

# Orchard Avenue Elementary News

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## Mid-April & May 2018 Calendar

**Teacher Appreciation Week – May 7 - 11**

(and every day works, too!)



April 16 – 20

Tuesday, April 24

Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

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Friday, May 11

Sunday, May 13

Tuesday, May 22

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Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

Friday, May 25

Monday, May 28

Friday, June 8

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

6:00 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

2:50 p.m.

3:50 p.m.

Volunteer Appreciation Week

Walk A Thon – Connected Lakes

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Music Program

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Program

PTA Spring Picnic

Happy Mother's Day

Swim Day – 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

Kindergarten Music Program

AM & PM Kindergarten's Last Day Events

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

End of the Year Slideshow

School is out for summer!

Teacher Work Day / Last day on duty

Memorial Day Holiday – Office Closed

Office Closes for the summer

Tentative Date for Back to School Night 2018 – (check website for update)

Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

First Day of School for all students is Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

(ALL incoming Kindergartners will come to school from 8:50 – 11:50 AM)

SD51 2018-2019 Calendar can be accessed on the SD51 Website: <https://connect.d51schools.org>



## A note from the Principal regarding Classroom Placement for 2018-2019

Near the end of April, we begin making plans for classroom placement for the 2018-2019 school year. Many thoughtful hours and careful consideration is given to placing our learners into classrooms for the upcoming school year. There are many components in developing a balanced academic and social classroom experience to benefit all students. Orchard Avenue is fortunate to have highly qualified teachers to give your child an excellent education. Because of shifting teaching assignments, I will not release the teacher's name until approximately two weeks before the first day of school on August 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to provide input regarding your child's educational needs, please direct your thoughts in letter form to our principal, Mrs. Vicki Woods, no later than April 23<sup>rd</sup>. **We also have a Parent Input form available at the office** which allows you to provide information about the learning environment that you believe would best fit your child. We always consider your child's learning attributes when making classroom placements for next year.



**Spring is a time for "Spring Cleaning" and it is no different at Orchard Avenue Elem. Here are some things that we need your help with as we prepare for the end of the school year:**

### Lost and Found

**HELP!!** Our Lost and Found has lots of clothing and lunch box items that we would love to return. Jackets, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, and lunch boxes were discarded and abandoned on the playground. All of the items collected will be displayed on a table in the foyer before and during conferences. Please take a moment to check the table and reclaim missing items before school is over. There is also a nice assortment of smaller items (such as glasses, jewelry, keys, and cell phones) that will need to be claimed in the office. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity or destroyed after the last day of school.



### Library Books to Return

Please look around your home, your child's backpack, bedroom, etc. to look for any stray library or classroom books that need to be returned to the school before the summer break. Families are charged for unreturned library and/or bookroom books. As you know, the cost of books is high so we keep a tight inventory of them. We would appreciate having library books returned by Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> for inventory purposes.



### Student Medications

If your child takes a prescribed medication or over the counter medications that you have supplied to the school, please stop by our office to pick it up by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. **Medications will not be sent home with the child – they must be picked up by an adult.** Any medications left after the last day of school are routinely destroyed.

### Student Address Changes

The final report card of the year will be mailed to your home. *If you have moved over the course of the school year, please contact the office to make sure we have your current address on record.* Also, if you know your child(ren) will not be returning to Orchard Avenue Elementary next year please let the office know so we can prepare the student records for the next school. We are always sorry to hear about losing learners because of a move. However, unless you live in the Orchard Avenue Elementary attendance area or have been accepted for School of Choice, you will need to attend the school of your attendance area for the 2018/2019 school year. If that is the case, we wish you well and encourage you to have the new school call us if they have any questions.



## Lunch Charges

As the school year comes to a close, please make sure your child does not have any outstanding lunch charges. Food Service charges do carry over year to year until your child graduates from the school district so we do encourage you to clear up your account and start with a fresh slate next year. You may check your ParentVUE account to view your balance; otherwise call the school kitchen between 7:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to speak to our kitchen manager, Melissa Bowers, about the status and outstanding balance.



## Teacher Appreciation Week

Don't forget to honor and appreciate your child's teacher for their dedication to students each and every day. Teacher Appreciation week is May 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> this year, but appreciation is accepted any time!



## Swim Day 2018

Swim Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Lincoln Park Pool from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Cost of the pool, slide, and transportation to/from the school is \$5.00 per student and students need to have monies to classroom teachers by Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Along with a swim suit (students may wear under their clothes), be sure to send along a towel and sunscreen.



## The Last Day of School Activities

Exciting activities are planned for our last day of school on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The day will begin with 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation activities, whose families will be advised of specific events and times. ALL Kindergarten students in Mrs. Romans and Mrs. Shay's classrooms will meet at Rocket Park for juice & muffins from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. There will be NO PM Kindergarten classes, their day will end at 10:30 a.m. The school wide End of the Year Slide Show will be shown in the Gym at 2:50 p.m., and students will be released for the day and school year at 3:50 p.m.

## Extended Hours Summer Day Camp

Extended Hours is offering their summer program for children ages 5 – 12 years old at two locations this summer - Tope & Pomona Elementary schools. Many fun activities are planned for the summer ahead. If you are interested in Extended Hours care over the summer break please contact their main office at 241-3603 for all of the details. Register online at [www.ExtendedHoursProgram.com](http://www.ExtendedHoursProgram.com).

## Accountability/Advisory Committee

Our Accountability Committee commits many hours of meeting time to oversee the progress of our school improvement goal. They provide the information to the principal from the parent point of view. They have represented our school well and deserve to be recognized. Many thanks to: Cat Mayer \* Traci Weiland \* Anna Reitz \* Bob Lombardi \* Shawn Hays \* Vicki Woods



## Parting Words...

“So Long & Good Luck” to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We hope that you will always have fond memories of Orchard Avenue Elementary and that you will have fun exploring your future in middle school and beyond! Good Luck to you all!!

We also say “Farewell” to Mrs. Bellavia. We wish her well in her future endeavors.



### Salute to Staff...

SD51 recently recognized staff who are retiring and who have contributed years of service to staff and students. Orchard Avenue congratulates the following staff for their dedicated service:

5 Years: Amy Alvarez, Romelia Cisneros, Jenna Hansen, Charity States, Heather Youngberg

10 Years: Kristyne Crosby, Amy Wilson

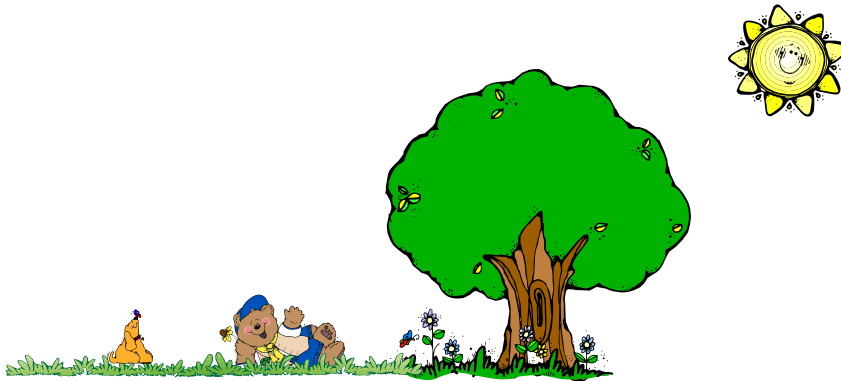
15 Years: Mary DiDario, Lori Fante, Amber Gregersen, Kelly Shay

20 Years: Jennifer Laase, Lueann Ritter

Thank you for all of the care you have poured into the lives of students over the years.

### Office Hours for the Summer

The office will change to summer hours beginning Tuesday, May 29th. The office will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office will close for the summer on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and reopen for the 2018/2019 school year on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.



From all of us at Orchard Avenue Elementary School...

**Have a safe and fun summer!**