

OSTRANDER NEWS



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Dear Ostrander Families:

Every spring, our students are administered the New York State Education Department (NYSED) grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics assessments. Below you will find the dates for each test. The schedule for administration of the New York State Assessments is as follows:

English Language Arts Wednesday, April 10th and Thursday, April 11th
Makeup Dates: April 15th – April 17th

Science (Grades 5 and 8) Wednesday, April 24th
Makeup Dates: April 25th – April 30th

Mathematics Tuesday, May 7th and Wednesday, May 8th
Makeup Dates: May 10th – May 14th



Some quick reminders:

- Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 will be taking the test online.
- Tests in grades 3-8 English and Math have been reduced to 2 days each.
- The tests will continue to be untimed for all students. By removing time limits, students will be able to work at their own pace. These tests are designed to measure what students know and are able to do, not how quickly they can finish.
- The Every Student Succeeds Act, a federal law, requires that 95% of students in each tested grade participate.

Thank you,
Mrs. Alyssa Greany

HAPPY SPRING!

Prize Winners!

Congratulations to the following students. They each won prizes from Ostrander PTO for participating in the National Day of Unplugging.

- Pre-Kindergarten: Emily LaFalce
- Kindergarten: Sonny Shultis
- 1st Grade: Eloise Champlin
- 2nd Grade: Nate Stoll
- 3rd Grade: Briella Navin
- 4th Grade: Adalyn MacEntee
- 5th Grade: Michael Quick
- 6th Grade: Julius Ashmeade

Dismissal Changes

If your child has a dismissal change, please note that a parent/guardian must contact the main office.

Science Fair

Science Fair season is upon us! Student projects should be dropped off on April 16 during the hours of 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Classrooms will visit the Science Fair on April 17 throughout the school day and there will be a special presentation for parents at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!



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Upcoming Events

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| 4/3 | Schools Reopen |
| 4/8 | S.O.M.E. Meeting
6:30 pm |
| 4/10 | NYS ELA Assessment
Grades 3-6 |
| 4/10 | 6 th Grade Committee
Meeting 7:00 p.m. |
| 4/11 | NYS ELA Assessment
Grades 3-6 |
| 4/12 | End of 3 rd Quarter |
| 4/15 | PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. |
| 4/16 | 4 th Grade Orchestra &
Recorder Concert
9:15 a.m. |
| 4/16 | Science Fair project
drop off/set up
3:30 - 5:30 p.m. |
| 4/16 | Board of Education
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
@ Leptondale
Elementary School |
| 4/17 | Science Fair
Presentation 5:30 p.m. |
| 4/18 | Author's Day |
| 4/24 | NYS Science
Assessment (Gr 5 only) |
| 4/30 | 5 th Grade D.A.R.E.
Graduation 6:30 p.m.
in OES Gymnasium |

D.A.R.E. Graduation

Our 5th grade students have been working with Officer Laura Dunn from the Town of Shawangunk Police Department to complete the D.A.R.E. program. D.A.R.E. envisions a world in which students everywhere are empowered to respect others and choose to lead lives free from violence, substance use, and other dangerous behaviors. We look forward to recognizing their hard work at our D.A.R.E. Graduation on April 30 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Ostrander Gymnasium. Invitations will be sent home soon.