

November 2011

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

Communication

The September and October newsletters focused on the first two district goals- Curriculum/Extracurricular and Technology. This month's focus is on the third district goal of Communication. Communication was a main focus of the strategic plan three years ago and remains a focus for the next three years. The objectives for this goal are as follows:

Objectives:

- Continue to develop an e-mail database as a way to communicate important information and upcoming events.
- Strive to increase media exposure as a way to communicate information and promote the school district.
- Continue to improve the utilization of a district calendar on the website to effectively communicate upcoming events.
- Consistently communicate and enforce building and discipline policies for each building.

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

Activities:

- Collect e-mails to expand our current database and use e-mail as a means for communicating to parents.
- Streamline the building calendars into one district calendar on the website.
- Use newspaper, radio, and television as a way to promote the school district.
- Send out a newsletter by mail periodically
- Explore the possibility of a facebook page for the district
- Communicate opportunities for volunteers to help out in the district.

Good communication within and outside the district is critical for the accomplishment of all of the other goals in the strategic plan. Through the use of media and technology, we hope to increase and improve the communication from and to the public.

If there are other activities that you feel need 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:

November 10th-Veterans' Day Breakfast/Program-Breakfast begins at 8:30 and the assembly at 9:15

November 11th-No School-Veterans' Day

November 16th-Midterm

November 18th-Midterm Reports Sent Home

November 23rd-12:25 Dismissal-School Improvement Day

November 24th and 25th-No School-Thanksgiving Break