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

A Time for Thanks

It seems that the school year goes by faster each year. It doesn't seem possible that the holiday season is here already. The Thanksgiving break is a time to not only eat way too much pumpkin pie but to also think about the things in our lives that we have to be thankful for. Below are some things that I am personally thankful for each day.

- Although I stated this in my newsletter last year, I cannot express enough how thankful I am to be the superintendent of Okaw Valley. Each day I get the opportunity to work together with each of you to make our schools great, I am more and more grateful for the opportunity.
- I am thankful for the Okaw Valley parents and community. Whether it is cheering on our athletic teams at sporting events, providing input through school or district committees, or volunteering in the various buildings, it is the support and dedication of the parents and community members that truly makes our schools great.
- I am thankful for the Okaw Valley students. By their willingness to help out at school and in the community; the respect shown both at school and on extracurricular/field trips; and their talent, ability, and behavior; the students constantly remind me why they are the best.
- I am thankful to work with teachers and staff that truly care about our students; go out of their way to help our students learn; and invest their time and energy in helping our students succeed.
- I am thankful for our school board members. It is the hard work, dedication, and time spent by these individuals that helps pave the way for the success of our schools and our students.

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 18th-End of 2nd Quarter-2:00 Dismissal

December 21st-Holiday Break Begins

Through the school improvement process, we hope to promote a positive atmosphere and increased communication and welcome your input and suggestions on ways to accomplish this. Please use the opinions and ideas link on our website at www.okawvalley.org to share any ideas or concerns.

*“A child’s life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.”
-Chinese proverb*

Happy Holidays!!