Grade 4:

AC Millet, Delaney Goodrick, Ben Six, Olivia Gill, Harper Herriford, Eliana Ayala-Rodas, Ryder Hamilton, Summer Moran, Emily Jussila

#### Grade 5:

Marilyn Selin, Kennadee Jewell, Hadley Niemi, Brynn King, Selena Matagi, Allie Butler, Natalie Harjo, Avery Morton, Adam Elder

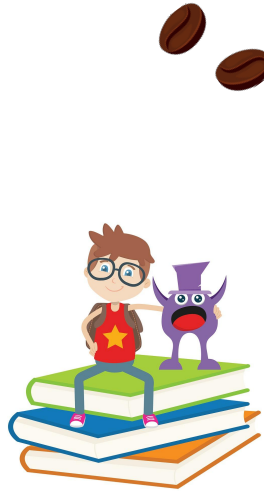
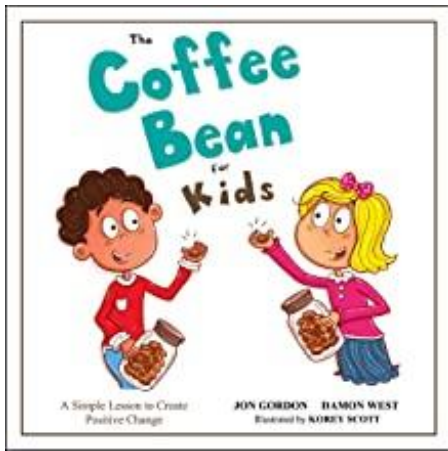
# Library Corner....



## September:

Welcome back! The books missed you!

At Orin Smith Elementary, our theme is to **CHOOSE JOY!** The book we read in all classrooms during the month of September was *The Coffee Bean for Kids* by Jon Gordon and Damon West.



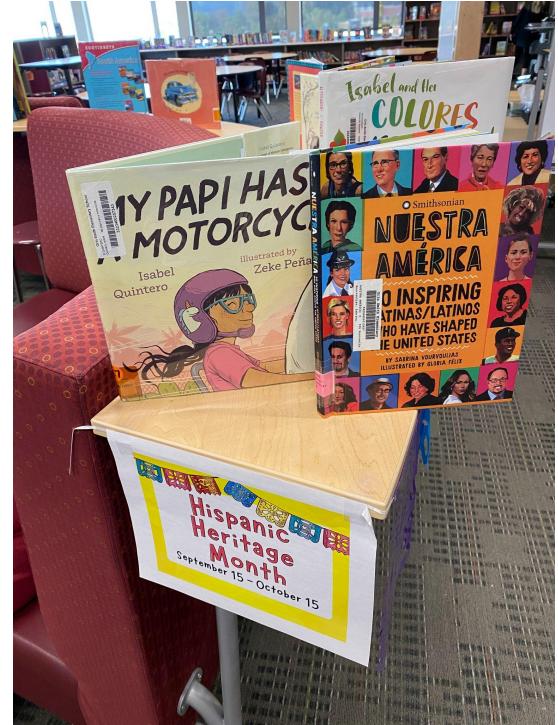
In this book, the message is to “be a coffee bean.” Life is hard and harsh, sometimes like a pot of hot, boiling water. You can choose to be a carrot in the water, an egg, or a coffee bean. By choosing to be a coffee bean, you are changing your environment by spreading kindness and positivity. We read how there are three simple rules to follow in order to be a coffee bean:

1. **Help Others**
2. **Include everybody**
3. **Smile**



## Important Events in October:

Hispanic Heritage Month runs from September 15 through October 15, 2022.



OCTOBER is also Disability History Month. In honor of Disability History, we read a new biography on Helen Keller. Ask your child if they learned any new information from this book about Helen.



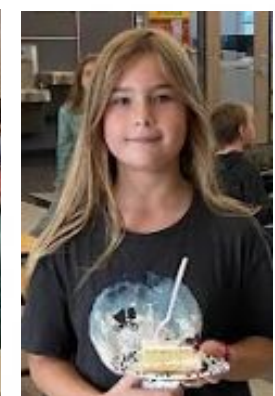
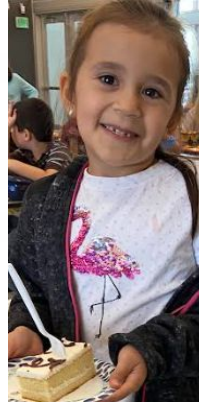


# SHOUT OUT

September 23

These students all received Shout Outs from their peers for exhibiting one of Orin Smith's Character Traits! These shout outs go into a drawing and if selected - the Shout Out student receives a slice of cake donated by Shop 'N' Kart! All Shout Outs are posted on the wall in the Cougar Cafe for recognition! NICE JOB!!





Cake Drawing  
Winners  
October 7!



# Bits & Pieces...

COME ON IN  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
WELCOME

**& FAMILY MATH NIGHT**

**Orin Smith Elementary School**  
Thursday, October 13, 2022

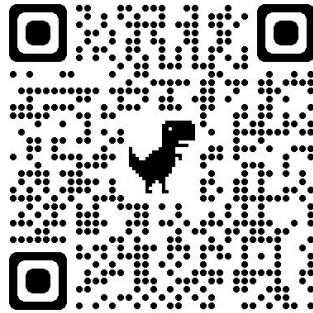
**Classrooms Open 5:30-6:30 PM**  
**Math Night Open 5:30 - 7:00 PM**

On **Monday, October 31st**, Orin Smith Elementary School will hold a **"Halloween Salute"** to the many characters of books. Students that are dressing up are encouraged to dress up as a character from a book they have read, or from a story they have written.

Full face masks (including fully painted faces), swords, guns, broomsticks, etc., are not allowed. We will still have a full day of learning. Please note that our school dress code does apply:

- No clothing with inappropriate logos or messages
- Clothing must cover the child's body (low cut/half shirts are not permitted)
- No weapons or look-alike weapons

Access the **2022/2023 full OSE student handbook** by scanning this **QR code!**



- ✓ Visit your child's classroom
- ✓ Meet our wonderful teachers
- ✓ Tour our beautiful building
- ✓ Activities in the gym
- ✓ Office open 5:30-6:30 PM
- ✓ Title I information
- ✓ Activities in the music room
- ✓ Library guessing jar
- ✓ Find our orange anti-bullying commitment chair!

We always love the beginning of the year in ROOM 101 – these "Best Part Of Me" posters are so fun!

**MY Spine**

I picket my spine across  
My spine helps me walk stand and  
take my spine makes me bend but  
it can't be broken. It's my  
spine that keeps me all over  
the place. The special thing is  
I can do a lot of things with  
my spine and that's why I love  
my spine.

by Brynley

**My Atoms**

Without them I'll be nothing, trust me I'm  
not bluffing. They put me together, keep me warm  
in cold weather. I love my atoms because no one can  
touch me, they are always with me and never behind  
me. My Atoms are awesome, with them I cannot touch  
ghosts. They may be microscopic but they're still my top  
pick.

by drumroll please! Aiden

**MY LEGS**

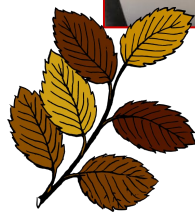
I love my legs because they let me do flips and  
tricks. I love that my legs help me run and have fun! I  
love when my legs stretch into the splits. I love how my legs  
fly up into the air when I jump on my trampoline. I  
love how my legs let me do any sport I want. I  
love that my legs have scars from family memories  
I had.

by Tru Hamrick

**My Ears**

My ears make me hear something.  
My ears make e unique in my own  
way. Ears can wear earrings and like to wear  
earrings. Ears can hear like to hear. Hearing the  
things I need is important. I like my ears. My  
ears are good for me.

By Peighton



# And More Bits & Pieces...



# KINDNESS

Here are our September "KINDNESS" Character Trait Students! We love celebrating kind students at OSE! ❤️



## Meet our Security & Safety Officer TEAM!

### Todd Thornburg

- ★ 1983 WF West Graduate
- ★ Attended Walla Walla CC and Chico State Univ. California
- ★ Washington State Patrol Trooper 1989-2015
- ★ Served for 20 years on the Bomb Squad.
- ★ 2015 became the first Chehalis School Districts Security and Safety Officer

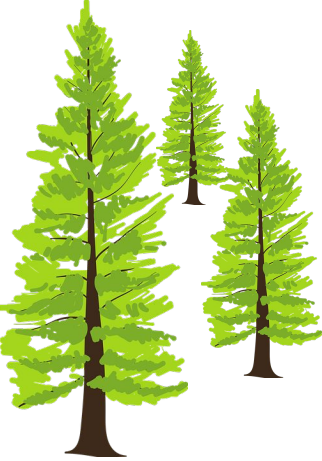


### Troy Thornburg

- ★ 1985 WF West Graduate
- ★ Attended Walla Walla CC and Western Oregon Univ
- ★ Chehalis Police Department 1991-2019
- ★ Served on the SWAT Team, Narcotics Unit and SRO at WF West.
- ★ 2022 hired as a Security and Safety Officer.

# 4th Grade Port Blakely

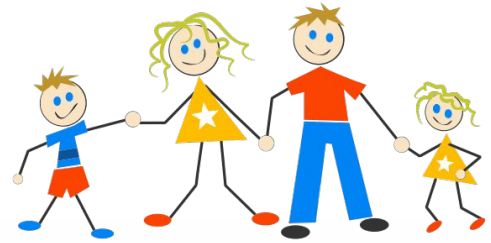
Here are a few photos from our recent classroom field trips!



# Counselor's Corner... *Information from Mrs. Beattie*



## Family Dare



## HOUR BY HOUR

Plan a family date night or day together. Have each member of the family plan 30 minutes to 1 hour of the date!

Each person gets to own their portion and then you can all work together to figure out how to fit all the pieces into one agenda for the night.

## FAMILY (C.A.R.E.)

# 2-1-1

Get Connected. Get Help.™

Dial the numbers 211 for information on:



**BASIC NEEDS**  
\* rental & utility assistance  
\* food pantries  
\* temporary shelter  
\* transportation



**HEALTH CARE**  
\* health clinics & screening services  
\* counseling & addiction services  
\* dental clinics & assistance  
\* specialized treatment



**FAMILY RESOURCES**  
\* individual & family support groups  
\* volunteer opportunities  
\* child care & children's services  
\* holiday assistance



**SPECIALIZED NEEDS**  
\* disability support & advocacy  
\* legal  
\* employment



**LANGUAGE SERVICES**  
\* trained bilingual I&R specialists,  
\* TTY & interpreter services for  
140+ languages



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**SEARCH**  
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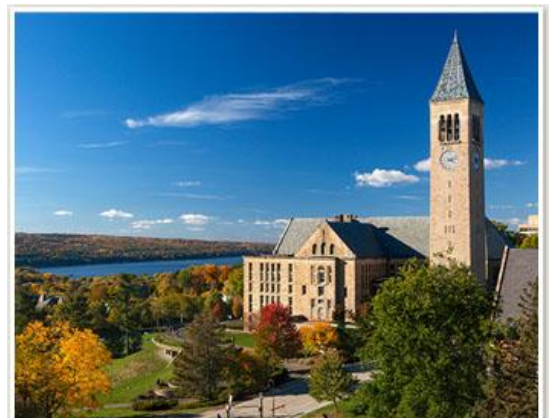


For more information go to [wa211.org](http://wa211.org)  
or dial 877-211-WASH (9274) if you have  
trouble connecting using the number 211



## COLLEGE TRIVIA

Q. In which state is Cornell University located?





Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

# Student SUDOKU Challenge!

Want a chance to win a fun prize? Complete this sudoku puzzle and return to Mrs. Cole in the office by October 31st!

## How to play:

Sudoku is played on a grid of 9 x 9 spaces. Within the rows and columns are 9 "squares" (made up of 3 x 3 spaces). Each row, column and square (9 spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square.

					3		6	
	3	5		2	6			
	2			8			3	1
		7	9					6
5		4				1		7
3					4	8		
9	4			5			1	
			6	3		4	9	
	5		7					



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Chehalis School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Chehalis School District offers classes in many career and technical education (CTE) program areas, including Agriculture, Business and Marketing, Family and Consumer Sciences, Skilled and Technical Sciences, Health Sciences and STEM. Lack of English language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in career and technical education programs.

The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

El Distrito Escolar de Chehalis no discrimina en ningún programa o actividad por sexo, raza, credo, religión, color, origen nacional, edad, estado veterano o militar, orientación sexual, expresión o identidad de género, discapacidad o el uso de un Guía de perros entrenados o un animal de servicio y proporciona igual acceso a los Boy Scouts y otros grupos juveniles designados.

El Distrito Escolar de Chehalis ofrece clases en varias áreas con programas de educación vocacional y técnica (CTE), incluyendo Agricultura, Negocios y Mercadotecnia, Ciencias de la Familia y del Consumidor, Ciencias Técnicas y Calificadas, Ciencias de la Salud y STEM. La falta de dominio del idioma inglés no será una barrera para la admisión y participación en programas de educación profesional y técnica.

Los siguientes empleados han sido designados para manejar las preguntas y quejas de supuestas discriminaciones:

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