



OREGON CUSD 220 STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Oregon CUSD 220 Student Services Department will address the needs of all students regarding academics, social-emotional wellness, and career and postsecondary planning.

District Staff:

Oregon Elementary School, Pre-K - 2 School Counselor: Krystal Stewart

Oregon Elementary School, 3 - 6 Social Worker: Josep Montanola

Oregon Junior/Senior High School, 7 - 9 School Counselor: Joanna Cermak

Oregon Junior/Senior High School, 10 - 12 School Counselor: Jim Turffs

Oregon Junior/Senior High School, 7 - 12 SEL Interventionist: Morgan Peterson

Oregon Junior/Senior High School, 7 - 12 Dean/Director of College and Career Readiness: Shannon Cremeens

APRIL 2023 BOARD REPORT

Academic Updates:

- OJSHS counselors and administration reviewed course request numbers and worked on a master schedule draft for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Testing season was in full swing during the month of April:
 - Mr. Crandall and Mrs. Cermak, IAR testing coordinators, planned and prepared for IAR testing of grades 7 and 8 the first two weeks following spring break.
 - Ms. Cremeens, SAT Test Coordinator, coordinated the School Testing Day on April 12th for students in grades 9-11. The make-up testing day occurred on April 25th.
 - Mr. Turffs, AP Test Coordinator, prepared for the Advanced Placement testing season starting in May.



Social-Emotional Wellness Updates:

- Mrs. Stewart has focused on careers during the month of April during SEL time in Kindergarten-2nd grade. Students have been able to do career exploration exercises, utilize a career website, and talk about different jobs and careers their grown ups have. Mrs. Stewart would like to thank Officer Brechon for coming in and talking with our Kindergarten students about his career and role here at OES as well as discuss summer safety.
- Student Ambassadors have been identifying children's hospitals in the midwest that we would like to send our cards to as part of our whole school service project. The 5th grade ambassadors also had the opportunity to start plants that will be placed in a flower garden outside of the Jefferson entrance.
- Mrs. Stewart continues to meet with individual students as well as small groups to meet the social emotional needs of our students. In April, Mrs. Stewart did talk with a grade level of students regarding the loss of a parent as we prepared for students to return to school. Mrs. Stewart continues to coordinate with teachers, staff, families, and local agencies to provide support for our students.
- Mrs. Stewart facilitated a breakfast for positive females in our students lives, we had local presenters from the Oregon and Mt. Morris libraries, Lorado Taft, and U of I Extension to share about summer programs that are available to our students. Over 200 students and adults attended the event. Mrs. Stewart also attended Fine Arts night and assisted with the book fair at OES. She continues to attend monthly meetings and trainings as well.
- Mr. Montanola met several times with twenty-nine students for individual counseling. He ran thirty-four social groups and met on a regular basis with eighty students including social groups. In addition, he provided one hundred individualized student work classroom interventions. Furthermore, he contacted eight parents via phone call, and met with three. During class instructions, Mr. Montanola entered teachers' classrooms to check for any behavioral or social issues. If seen or asked, he removed students due to disruptive behavior. Furthermore, he helps daily with the morning lineup, and he attends mandatory meetings.
- Ms. Peterson continues to meet with students on a weekly and bi-weekly basis to provide emotional support to students and to check-in with students to explore any areas they may be seeking additional support.
- Ms. Peterson facilitated peer mediations with students who were experiencing conflict.
- Ms. Peterson provides support for students and families experiencing mental health issues.
- Ms. Peterson wrapped up her Social Emotional Learning groups, covering topics such as; emotion identification and impulse control.
- Ms. Peterson continues to provide support for students with a 504 Accommodation Plan.



College and Career Readiness Updates:

- OJSHS Counselors continue to meet with students on post-secondary planning and plans for next year.
- The representative from Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) worked with 16 students in early April to offer sessions on reviewing financial aid award letters, review FAFSA needs, and encourage students who had not completed their FAFSA (but may be college bound) to complete the application.
- OJSHS counselors worked with students to finish up scholarship season and a committee selected recipients as they prepare for the Honors Night Dessert Banquet on May 10th.
- Ms. Peterson and Mrs Cermak attended a tour at Whiteside Area Career Center with the 8th graders, to get information on the different programs that are offered for students once they are in High School.
- Monthly OJSHS newsletters:
January: <https://www.smores.com/z3j1c9>
February: <https://www.smores.com/uc6jy>
March: <https://www.smores.com/ec618>
April: <https://www.smores.com/ex6ua>