



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, Assistant Principal: Shannon Cremeens

OCTOBER 2023 BOARD REPORT

Oregon Elementary School

- Mrs. Stewart continues to do weekly classroom lessons in grades K-2. This month lesson's in K-1 focused on the Zones of Regulation which is used to teach emotional identification and regulation. In addition to the Zones lessons, 2nd grade also started learning about the brain and how it controls our emotions as well. Mrs. Stewart also facilitated social skills groups, these groups are focused on emotional regulation, peer relationships, and following school expectations. Student Ambassadors also met in October. This month the focus was on the Veteran's Day assembly and ways to be a leader at OES. Mrs. Stewart continues to meet with students for individual needs, IEP requirements, and additional support. She also attended many student teamings, required meetings, Leader in Me meetings, collaborated with outside providers and more. Mrs. Stewart along with several other staff members are also planning and coordinating the Morning's with Mom's breakfasts that will resume starting in November.
- The Erin's Law presentations were completed at OES in October for all grade levels. These lessons are required by the state. We are fortunate enough to have Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling (RSAC) provide these lessons to our students through



their prevention program. Each grade level has a lesson designed specifically for them. The topics include safe and unsafe touches, setting boundaries, healthy relationships, and what to do if someone breaks these rules/boundaries.

- Mr. Montanola met several times with 24 students for individual counseling. He ran 44 social groups. Mr. Montanola met on a regular basis with 109 students including social, peer conflict resolution groups and peer tutoring. In addition, he provided 180 individualized student work classroom interventions. He ran 11 peer academic support sessions for academic success and four artful thinking sessions. Furthermore, he contacted eight parents via phone call, and he met with two parents. He attended all mandated meetings for the month of October.

Oregon Junior/Senior High School

Academic Updates:

- Mr. Turffs conducted junior meetings during the month of October.
- As part of the Hawks Take Flight (HTF) team at OJSHS, Mrs. Cermak mentors two freshmen students. They meet weekly after school on Wednesdays.
- Mrs. Cermak completed Freshmen meetings at the beginning of October.
- Counselors attended Parent-Teacher conferences during the month of October.

Social-Emotional Wellness Updates:

- Mrs. Cermak began a Social Emotional Learning group this month. The group consists of 7th grade students and covers topics of friendship and leadership skills.
- Counselors have been meeting with students who have reached 7 or more absences for the semester to provide check-in support.



- Ms. Peterson began her Social Emotional Learning groups this month. The topic of the group is “Impulse Control” and consists of 6 male high school students who will be meeting with Ms. Peterson weekly to become more aware of what impulse control is, and how to recognize when they need to stop and think before reacting to situations.
- Ms. Peterson continues meeting with students on a weekly/bi-weekly basis to provide support and guidance to students.
- Ms. Peterson held weekly Student Assistance Team meetings, to discuss students of concern, and what interventions have been implemented. The team assesses if the student is in need of any additional support.

College and Career Readiness Updates:

- Various college representatives have presented to the Transitional Math class.
- Mrs. Cermak visited Freshman Seminar classes to help students use the Xello college and career planning tools.
- At OJSHS the Upward Bound program has increased support by the addition of another Highland Community College staff member. They have done several trips this year with Upward Bound students to regional colleges, and they continue to provide tutoring after school on Mondays and Wednesdays.

District Updates

Professional Updates:

- District counselors met on October 25th to review building updates.
- Mr. Montanola and Mrs. Stewart had individual meetings with Ms. Cremeens to begin the school year. Individual meetings and check-ins will occur once per month this school year.