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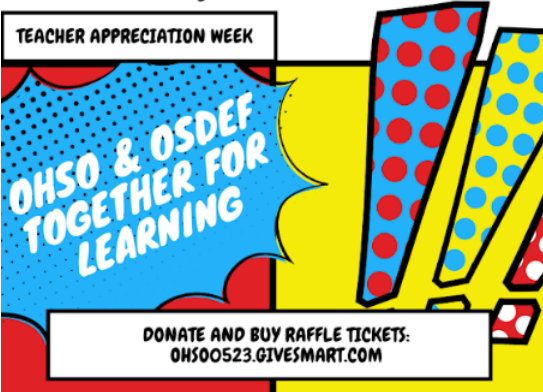
Superintendent's Update

TO: GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS, STAFF & COMMUNITY
FROM: Dr. Michael Robert
DATE: April 15, 2023

OHSO GIVES BACK! **TO OSBORN TEACHERS**

May 10 @ 4pm at **Little O's** on 7th AVE

Can't come at 4pm, no biggie, OHSO is giving back a percentage of your purchase ALL DAY when you mention OEF/OSDEF!!!



Osborn School District Educational Foundation

Spring 2023 Highlights

O.H.S.O. Gives Back Fundraiser

The [Osborn School District Educational Foundation](#) is excited to host a spring 2023 fundraiser on Wednesday, May 10 at Little O's on 7th Avenue and McDowell. The event begins at 4:00pm, but O.H.S.O. is giving back a percentage of proceeds from *the entire day*, if you mention OSDEF. There will be a raffle for a Herman Miller Aeron Chair (perfect for a teacher's desk or home office) valued at over \$1500. Purchase Raffle Tickets [here](#)—1 ticket for \$10 or 5 tickets for \$40.

Price Kong Charities Golf Tournament

The Osborn sports program has been supported for many years through a charitable donation made by **Price Kong CPAs and Accountants** to the OSDEF. The main fundraiser from which Price Kong has supported Osborn is through their annual golf tournament. Interested in participating in this event that has long been a supporter of Osborn's students? Find info [here](#).

Wilma Basnett Mini-Grants and Request For Funding

Teachers are able to access OSDEF grant funding through two main sources: Wilma Basnett Mini Grants (for grants up to \$300) and Requests For Funding (larger grants over \$500 that support larger grade level or schoolwide projects. Congratulations to **Katrina Roberts, Cristina Delgado, Jessica Sauter, Andy Perez, and Nidia Hurtado** on receipt of their mini grants last month. Staff are currently working on submitting larger Request For Funding grants *right now* for consideration in May 2023.

Teachers of the Year 2023

Who will be the recipients of the OSDEF Osborn Teachers of the Year for 2023? We don't know yet! Applications were due at the end of March. The awards will be presented in October, but an announcement of who will be honored is coming soon. The Foundation selection committee has notified nominees, who are working on their application. Announcement coming May 2023!





The Maria Montessori Tulip Comes to Montecito

In honor of the 150th birthday of Dr. Maria Montessori, Netherlands company *Thoolen*

International commissioned [a special tulip](#) to celebrate

and honor her life in conjunction with the Association of Montessori Internationale (AMI). Dr. Montessori lived in The Netherlands during the last years of her life and her home and adjacent building is the location of the Head Office of the Association Montessori Internationale. With this in mind, the students in the Montessori Learning Program at **Montecito Community School** ordered and planted these tulips all the way



from the Netherlands! Primary students of **Ms. Tere** and **Ms. Lenda** did a survey to see what color they believed the special tulips would grow into and also planted some in their classroom. While the Lower Elementary students of **Ms. Katrina** and **Mr. Ryan** planted and tended to an outdoor garden where dozens of rose colored tulips with white tips came to life. Staff and students were elated to see these flowers bloom in their first year and look forward to their arrival each spring as a way to remember and honor Dr. Montessori and her great works.



Solano Book Challenge Off to a Great Start

The **Solano School** Sight Word Book Challenge began in January with specific grade level goals. Students are able to earn "Tiger Stripes" (bracelets) for each book they complete (10 books total). Thus far over 100 students in 1st-4th grades are actively participating. In fact, 20 students in 3rd and 4th grade met their goal by Spring Break, with a couple students in 4th grade right behind having completed books 1-9. How many will earn all 10 stripes before the school year finishes? We'll keep you updated, but for now, enjoy these lovely students and see the looks of pride in their faces!

Solano Tigers Read

2023 Earn Your Stripes
The Tiger Challenge

How?

- Read any grade level book
- Read the book and discuss it with a partner or family member
- Write the title of the book on a sticky note
- Write the sight words on a sticky note
- Write the number of stripes on the sticky note

WHAT?

- When you complete a book you earn a Tiger Stripe
- Each book has 10 stripes
- Write the title of the book on the back of the stripe

Meet Your Grade Level Goals

- Kindergarten-Book 1
- 1st Grade-Books 1-2
- 2nd Grade-Books 1-3
- Third Grade-Books 1-4
- Fourth Grade-Books 1-6
- Fifth Grade-Books 1-6
- Sixth Grade-Books 1-7

How many stripes will you get?
Take the Tiger Challenge!



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Encanto Girls Running Strong!

Girls on the Run at **Encanto School** is an after-school physical activity-based positive youth development program designed to enhance girls' social, psychological, and physical development. Coaches **Sara Borghaus** and **Negin Yaqubi** teach a researched based curriculum with topics such as Understanding ourselves, valuing relationships and teamwork, and recognizing how we can shape the world at large. Girls on the Run allows third grade girls to participate in a sport that teaches desirable attitudes, skills, and behaviors that can generalize to other domains, such as school and family, and Girls on the Run is a

program that uses running, motor skills, and other physical activities as a platform for promoting positive psychosocial outcomes and life skills learning among elementary- and middle school-aged girls.



Good Sports for a Good Cause

Thanks to **Michael Butts**, **Sammi Wright**, and **Andy Perez** as they were the first lucky contestants in our Pie in the Face Contest. **Longview School** Student Council wanted a fun way to raise money and pies were the answer: in this case pies in the face. Raffle tickets were sold and more pies will be coming, but these three deserve a BIG Lancer Thank

You for being such good sports! You can watch the video of this event (and hear the screams of excitement) watching [this video](#). I just don't know why no one told Mr. Perez that this was not an event he had to dress up for! The event was such a success and brought about such excitement and fun for students that the rest of the staff at Longview is mentally preparing for the day they get their pie in the face.





Student Success = Everyone's Responsibility

Read Across America Week was filled with reading picnics, guest readers in classrooms, and lots of great events involving families, students, teachers, and books. But one of the most memorable experiences our students may have had was hearing from the first and last people they see at school every day—our bus drivers and attendants! Osborn's **Transportation Department** brought the buses around to campuses to kick off Read Across America Week and brought loads of students on to hear some of their favorite stories.



Osborn Represented on Governor's Task Force

With a shortage of qualified teachers and fewer applicants to teaching certification programs within the state of Arizona, Governor Hobbs has selected among the 650 applicants to serve on the Arizona Teacher Retention Task Force. One of the 19 selected members is Osborn Governing Board Member **Violeta Ramos**. Members will present a report to the governor by December 2023 addressing issues of teacher compensation, working conditions, and teacher preparation programs. We are honored to have Violeta represent Osborn!



AN EDUCATOR FROM AN URBAN SCHOOL VIOLETA RAMOS

Violeta was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, and is a proud product of public education. She is a first-generation graduate in her family and received a Bachelor's degree in Spanish from the University of Arizona. She has recently acquired a Master's in Organizational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. Violeta has 11 years of previous work experience in the nonprofit sector supporting various marginalized and underserved communities, where her heart and passion lies most. Violeta is currently a high school Spanish teacher and a newly elected Governing Board member of the Osborn School District.

Osborn Child Nutrition Goes Platinum

The Arizona Department of Education Farm Fresh Challenge is a series of tasks that incorporates locally sourced products into school meals, while educating the community about responsible and sustainable practices in school kitchens. Osborn received the Platinum Award in the challenge in 2023. With impressive menus served to Osborn students every day, Child Nutrition Director **Cory Alexander**, Nutrition Program Coordinator **Kayla LaLone**, and an amazing group of cafeteria managers and staff, Osborn Child Nutrition continues to impress. Thank you local partners **Ramona Farms, Pinnacle Farms, Crooked Sky Farms, Stern Produce, Shamrock Farms Dairy, La Canasta, Suncup, and Markon Produce** for making this year's menus possible.



Board Meetings

Tuesday, April 18: Regular Meeting of Osborn Governing Board, 5:30pm

Thursday, May 4: Work Study Session of the Osborn Governing Board; 4:30pm

Upcoming April Events

Saturday, April 22: Longview Game & Fish Club Derby at Lake Pleasant (begins 8:30am)

Wednesday, April 26: Encanto monthly awards assembly and core values recognition

Thursday, April 27: Longview 21st Century Showcase

Friday, April 28: Encanto/Clarendon Spring Fling

Friday, April 28: OMS Family Firehawk Night

