

Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Greetings Oberlin Families,

It was great to welcome our students back to school this week. Thanks to our Oberlin PTA, Ms. Wasko, and all the volunteers who allowed our Book Fair to be possible. We have a few weeks leading up to Winter Break. Check in with your student and make sure they are on target to have all assignments completed before break. To all of our Oberlin families who made donations for Thanksgiving support, thank you for helping to provide Thanksgiving gift cards for 45 families!

–Ms. Pelton, Principal

Week of: December 4th - 8th

Wednesday, December 6th

- Principal Coffee Chat (details below)

Principal Coffee Chat - Join us for a Principal's Coffee Chat with Ms. Pelton on **December 6 at 8:30am**. Our topic explores the role of social media in the developing brain of students. **The Poe Center will present #YouthCulture: Adolescent Brain Development and the Role of Social Media**. This program examines the impact of social media on emotional, social and physical health. Participants will explore how adolescent brains process information and make decisions and how that impacts their online experience. This session includes the latest research, examines the risk factors and identifies the protective factors to reduce negative aspects online. A discussion on strategies to increase those protective factors and to support empowering youth to make healthy decisions will be covered. Participants will be equipped with tools and resources to support ongoing conversations.

Given the length of this presentation, there will be no PTA meeting. We will begin promptly at 8:30am. Coffee will be provided. Unfortunately we will be unable to offer a virtual option.

Spelling Bee - Oberlin will be hosting our school spelling bee in the auditorium on January 10th for all interested students. All interested students will compete together, 6th, 7th, and 8th combined. There will be an information session for all students who would like to participate next Thursday, December 7th, and it will be held virtually. Check out the flier or email Ms. Vereen (mvereen@wcpss.net) for more information. [Flyer - Spelling Bee Information Session](#)

Lost and Found - As colder temperatures have settled in, we are accumulating many items in our lost and found, located in our cafeteria. We strongly encourage names in clothing items, (yes, even in middle school.) If your child is missing anything, but especially hoodies, coats, hats, or water bottles, please encourage your child to visit the lost and found, located in the cafeteria. During Winter Break, any remaining items will be donated to a local charity.

Eighth Grade Washington DC Field Trip Scholarships - Annually, our eighth grade students are invited to participate in an overnight field trip to Washington, D.C. to allow learning from many academic disciplines to come to life while making great memories with friends and staff members. This year, we have 19 students desiring to attend the trip who are in need of financial support. The cost for each student is \$325. We would be grateful for donations in part of full to ensure that all Oberlin students who want to attend what may be a “once in a lifetime” field trip are able to do so. Thank you for considering this opportunity. [Link](#) to Sign Up for donations.

Volunteering at Oberlin - We welcome and are beyond grateful for the parent and community volunteers who make extra special learning experiences possible and celebratory events more engaging for our students. Please, please, register to be a WCPSS Volunteer using this [link](#).

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