

5th Grade Graduation 2019

By Lila Seda
Staff Reporter

Ms. Henderson was interviewed about the 5th grade graduation which will be in the Otterorium at 1pm on June 25th which is on a Tuesday. All Olympic Hills families are invited, even if your family member isn't graduating. The theme will be A New Beginning, in this case, beginning middle school.

A very important award will be given

at the graduation called the Seymour Kaplan award which is as Ms. Henderson said an award given to 2 sometimes 3, 5th graders each year who staff and students think are phenomenal people. How it works is all the 5th graders vote for two 5th graders they think are phenomenal, kind, caring, and over all a good person. Then the votes are counted. After that teachers pick who out of the top ten people with the most votes to give the award to. When asked

Ms. Henderson said she will feel proud and excited for her students and of course who wouldn't be? On a happier note let's talk about food. Whatever food we have depends on what families bring to the graduation. It's just like a potluck. There is a 90% chance of cake at the graduation. The favor will be "celebratory". So it's unknown. I hope all you 5th graders and Olympic Hills families will come if you can.



Ms. Henderson giving a thumbs up.

Move-A-Thon Update

By Kaisa Dawson,
Staff Reporter

The Move-A-Thon this year was a big success!! Students and staff walked, ran, jogged, skipped, and danced around the track. This helped to raise money for the school. How much, you ask? We all raised nearly 7000 dollars!! Way to go, guys!

In fact, the updated total as of May 10, 2019 is \$6935.72!!!! However, if you have not yet returned your Move-A-Thon packets, now would be the time to do it.

Though it no longer helps your class earn the Golden Shoes, it is nonetheless a huge help to the PTA.

Only 1 class this year earned the Golden Shoes, which was none other than Mr. Whiting's. They got 95% of their packets turned in before May 3rd! Another award was announced this year, by the name of the Silver Sandals. Mr. Deisler's class not only got the 2nd most packets turned in, they earned style points for dancing and creatively moving around the track in new and different ways. This was a fun twist.

Ms. Julie's Last Class

By Kaisa Dawson,
Staff Reporter

Ms. Julie, the literacy specialist, has been teaching at OH since 2007, when she moved from Bellingham to Seattle. She started as a student teacher in Diane Seifert's class, but in 2008 the other kindergarten teacher retired and Ms. Julie moved in to take her place. However she only taught kindergarten for one year, as she moved on to 1st grade with her students. She taught 1st grade for 3 years in Room 115 and then, in the school year of 2013-2014, taught a split class of kindergarten-1st graders. Kindergarteners were pulled from other classes a few weeks into the school year. This was to make the classes the correct size, because each class has a size limit according to the grade level. These kindergarteners were none other than the 5th graders this year!

Finally, she moved with them to teach 1st grade, but she became pregnant, and thus stopped being a classroom teacher. When she returned, she became the literacy specialist instead, helping kids (and teachers) with reading and writing skills and guidelines.

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Getting Ready For Marketplace

By Leena Al-Binni
Staff Reporter

Marketplace is a event that happens every year and is an event that we are all excited for! As 4th and 5th graders work in teams to learn how to do marketing and learn how to work together, the 3rd graders and below buy the things 4th and 5th graders make with Otter Bucks. It's a fun way to get creative and have fun with your friends. I interviewed Ms. Woods, one of the teachers who are really helping with Marketplace. The first question I asked Ms. Woods was, "How long has Olympic Hills been doing Marketplace?" "For about 4-5 years when Mr. Deisler came," replies Ms. Woods.

"Who is the head of Marketplace?"

"Mr. Deisler brought it to Olympic Hills so he's been the head of Marketplace ever since."

"When is Marketplace?"

"The second or last week of school." Another question I asked was, "How did the idea of Marketplace come up?"

"Well, Mr. Deisler worked at another school and they did Marketplace. Mr. Deisler saw that they really enjoyed it so he introduced it to Olympic Hills." And I asked Ms. Woods this question, "Why do you really like Marketplace?" Ms. Woods replies with, "I love it because I get to see kids get creative and learning to do marketing and learning to do teamwork."

After this interview I think we can all agree we are excited for Marketplace this year!



Ms. Woods smiling for a photo.

Welcome Back Ms. Meyer

By Yobel Tsegay, and Abby Tewolde,
Staff Reporters



Ms. Meyer, smiling and happy to be back

We welcomed back Ms. Meyer because she gave birth to a baby. The baby is a girl and her name is Palmer Meyer. Ms. Meyer came up with the name because it was a famous golfer

named Arnold Palmer. The baby weighed 10 pounds and was 21.5 inches long.

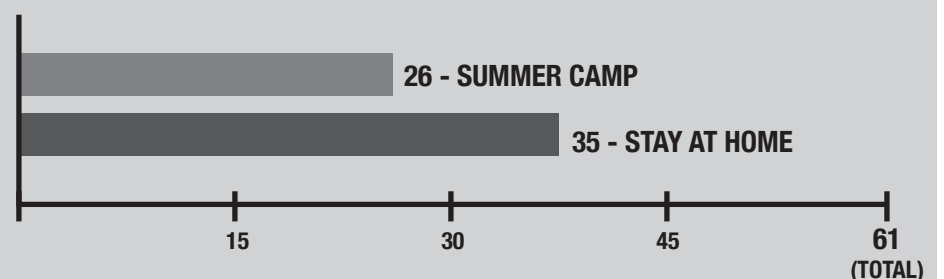
Ms. Meyer wanted a baby because she wanted to see it grow and move on to be a human. She said it's not easy to have a new baby. It was stressful because she could not sleep, eat, or walk because she was in pain.

Ms. Meyer is excited to be back because she has all the love and everyone kept giving her hugs.

Everyone at school was pumped up to see the newborn baby. We love having Ms. Meyer back. She makes P.E. fun and challenging. Thanks Ms. Meyer!

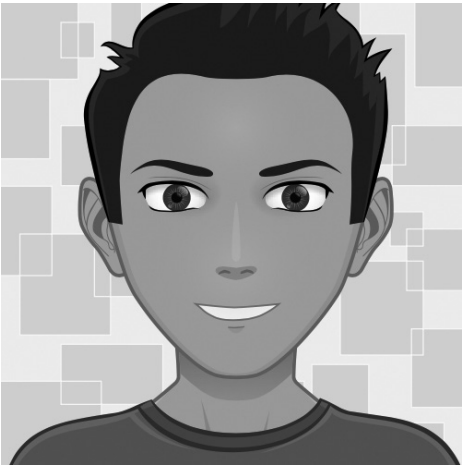
Fifth Grade Poll: Would 5th graders rather stay at home this summer or go to summer camp?

By Kaylee Boyer



In conclusion, 5th graders would much rather stay at home than go to summer camp. 35 out of 61 people would rather stay home. Only 26 would rather go to summer camp. I personally would rather go to summer camp, but it was a close vote!

PROFILES



Xander

By Molly Cheung, Staff Reporter

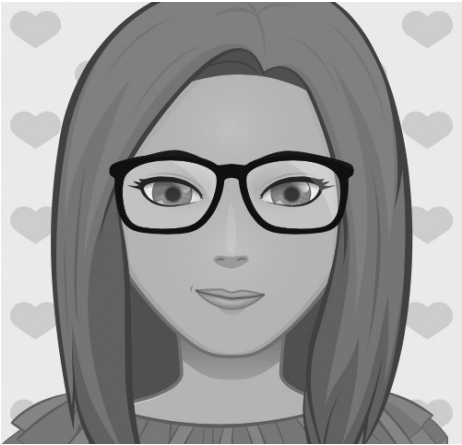
Xander is a 5th grader. He has gone to Olympic Hills for three years. Fifth grade graduation is coming up but is he ready to become a sixth grader yet?

Xander is kind of excited for graduation, but he is nervous about the new classes and time line. However there are still some things he enjoys about 5th grade. He likes being the oldest grade

in the school. There are also some things Xander thinks he will miss about 5th grade. In middle school you have lots of different classes and teachers. In 5th grade you have a few teachers and one class to get to know better. Xander is excited for middle school, but having five minutes to get to classes seems a bit hard. What if all your classes are at opposite sides of the building? It takes about five minutes to get from Xander's

class to outside. Jane Addams is a lot bigger than Olympic Hills. It will take more than five minutes to get to your classroom and get seated.

If there is one thing Xander will miss the most it will be his teachers: Ms. Julie, Xander's kindergarten and first grade teacher, and Ms. Henderson, Xander's current teacher. These are Xander's thoughts about sixth grade.



Kaisa

By Leena Al-Binni, Staff Reporter

I interviewed a girl in 5th grade named Kaisa who is going into 6th grade and there are many mixed emotions towards going to 6th grade.

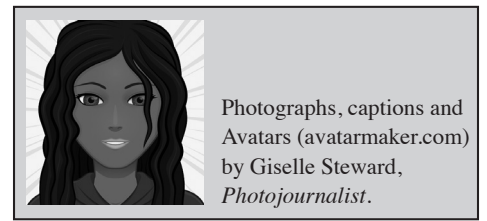
One question I asked Kaisa was, "What middle school will you be attending?" Kaisa replied with, "I will be attending Jane Addams."

Another question I asked Kaisa was, "What are you most excited for at Jane Addams?" Kaisa answered with, "Meeting a bunch of new people because a lot of kids from different schools filter in and it makes diversity."

Another question I asked her is, "What are you least excited about?" She replied with, "I think it'll be hard to adapt to leaving the Olympic Hills community because I've been here

since kindergarten."

The last question I asked her is, "Do you think you're ready for 6th grade?" She replied with, "I think so, but I'm nervous though because of it being hard to leave Olympic Hills."



The End of 5th Grade

By Xander Voutilainen, Staff Reporter

We want to know how 5th graders feel about graduation and 6th grade. I interviewed Yobel, who has 2 siblings in Olympic Hills and is in Ms. Woods' class.



X: What is your perspective on 5th grade graduation?
Y: Great! I'm going to move on!

X: What are you looking forward to in 6th grade?
Y: Definitely learning more.

X: Is there anything you will miss from elementary school?
Y: I'm going to miss my teachers and friends who aren't going to Jane Addams.

X: What are things you don't look forward to in middle school?
Y: I don't want to get bullied!

X: How do you feel about 5th grade?
Y: It's great because I can have the same teacher for 2 years in a row!

X: Thank you for your time.
Y: You're welcome.

Now we know that Yobel is excited to go to middle school and about 5th grade graduation, but is also sad to leave.

Meet A Sixth Grader

By Molly Cheung, Staff Reporter

A sixth grader named Jackson was interviewed about what it's like in the sixth grade. Jackson goes to a school called Jane Addams Middle School. Jackson's favorite subjects are MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement) and History. In MESA you mainly build things. For example you could have a budget of two hundred dollars and you have to build a bridge with two dollar string.

There are also after school activities. For example you could act in a play or musical or you don't have to act, you could be part of the stage crew or do the lights and sound. There is also rocketry club where you build rockets and then launch them.

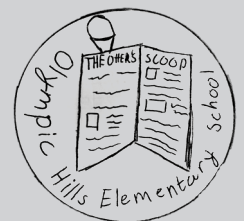
Jackson, our sixth grader, thinks these classes and activities are fun. Find your own favorite classes when you're in sixth grade!

Sudoku

By Xander Voutilainen

Fill the empty spaces with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square.

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Answer:

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MS. JULIE

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Ms. Julie loves OH, and she says there is no place she would rather teach. She says she loves how all the staff, students, and families here at the school are so kind, and it feels like you are surrounded by family all day long. She started here over 10 years ago, and she says it is great to feel as if you have been able to "share your life" with all these people. She says, "I feel you have all been a part of my life just as much as I have been a part of yours." She appreciates how she doesn't even feel like she is working, because her job is so much fun! She has developed a real relationship with all of these people and they all feel like family to her. She has shared so much with this school and she feels everyone here has shared so much with her. However she does miss some things about being a classroom teacher. When you teach the same 20 some kids for the entire year, you get to develop a very close bond with them and spend more time with people you know better. This is different from being a specialist because in this job, you spend time with a lot more people and can't get to know them as well, as you are frequently moving from class to class.

On the other hand, she likes this different position because she can spread out and get to know more students, even though she may not know them as well as she would a class. She feels it sad to know that now that these 5 th graders graduate, barely anyone will still know her as a classroom teacher, just "the lady who helps me with my reading."

Be that as it may, she loved to see these kids grow up from being 5 year old kindergarteners to confident, unique, 10 and 11 year olds. She stated that we are all the same person, but we have grown so much and we grew to be such individual, amazing human beings.



Ms. Julie happy that her 5th grade kids are graduating