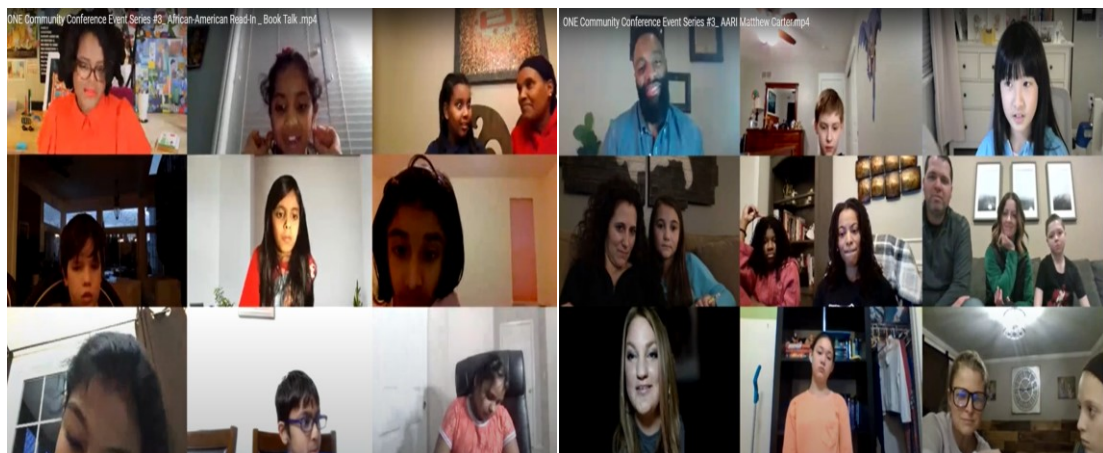




COMMITTED DISTANCE LEARNING FAMILY NEWSLETTER

February 26, 2021



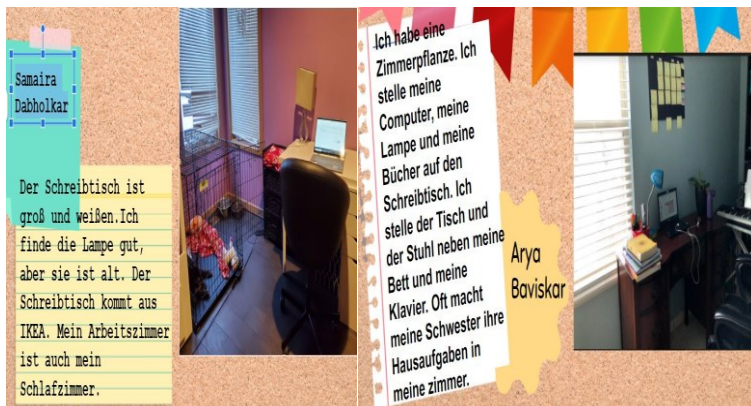
WEEKLY WINS



Students have been working so hard this year so we had a big celebration on the 100th day of school! Students had special crowns to decorate and wear for the day. They also had a choice board of 100 day themed activities to choose from such as building a structure with 100 items, seeing how many times they could do certain activities in 100 seconds, writing about what they would do

with \$100, and making a trail mix with 100 snack items. I am so proud of their hard work this first 100 days! - Ms. Sidol

This week German 1 wrote about their home workspace. They described it with many details such as furniture, adjectives, location, opinions and what they do in the space. I was so impressed with how much they were able to say and they were creative with the language which is not easy in level 1! -Ms. Moore



Our class began Enrichment Clubs this week. Students who were interested in being a leader of the group submitted interest and were selected based on their ideas and organization. Each group leader ran their first club meeting on Wednesday. The clubs had an agenda to follow in Teams and took on roles to ensure the club meetings run smoothly each week. The clubs were formed from ideas that classmates submitted based on interest. We are SO excited to see the ideas that come from their student run club meetings! - Miss Lynch & Mrs. Javed

PORTRAIT OF A LEARNER

In Olentangy Schools, we work to educate the whole child. Our curriculum team has expanded on the character development already taking place in classrooms across the district, and created a guide called [Portrait of a Learner](#). This initiative helps us navigate our roles and responsibilities to students, and asks all of us - adults and children alike - to show up as a learner.

We invite you to watch the video linked above, as we formally introduce this exciting endeavor.

Once you've watched the video and heard about the four pillars of Portrait of a Learner (purposeful, resilient, curious and kind), share with us someone you feel demonstrates one, or more, of these qualities. Submit [THIS SURVEY](#) for as many Olentangy staff or students you feel emulate these dispositions, and they may be featured on our district social media or our [district website](#).

ONE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE 2021

Olentangy Schools invites students, teachers, and families to join the fourth event of our **ONE Community Conference: Healing through ONE Community** event series. Mark your calendars for the first annual District Service Plunge on March 27, 2021. This event will connect our schools and the community through service learning. Students and families have the ability to choose from 11 different service projects, engaging with community partners from across Delaware and northern Franklin counties. To view all District Service Plunge projects and to sign up to save your spot, view our [interactive notebook](#).

The interactive notebook will be your means of engaging with the event. Inside, you will be able to find information about each community partner, details for the projects, reflection questions, read alouds, and an RSVP link. Projects take anywhere from 1 to 4 hours to complete. A number of projects are able to be completed in your own home, while others bring you on-site with our community partners. COVID safety protocols will be adhered to at all in-person locations. Elementary and middle school students will need to be accompanied by an adult to engage in any in-person projects.

Please direct questions about the District Service Plunge to kristin_bourdage@olsd.us or mikela_thomas@olsd.us.

Additionally, if you'd like to order a ONE Community Conference volunteer t-shirt, please visit our [online store](#)

OLENTANGY SCHOOLS
ONE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE 2021
HEALING THROUGH ONE COMMUNITY



DISTRICT SERVICE PLUNGE
MARCH 27, 2021

Olentangy Schools ONE Community Conference is launching the district's first service plunge. The service plunge provides students, staff and families an opportunity to engage in 11 different service projects with community partners from across Delaware and northern Franklin counties.

Mark your calendar for March 27, 2021

[District Service Plunge Notebook](#)

Activities range from one to four hours.

Details and pre-registration available through the notebook.

COMMUNITY NEEDS AND ORGANIZATIONS
TO SUPPORT IN THE DISTRICT SERVICE PLUNGE

Adults 55 and Older	Source Point
Domestic Violence	LSS Choices and Turning Point
Economic Insecurity	Women's City Club of Delaware
Food Insecurity	Westerville Area Resource Ministry
Housing	Habitat for Humanity and Family Promise
Youth & Identity	Kaleidoscope Youth Center
Preserving our Parks	Preservation Parks of Delaware County and Boardman Arts Park

[ONE Community Conference Timeline and Registration Links](#)

[District Service Plunge Flyer with Notebook Link](#)

ATTENDANCE MODEL CHANGES

As a reminder, with the district's upcoming transition to full in-person, we want to assure our CDL families that this does not affect students in the CDL program. Committed Distance Learning is a semester-long commitment, which will continue through the end of the 2020-2021 second semester.

Because of this commitment, students can not move in or out of the program mid-

semester. Students currently enrolled in Committed Distance Learning will continue to learn virtually through the end of this school year.

MEAL ORDER FORM

Dear Olentangy Committed Distance Learning Families, Olentangy is happy to continue offering meals to all students in the Committed Distance Learning program at no charge for the month of March. Please use the [Committed Distance Learning March Pre-Order Form](#) to receive food service for students learning remotely during the month of March.

The government extended waivers allow meals that are ordered AND picked up for students enrolled in Olentangy schools available at no charge. By completing the form, you are committing to pick up meals ordered for your student(s). Please help us to conserve district time, funds, and valuable resources as Olentangy Schools is only reimbursed through these government waivers for meals that are picked up by families.

A few reminders for Committed Distance Learning families pre-ordering meals from Olentangy:

- Meal order forms need to be submitted by Tuesdays at 11:59 PM for the following week.
 - Menus are posted in the order form, or on the [Olentangy Schools Food Service website](#).
 - Meal pick-up is every Monday.
 - Families are able to select a pick-up location and time that works best for your schedule.
 - All meal pre-orders are for breakfast, lunch and 4 weekend fuel up packs.
 - Milk selection is yes or no. Milk is not required with meals.
 - Please submit a new order form for each student.
 - Families may order for multiple weeks at one time.
 - Families will receive an e-mail confirmation with a summary of the meal order.
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If you need to cancel or change your order, or have questions for Olentangy Food Service, please email CDLMeals@olsd.us. When emailing please include your student's name(s), ID number, and home school.

We look forward to seeing you at the Committed Distance Learning meal pick-up!

Your Olentangy Food Service team

MIDDLE SCHOOL IN APEX LEARNING COURSES

Students in second semester Apex Learning classes (Physical Education and/or Informational Technology Applications) should have logged in and completed the first unit at this time. There are many students who have not begun this work yet. We will be messaging these students individually via Schoology with reminders to begin working. Parents, please remind your student(s) they must complete this work in a timely manner. These classes do count for a grade, affect a student's grade point average, and could prevent a student from earning an academic roll recognition if they receive a D or F in the course(s). If you have any questions about these courses or wish to drop them from your student's schedule, please contact Tim Beard (tim_beard@olsd.us) or Jeremy Chirpas (jeremy_chirpas@olsd.us).



Lions Clubs International and Olentangy Lions Club
Announce the start of the
2021 Lions Peace Poster Contest
The theme for this year's contest is:

“We Are All Connected”

Prizes are awarded to the winner at every level with the grand prize of \$5000. 23 Merit Winners of \$500 each are also awarded by LCI. Posters will be evaluated on three criteria. They are: **1-originality, 2-artistic merit and 3-expression of the theme.**

All students age 11, 12, 13 on November 15, 2021 are eligible to enter the contest. Visually impaired students may enter the Peace Essay Contest. Contact us for information. All entries must be turned in to Olentangy Lions by October 29, 2021.

Address any questions to Lion Julie at: julie_lather@olsd.us or Lion Bob at brd1954@gmail.com



MENTAL HEALTH

A link for sessions will be sent on Tuesday for all high school students.

CDL HS Wellness Wednesdays



Join Dr. Branson and her special guests each Wednesday in March during office hours, from 12:45-1:15, for tips, tools, and strategies to manage all the ups and downs of learning virtually during a pandemic. Dr. Katie Branson is the district's Coordinator of Student Well-Being and provides community programming focusing on alleviating non-academic barriers. These sessions will focus on the mental health and well-being of our Committed Distance Learning high school students.

**Join Wellness Wednesdays from 12:45-1:15
in Microsoft Teams by clicking [HERE](#)**

March 3

"Naming It: The Impact of The Pandemic on Our Well-Being"

March 10

"Burn Out: Learn to Stress Less"

March 17

"The Best Version of You: Healthy Habits"

March 24

"Goal Setting for Success: Motivation and Celebration"

ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS: JOIN A CLUB!

Attention all Middle School Students: Join a club!

Here are the following online club meeting dates this semester:

Diversity Club: 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/8, 4/22, 5/6, and 5/20

Kaleidoscope: 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/11, 3/25, 4/15, 4/29, 5/13
Women's Rights Club: 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, 5/19

Students can join at any time! To join, please message Mr. Barkhurst on Teams or by e-mail: brian_barkhurst@olsd.us

9-12 SCHOOLINKS

This year we are excited to announce that your student will be using SchoolLinks to track their college and career choices.

SchoolLinks is a modern college and career readiness platform designed to prepare students for what comes after graduation. SchoolLinks helps students discover their interests and strengths, explore colleges and careers, and create a personal graduation plan that best reflects their post-secondary goals. SchoolLinks is currently accessible to 9th grade students and their parents. We will expand SchoolLinks to students in grades 9-12 in the 2021-22 school year.

All of the SchoolLinks features are designed with students in mind to help them become career, college, and life ready. SchoolLinks features are incredibly user-friendly and content can be easily comprehended by high school students.

Using SchoolLinks, high school students and parents can:

- Access career interest, strength and mindset surveys
 - Explore 2-year and 4-year colleges
 - Track progress toward the Ohio graduation plan
 - Take virtual reality college campus tours
 - Search for scholarships
 - Learn about financial aid
 - Find internship and volunteer opportunities
 - Explore traditional, emerging and military career fields
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- Create digital portfolios / resumes

- Communicate with counselors

Guardian/Parents Login: Guardian login information will be sent via email at the beginning of April.

If you want to learn more about SchoolLinks please visit [hello.schoollinks](https://hello.schoollinks.org)
