



Olympia South Elementary School Newsletter

April - 2008

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APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 31 School Resumes after Spring Break

- 7 PTO Meeting – Library – 6:30 pm
- 18 PTO Spaghetti Dinner, Science Fair, Book Fair**
- 19 Market Day Pick-Up, Cafeteria, 9:00 – 10:00 AM
- 21 OMS Principal Todd Dugan and Crystal Thompson
- Visit with 5th graders to introduce the Middle School
- 24 6th Grade Band performs at Olympia South Elem.
- 25 SIP Day – School out at 11:45 Town, 12:00 Bus

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION STARTS -

After the Spring Break the Main Entrance off the parking lot will no longer be in use. The school will also lose the use of the door at the end of the Primary Wing by the Pre-School and Early Childhood classrooms. A map of the school and its entrances/exits is attached to the newsletter. There is also an explanation of which doors will be in use. The parking lot will no longer be a place to drop-off your child in the morning. Morning arrivals will use the entrance off of Vine Street (until 8:00am), after the buses depart the entrance to use will be the one on Fifth Street by the Flag Pole. We are also asking you to respond in writing, to your child's teacher, which entrance you will be picking-up your child at the end of the day. Buses are loading on Fifth and Sixth Streets until 2:10 pm and we are asking that you arrive after the 2:10 bus departure to pick-up your child – there will be more options of entrances to have your child exit the school after 2:10 pm. Lets the teacher know in writing which exit your child is to use at the end of the day.

TARGET STORE DONATE MONEY TO SOUTH -

The school received a quarterly check on behalf of Target and the Take Charge of Education program. This donation represents 1% of purchases made using a REDcard for South. REDcard include Target Visa Credit card, Target Credit Card and the new Target Check Card. Thank you for participating in this program and designating Olympia South as your school of choice. We encourage you to continue supporting our school in this manner. Thanks!

Office Depot also supports education with a similar program. If you are an Office Depot shopper remember to let the clerk know you want Olympia South to receive credit for your purchase. The School's ID Number is 70204351.

Thank you for all you do to support education at South.

FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS -

Parent workshops will be presented regarding: *Internet Safety for Kids (April 3); Praise vs Encouragement (April 10); and Positive Communication and Discipline (April 14);* at the Church of the Nazarene, 2501 Woodlawn, in Lincoln, sponsored by the Logan County Healthy Families Task Force of the Healthy Communities Partnership. Free child care will be provided during the workshop. The workshops are free, however pre-registrations is required. The deadline to register is April 2. Call Community Child Care Connection at 800-676-2805 ext. 8225 to complete the registration.

MT. HOPE-FUNKS GROVE LIBRARY -

April Events at the library include:

- 1 - April Showers Story Time
4:00 p.m.
- 8 - Do's and Don'ts of Landscaping
6:30 p.m.
- 13-19 - National Library Week
Watch for special events
- 14 - Preschool Story Time
10:30 a.m.
- 27 - National Volunteer Week (through May 3)
- 29 - Family Movie
3:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please call 309 874 2291. Library hours: Mon. 10-3, Tues. 2-8, Wed. 2-8, Thurs. 2-8, Sat. 10-3.

FUN AND SUCCESSFUL FAMILY READING TIME -

Make a Date: Set a special time to read together every day. Choose a quiet place where you can snuggle up.

Choose Fun Books: Visit your library to pick out interesting stories and books of all kinds.

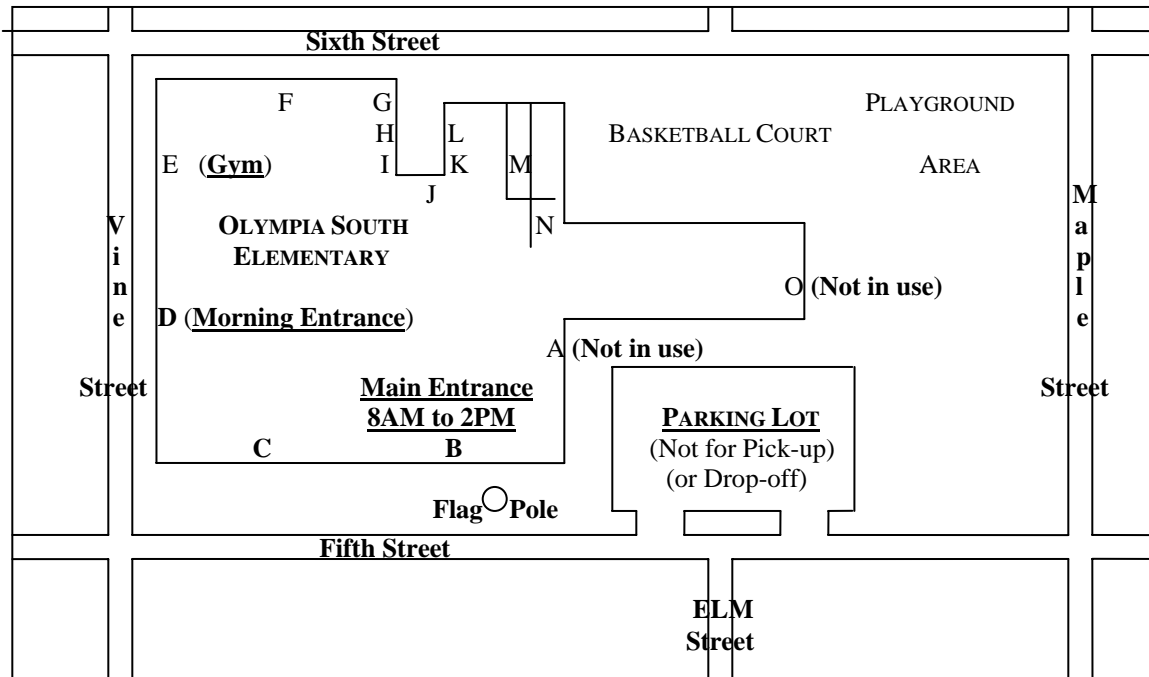
Talk About It: Ask questions about what you read, like – “How do you think this story will end?” or “What was your favorite part of the story and why?”

Act It Out: Use different voices for the characters. Make faces and add sound effects. Give everyone a turn to read and act out stories.

Keep Reading Together: Even if everyone can read, it's still fun to read aloud to one another. Or, just enjoy time spent together as all of you read on you own.



OLYMPIA SOUTH'S ENTRANCE AND EXIT PLAN AFTER THE BREAK (CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTIONS)



- **Demolition and construction on the new entrance for the school will start over the Spring Break or shortly after that week. The start of construction and well drilling for HVAC will limit entrance to and exit from the building. The following is a plan for entering and exiting the building starting after Spring Break.**
- Building *Entrances* are marked by letters *A* through *O*. After the Spring Break *Entrances A and O* will not be in use.
- **ENTER THE BUILDING THROUGHOUT THE DAY (8:00AM – 2:00PM) THROUGH *ENTRANCE B*, BY THE FLAG POLE OFF OF FIFTH STREET.**
- Buses will be on Fifth Street and Sixth Street in the morning (7:40 – 8:00am), and in the afternoon (2:00 – 2:12pm).
- Dropping off students and students walking to school should arrive between 7:50 – 8:00am and enter the building through *Entrance D* off of Vine Street. Students are not to enter the building before 7:50am unless they are eating breakfast at 7:40am. Both groups should enter through *Entrance D* off of Vine Street. After 8:00am enter the building through *Entrance B*, by the Flag Pole off of Fifth Street.
- Picking up students and students walking home will exit the building through *Entrances B, C, D, and N* at **2:15pm** (this will allow time for the buses to exit the area). Please let your child's teacher know at which *Exit/Entrance* you will be waiting for your child(ren), the notice should be in writing.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION
DURING THIS TIME OF CONSTRUCTION.