



Olympia South Elementary
Mrs. Stacey Rogers, Principal
Parent Update-Week of August 21, 2023



Monday: 1st day for ECE and PreK
Wednesday: 10am-Tornado Drill
Thursday: Spartan Cart Day
1pm-Fire Drill

1st day for Preschool and ECE

This Monday is our first day of school for our preschool and ECE classes. The morning class attends from 7:45-10:35 am and the afternoon class attends from 11:35 am-2:25 pm.

Welcome New Olympia South Staff!

This year we have two new teachers with us. Miss Elizabeth Tiedje will be teaching ECE/PreK and Miss Kendra Peifer will be teaching 4th grade. We also have Mrs. Kayla Craig joining us as a paraprofessional, Mrs. Katie Gordon joining us as a lunch room supervisor, and Mrs. Nikki Goggin will be in our cafeteria. Please make them all feel welcome when you get a chance to see them!

Music Class Information for first semester

Mrs. Jones, our K-5 music teacher, will be out on maternity leave for the majority of the first semester. The students will continue to have music class with a substitute and K-2 will have their annual Holiday Concert. However, we know class will look a bit different given that Mrs. Jones will be on leave. We have made the decision that there will be no formal grades / performance levels reported for the first semester. The first grade / performance reports that will be generated for music will be in the third quarter. It is unrealistic to expect the substitute to report performance levels for all K-5 students in the three elementary schools with any validity which is why we made the decision to delay reporting. Thank you for your understanding.

Picture Day

Our picture day has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 5th. [Flyers](#) will be distributed at school. You will have the option to order online at inter-state.com/order
Order Code is 80793PB

Hope Bags -non perishable food/personal care support

Last week we sent home letters informing families of our Hope Bag program, which is sponsored by local churches. A link to the letter is below. If you have any questions, please contact our family coordinator, Michelle Maris. michelle.maris@olympia.org
[Hope Bag letter](#)

PBIS classroom expectations

We are continuing with our PBIS procedures this year. Students learn each day about being kind, safe, and ready to learn. They are already earning lots of Spartan tickets for demonstrating expected behaviors. We will draw tickets weekly for students to visit the Spartan Cart. Students will also have the chance to have their ticket pulled for out of the blue celebrations. Teachers will be communicating with you their classroom expectations soon if they haven't already!

From the PTO

We hope everyone had a smooth first week.

We teamed up with some local small businesses to get Spartan gear in your hands. Friday August 25 we will open a Spartan shop via a google doc order form. Like us on Facebook for some sneak peaks of what's to come and to find the form link!

PTO will have a booth at the Atlanta Fall Fest September 8-10 however we are in need of volunteers to help run the booth. If you are available to help find our signup also located on our Facebook page.

Mark your calendars, the first PTO meeting of the school year will be September 13 at 6:30 at Oly South. Anyone is welcome, we love to see new faces!

Parent Education Feedback

We are seeking parent input to help plan our parent education opportunities for the 23-24 school year. Please take a minute to click on the link to the google form below and share your thoughts with us!

[Parent Education Feedback](#)

Atlanta Fall Festival Information

Atlanta Fall Festival 73rd Annual Parade: Come join the fun and walk in the 73rd Annual Parade on Sunday, September 10 at 3:00 PM. 1st - 5th Grade students are invited to dress up in costume and walk in the 73rd Annual Atlanta Fall Festival Parade. Students will be judged for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place by grade with prizes awarded after the parade. Costumes do not have to follow the parade theme but should be family friendly. Students may also decorate a bicycle and ride in the parade. Bicycles will be judged for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Judging and line-up will be at 2:00 PM at Olympia South Elementary School south side parking lot. Registration may be done on the atlantafallfestival.com site and all registrations received by September 1 will be entered in a drawing for 1 free bounce house pass valued at \$25.00. If you have questions, please email atlantafallfestival@gmail.com.

Important Upcoming Dates:

August 28th-MAP district assessments begin for K-5 students

September 4th-No School - Labor Day

September 8th - Break the Rules Day sponsored by PTO

September 11th - MTSS intervention groups begin

September 11th - Board Meeting-6pm

Link for Flyers: Please check out our recently added flyers:

<http://www.olympia.org/o/district/browse/16336>