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

Teacher Appreciation Week

National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3rd-9th. This week provides an opportunity to show our appreciation for everything our teachers do for our students and children. I can remember a billboard ad campaign from the past that simply stated “if you can read this sign, thank a teacher”. While teachers certainly teach students reading, writing, and arithmetic, they do so much more. We can all probably think of teachers we have had in the past that inspired us to learn, made learning fun, or was just there to listen when we needed to talk to someone. Below is a poem by Kevin William Huff that I feel sums up what it means to be a teacher.

Teachers
Paint their minds
and guide their thoughts
Share their achievements
and advise their faults

Inspire a Love
of knowledge and truth
As you light the path
Which leads our youth

For our future brightens
with each lesson you teach
Each smile you lengthen
Each goal you help reach

For the dawn of each poet
each philosopher and king
Begins with a Teacher
And the wisdom they bring

During teacher appreciation week, I encourage you to thank our teachers for all of their hard work and the extra time they put in to help our students. Although we set aside this week as a tribute to the teachers, I sincerely hope that we show each and every day just how thankful we are for teachers.

Important Upcoming Dates for May:

May 8th-School Improvement Day-12:17 Dismissal

May 24th-High School Graduation-2:00-OVHS Gym

May 25th-Memorial Day-No School

June 1st-End of 4th Quarter

June 2nd-Teachers' Institute-No School

June 3rd-Report Card 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 beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you.”
-B.B. King