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REMINDERS

- Our TK-4th Grade Track Meet will be held on Wednesday, May 7 from 12:15-2:00 at the Lacey Stadium. Save the date to join us!!
- A reminder to families who live outside the Oskaloosa School District: Your mileage reimbursement forms must be turned in to your residing school district by May 1. Extra forms are in the office and can be emailed to you or sent home with students.
- IMPORTANT! Calendar Change:** Since we have a few extra hours to use that were included in this year's schedule, we will now dismiss at noon on Thursday, May 1 and Friday, May 2 (Tulip Time week). There will be no school lunch served and no Osky buses for our dismissal on those two days.
- We will not have school tomorrow for Good Friday and also no school on Monday, April 21 for Easter Break.
- Advance Notice:** The Willing Workers have designated May 5-9 as OC Staff Appreciation Week. Look for more details next week.



GRANDPARENTS/FRIENDS DAY

Grandparents/Friends Day is next Friday, April 25! Students, be sure to tell your grandparents or another special someone to join us for the TK-4th Musical, "FAITH NEWS" in the gym at 9:30. Following the musical they will enjoy a time of welcome and fellowship in the gym followed by classroom visiting. We will have a noon dismissal that day and no school lunch will be served and no Osky buses will be available. Parents, please see the note below for dismissal procedures. We are excited to welcome our grandparents to school on this day!

Parents, here are the dismissal procedures for Grandparents Day on Friday, April 25:

- We will have a noon dismissal with no Osky buses, and no school lunch will be served. Students may leave with grandparents for our noon dismissal. If it is your plan for a grandparent or someone else to pick up your child that day, please let your child's teacher know who that person will be. Grandparents will need to sign out students from their classroom before leaving. If Grandparents are picking up more than one child, they need to go to each classroom to sign out and pick them up. Parents, please share these dismissal procedures with grandparents.
- Parents, if you are picking up your child(ren) that day, please DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL BEFORE 12:10. This will allow time for the grandparents to leave and prevent congestion in our parking lot before carline begins.

Thank you for your cooperation!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 18	No School for Good Friday
Apr. 21	No School for Easter Monday
Apr. 21	Osky Track Meet at Williamsburg, 4:10 Boys only
Apr. 22	6th, 7th & 8th Graders' Mile Run
Apr. 22	Osky Track Meet at South Tama, 4:30 Girls only
Apr. 22	PC Track Meet at Saydel (location change!) 4:30
Apr. 23	5th Grade Band attends SE Iowa Band Festival
Apr. 23	2:15 Dismissal with Osky Buses
Apr. 23	Marching Band Practice at 2:45
Apr. 24	1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th Graders' Mile Run
Apr. 24	Osky Track Meet at Knoxville, 4:30 Boys only
Apr. 24	Osky Track Meet at Grinnell, 4:30 Girls only
Apr. 25	Grandparents/Friends Day
Apr. 25	TK-4th Musical, 9:30 performance for Grandparents, evening at 7:00
Apr. 25	Noon Dismissal with no lunch and NO Osky Buses
Apr. 26	8th Grade Banquet
Apr. 28	Mrs. Vander Leest in Grades 1, 3, 4
Apr. 28	State History Day
Apr. 28	Osky Track Meet at Lacey Complex, 4:30 Boys only
Apr. 28	PC Track Meet at Eddyville, 4:30
Apr. 29	5th Grade Concert at Penn Central Mall, 6:30pm
Apr. 30	TK, K & 4th Graders' Mile Run
Apr. 30	2:15 Dismissal with Osky Buses
Apr. 30	Marching Band Practice at 2:45
May 1	Noon Dismissal with no Osky Buses and no school lunch served

Spring Musical is Next Week!

SONshine through fourth grade students are excitedly preparing for our musical FAITH NEWS! We get to share six Bible adventures of faith with singing and acting. TK-fourth graders will first perform for our grandparents in the morning and then SONshine will join with all of our family and friends for the evening performance. This is how to prepare now. The musical is part of our curriculum, so all of the SONshine-fourth grade students are to attend that night. They need to be in their rooms by 6:45 p.m., ready for our 7:00 p.m. performance on Friday, April 25. We understand that other games or practices may be at the same time. If you let the coaches know now, they should have enough time to plan for or understand your child's absence this one time for this special event. We look forward to sharing these stories of faith while we grow our own faith!

5th Grade Concert!

On Tuesday, April 29th, our 5th grade students will be performing in a band and vocal concert at Penn Central Mall, beginning at 6:30 PM. We'd love for you to come and help us celebrate the incredible talents and God-given gifts of our 5th grade class!

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, April 23: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Friday, April 25: Noon dismissal with NO Osky buses
- Wednesday, April 30: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Thursday, May 1: Noon dismissal with NO Osky buses
- Friday, May 2: Noon dismissal with NO Osky buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

John Peters	April 18
Avery Vonk	April 18
Kyler Briggs	April 19
Mr. Joel Rietema	April 19
Erin Bregar	April 21
Hazel Hessing	April 22

TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

TRIP orders are due by Noon in the office on these dates,
and can be picked up on Fridays of the same week.
Upcoming order dates: April 28, May 5

*If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at
trip@oskaloosachristian.net or 641-670-0583.*



GIVING TREE: Would you like an opportunity to give a gift directly to a teacher? Is Grandma or Grandpa or a friend of the family asking for a way to "help out?" The Giving Tree will soon be up to provide that opportunity.

When: The Giving Tree will be up in the hallway on Friday, April 25, during Grandparent's Day and the evening TK-4th Musical. You have until the end of the school year to purchase!

What: OC teachers and staff made a wish list of items they would like for their classroom or duties. These items have been placed on ornaments, and hung on the Giving Tree. You can choose an item, and purchase it for that teacher/staff member! If you would rather give a cash donation, that option is also available.

How: Choose an ornament, buy the item, bring it to the office with the ornament attached, and Mrs. Patti will get it to the correct teacher!

(Be sure to write your name on the ornament so we can thank you for your gift!)



Come Join our Team! We are actively searching to fill the following position at Oskaloosa Christian for the 2025-2026 school year! Contact the office (641-672-2174) or check out our website for application forms and more information.
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- TK-8th Guidance Counselor (part-time)

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



April 21-25

Monday: No School

Tuesday: Hamburger/Cheeseburger, French Fries, Peaches, Pudding

Wednesday: Creamed Turkey w/Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll

Thursday: Mac-n-Cheese, Ham, Carrots, Cinnamon Apples, WG Cinnamon Squares

Friday: Noon Dismissal - no school lunch



A SPECIAL NEED! Attention Parents and Friends!

We are excited that our K-4th classrooms will be receiving updates of new paint, carpet, and ceilings this summer. In preparation for this project, all items will be removed from the classrooms and stored, so we are in need of MANY boxes! If you would be willing to help us out by donating **clean broken-down** boxes, please bring them to our school any time during school hours. Please use the south door security system to enter.



A BIG THANK-YOU to local authorities who helped us conduct a school-wide lockdown drill on Tuesday.

Josh Stevens from Mahaska County Emergency Management and select Oskaloosa law enforcement officers were on campus to help conduct the drill. We are so happy to work closely with them to maintain our preparedness and keep our students safe in the event of an emergency.

ESAs for 2025-26: OC Parents, the Students First Education Savings Account (ESA) program officially opened for applications for the 2025-26 school year yesterday. An email with more details including a link will be sent to all parents today. The deadline is June 30 but **we strongly suggest that you apply as soon as you can!**

We are delighted to announce that the following positions have been filled for the 2025-2026 school year. More information and pictures of new staff will be emailed to parents and included in next week's Chronicles.

Denise Nichols: Kindergarten Classroom Aide

Lisa Groenendyk: Elementary Classroom Aide

Kathryn Groenenboom: Middle School Classroom Aide

Jenessa Kaisand: Athletic Director

Cora Groenenboom: 1st Classroom Aide (moving from 4th)

Please join us in thanking God for His faithfulness in providing qualified individuals to serve our school as we look forward to next year.



April Chapel

1st Grade

Good Friday/Easter



The first graders led our Good Friday/Easter chapel today. They reminded us of the happenings in the last week of Jesus' life and how very much He loves us. They finished with an activity to show our sins are paid for by laying them at the foot of the cross, that we have SO much to be thankful for because of what Jesus did for us, and that there is so much JOY in knowing Jesus is alive! HE IS RISEN!!

-Mrs. Van Roekel

