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Our mission is to create a learning community that prepares all students to be productive, responsible, and successful.

Facilities/Grounds

The last three newsletters have focused on three of the goals for the three year district strategic plan developed this past year: Curriculum/Extracurricular, Technology, and Communication. This newsletter continues the focus on district goals and focuses on the area of facilities/grounds. The objectives and specific activities we plan to address are listed below:

Objectives:

- Evaluate the district's facility needs to enhance their appearance and condition in order to provide the best possible learning environment for our students.
- Continually maintain the condition and cleanliness of the buildings and grounds in order to increase community, staff, and student pride in the school district.
- Continue to increase student input and involvement in the improvement of the appearance of facilities and grounds through methods such as service learning.
- Continually evaluate, monitor, and communicate the district's safety plans and procedures to ensure the safety of our students in the buildings and on buses.

While the objectives are very broad, we are looking at several specific activities to work towards accomplishing the objectives.

Activities:

- Use the Board facilities committee to evaluate the short and long-term facility needs of the district and develop plans to address the needs.
- Focus on the curb appeal/appearance of the buildings and involve students at all levels in improving the appearance of our facilities.
- Install security cameras in the buildings.
- Continue to work in conjunction with the local and state law enforcement to ensure our crisis plan adequately addresses possible emergency situations.
- Explore our practices and procedures to ensure energy efficiency.
- Ensure consistent ground maintenance (snow/ice removal, weeding, trimming, mowing, etc.)
- Explore possible fundraisers for digital signs at the buildings.
- Explore starting school pride organizations modeled after the Orange Crush.

Improving and maintaining our facilities and grounds is a continual goal. We always welcome input on ways that we can improve the appearance and environment of our school buildings. Please let us know if you have thoughts on how to provide the best facilities possible for our students and community.

If there are other activities that you feel needs to be addressed as part of the district improvement plan please contact me at any time. You can also submit any comments, suggestions, or concerns at the Opinions and Ideas link on the webpage at www.okawvalley.org

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 16th -End of 2nd Quarter-2:00 Dismissal

December 19th -Holiday Break Begins