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

New Year Resolutions

As we close out yet another year it really does seem that time goes faster each year. As a part of the New Year celebration, many of us will make resolutions to accomplish in the upcoming year. Below are some educational resolutions that we can hopefully work towards together to continue to make our schools the best they can possibly be.

- To identify and nurture the gifts of students, staff, and community members.
- To support the growth of each individual student.
- To continue to create and use assessments that truly measure student progress and use these assessment results to guide our teaching.
- To value other people's perspectives and to celebrate and appreciate our differences.
- To effectively give our students the skills necessary to be productive, responsible, and successful.
- To continue to provide opportunities within our curriculum for students to explore beyond our classrooms and schools.
- To include all voices and seek input from all stakeholders in the dialogue about education reform.
- To be active participants in the education of our children.
- To work diligently to provide a positive future for our children.
- To work together to continually improve our education system and our school districts.

I am extremely grateful for the efforts and input from staff, students, parents, and community members in making this school district great. My hope is that as we look to the new year and a new semester, we focus on the above resolutions to make our school district even better in the future.

Important Upcoming Dates:

January 4th -No School-Teacher Institute

January 5th -School Resumes

January 8th -Report Cards Sent Home

January 15th -In-Service-12:17 Dismissal

January 18th -No School-ML King Jr. Day

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.

"The wisest man has something yet to learn."

-Garrison Keillor