



# ORCHARD VIEW

# Extra Edition

ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

STUDENTS "DIG IN"

TURTLES & FROGS-OH, MY!

A Newsletter for the Orchard View Community

SPRING 2023



## Community Support, Successful Students

Orchard View Community,

I want to express my sincere gratitude for the support you've shown to Orchard

View Schools and our students over the years. You eagerly attend events, you take active roles in your child's education, and you are the biggest advocate for Orchard View students. Your role in our success is undeniable. In particular, I want to thank you for your support of the 2014 Tech and Security Millage. This millage has benefited our children and staff in many ways. At Orchard View, we've been able to provide all K-12 students with a technology device to work on, we installed buzz-in systems in our offices, installed and upgraded Wi-Fi, provided teachers with new computers, upgraded auditorium technology, provided a school resource officer, installed and upgraded camera systems, upgraded the sound system in the high school gymnasium and much more!

In the last month, the eleven Boards of Education from Muskegon County school districts, including Orchard View Schools, have unanimously asked the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District to renew the Technology and Security Millage on May 2, 2023.

In 2014, Muskegon County voters approved a one-mill increase to support school safety and technology. **This millage provides local school districts with the funds to improve Technology and Security at Orchard View as well as all other districts throughout the County.** Orchard View will have the flexibility to

decide how to allocate the funds to best meet our individual needs. Details of how Orchard View Schools spent these funds can be found in our annual accountability report (<http://bit.ly/3ZlaCGI>).

*"The Muskegon County Technology and Security Millage has benefited Orchard View students by enabling our students to be 1:1 with technology; which has ensured equitable access for all students. As a result, our students are able to use technology to enhance their learning in all subject areas from research to computer coding. By developing computer literacy skills, we can truly prepare our students for the careers of the future! Funds to support school safety have been used to upgrade security measures district wide."*

- Heather MacDonald,  
Cardinal Elementary Principal

*"The partnerships between schools and local law enforcement have increased because of this millage"*

- Michael Poulin,  
Muskegon County Sheriff

*"These funds ensure our learners have the best possible technology to learn from while feeling safe in our learning environments! While the world is different than it was 20 years ago, our children will always be worth whatever it takes to have safe, engaging learning environments"*

- Brandy Carey,  
Orchard View Community  
Education Director

By law, an Intermediate School District is the only entity able to request or renew a county-wide millage on behalf of local school districts and must distribute the money to the school districts based on student enrollment. For answers to frequently asked questions, please visit:

<https://www.muskegonisd.org/about/techsecurity-millage/>

Your continued commitment to Orchard View Schools provides our students with resources and opportunities to be safe and successful! We look forward to seeing you at the polls on May 2, 2023!

Sincerely,

Jim Nielsen, Superintendent

**"It's Always a Great Day to be a Cardinal"**



## 2023 Calendar

APRIL 17 Kindergarten Round Up

MAY 1-MAY 31 School of Choice Window

MAY 21 OV High School Graduation

MAY 26 & 29 No School for Students  
Memorial Weekend

JUNE 1 Innovative Learning Center  
Adult Graduation

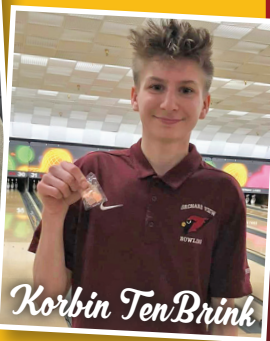
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# Winter Sports HIGHLIGHTS



Jordan Tuttle



Korbin TenBrink

## BOYS BOWLING

- Team Honors
- Conference Champions
- Regional Runner-Up
- Qualified for State
- GMAA Champions
- Cardinal Invite Champions
- Individual State Qualifier: Korbin TenBrink - Placed in the top 16
- 1st Team All Conference: Korbin TenBrink, Konner Maus, Jeremy Broughton
- Honorable Mention All Conference: Ashton Tjapkes

## GIRLS BOWLING

- Honorable Mention All Conference: Lacey Claflin, Taylor Beerman

## BOYS BASKETBALL

- Honorable Mention All Conference: Stephon Oakes

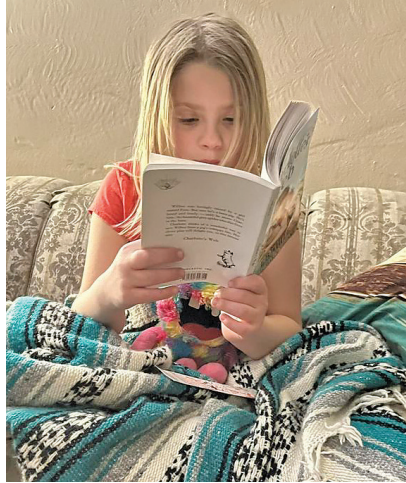
## GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Honorable Mention All Conference: Elizabeth Estelle

## WRESTLING

- District Champion: Jordan Tuttle
- State Qualifiers: Jordan Tuttle, Bryce Benard

**Cardinal  
PROUD!**



# CARDINAL ELEMENTARY ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK.

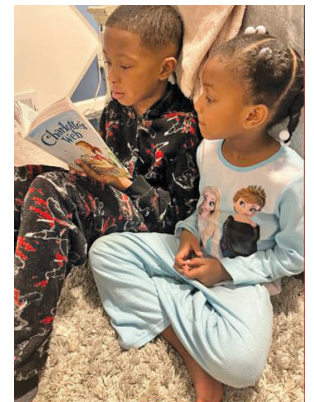


For **March is Reading Month, 2023**, Cardinal Elementary embarked on a special project with an all-school book club called **One School, One Book**.

Every family received one copy of *Charlotte's Web* and were asked to read

it at home during the month of March. Accompanied with the book was a reading schedule for families to follow at home and videos of Cardinal Elementary staff available to view for each chapter.

In addition to reading the book, children were invited to answer daily trivia questions to encourage reading and reward attentive listening. Special activities were held throughout the month and prizes were given to our readers.



**WE LOVE TO READ!**

## ORCHARD VIEW EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Creating partnerships to encourage educational opportunities

OVEF is a non-profit organization created to provide financial assistance to support learning experiences for OV students and enhance the quality of educational opportunities in Orchard View Schools both now and in the future.

Funding is received through donations from alumni, parents, district residents, businesses and friends. The Community Foundation for Muskegon County manages and invests our fund's balance to earn the income we use to support our mission.

Each year a portion of our fund is used to support innovative programs that inspire creativity, learning and other educational enhancements.

If you support and care for the children and educational opportunities in the OV district, please consider giving in one of the following ways:

- Attend OVEF meetings
- Direct contribution/payroll deduction
- Support fundraising events and activities
- Estate planning gifts
- Spread the word about the efforts of the foundation





Celebrate National School Breakfast Week!  
March 6-10, 2023

**PARENTS:**  
Did you know? Your child can DIG IN to healthy breakfast options at school!

# DIG IN TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST

**Be a School Breakfast Builder!**

WAFFLE CROSSING

Studies show that students who eat school breakfast are more likely to:

- Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
- Score higher on standardized tests
- Have better concentration and memory
- Be more alert
- Maintain a healthy weight

STOP  
EAT SCHOOL BREAKFAST

BREAKFAST ZONE

BREAKFAST FUEL STATION

NSW resources are made possible by:

Follow SNA and #NSBW23 on Social Media to learn more about #schoolbreakfast!



## Students "DIG IN" For National School Breakfast Week!

National School Breakfast Week was held March 6-10 with the theme "Dig In To School Breakfast". Students in each building took part in special activities and giveaways to promote the importance of starting the day with a nutritious breakfast.

**OVEE & Cardinal** students enjoyed the serving line decorated in a construction theme. Every day, fun giveaways were passed out including stickers, slap bracelets, mini tape measures, shovel spoons, and even a "lucky tray day" at lunch.

**Middle School** - Students who ate breakfast with us throughout the week were entered in a drawing to win cool prizes! They also took part in a breakfast survey with staff to find ways to improve breakfast counts.

**High School** - The "Fuel Up" promotion gave students a chance to win gas station gift cards for participating in our breakfast program. They also took part in a breakfast survey with staff to find ways to improve breakfast counts.

**Community Education** - Giveaways every day included stickers, slap bracelets, and shovel spoons.

# Easter BUNNY Breakfast AND EGG HUNT!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST**  
9:00AM-11:00AM  
EGG HUNT AT 10:00AM

**ORCHARD VIEW  
EARLY ELEMENTARY  
2820 MACARTHUR**

**COST IS \$5 PER PERSON AND INCLUDES  
BREAKFAST, CRAFTS, EGG HUNT, AND A PHOTO  
WITH THE EASTER BUNNY**

# PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

**STRONG FOUNDATIONS  
BUILT HERE!**

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**f CHECK US OUT OF FACEBOOK**

**GREAT START READINESS  
4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL**

**HEAD START  
3 & 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL**

**FREE TO THOSE WHO QUALIFY!**

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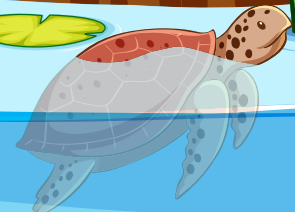
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Community Education**  
A Division Of Orchard View Schools

**Proudly educating Orchard View  
Oakridge and Ravenna schools**



# 3rd Graders Visit Blanchard Nature Center

All 3rd grade classes got a visit with Blanchard Nature Center earlier this year. After their visit they did a PBL unit alongside the informational EL unit on frog & reptile adaptations. Students chose their own reptile/amphibian, researched, and wrote an informational essay to put into a class book (using Student Treasures). They also created clay models of their reptile/amphibian and a diorama of their habitat and presented their work to parents in the collab lab in March.





# Students of the Month



## OV Early Elementary

## OV Cardinal Elementary

## Orchard View Middle School

## Orchard View High School

## OV Community Education

DECEMBER



JASPER SEEVERS



KI'YANA CHAPMAN



ARIANNA KUBANEK



JORDAN HERNANDEZ



TYLER JACKSON

JANUARY



WYATT WAHR



TA'MYAH RICHARD



TRISTIN BEERMAN



HIKARI KATSUZAWA



UNIQUE GRIGSBY

FEBRUARY



CAMRYN GALLEGOS



JAXON HERNANDEZ



JEREMIAH BUTLER



BRIANNA DEVRIES



LOGAN TICE

## wall of honor

Orchard View Schools is accepting nominations for the district's "Wall of Honor" which recognizes outstanding members of the community, alumni and employees. Candidates can be nominated in any of four categories:

- **COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR:** Any individual who has made a significant contribution to OV Schools, which include time, talent or financial support.
- **SOARING CARDINAL:** Any OV alumni who, after graduation, have been recognized for excellence at the national, state or local level or have distinguished performance in their profession.
- **MEMORABLE MENTOR:** Any former OV employee whose contribution to education and the students of the district exceeded expectations. (Must have been employed at least 15 yrs. and separated from OV at least 3 yrs.)
- **ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT:** Any OV athlete who has received all-state recognition, (above honorable mention), in athletics or academics.



Previous recipients can be seen on the Orchard View website at:  
[www.orchardview.org/wall-of-honor/memorable-mentors](http://www.orchardview.org/wall-of-honor/memorable-mentors)

### ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS

CURRENT COUNTYWIDE TECHNOLOGY AND SECURITY MILLAGE RENEWAL

#### SECURITY

- ✓ Hired School Resource Officer
- ✓ Completed Security Updates
- ✓ Installed Security Camera Systems and Door Buzz-in Systems

#### TECHNOLOGY

- ✓ Implemented New Classroom Technology
- ✓ Distributed Individual Student Devices For All Students
- ✓ Improved Communications, Website and Applications
- ✓ Installed Bus Technology including Safety Monitoring Cameras, and Lighting
- ✓ Provided access to WIFI

## VOTE MAY 2

**This is a millage renewal, not a new millage and will result in no new taxes if passed.**

This millage provides local school districts with the funds to improve Technology and Security. It is a 10 year renewal of a regional enhancement property tax for 0.9831 mill for ten (10) years, 2024 to 2033. This generates approximately \$425,000 annually for Orchard View Schools.

For additional information, visit our website at [www.orchardview.org](http://www.orchardview.org)





**ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS**

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**Middle School** 231-760-1500

**Cardinal Elementary** 231-760-1700

**OV Early Elementary** 231-760-1850

**Community Education** 231-760-1350

**Adult Education** 231-760-1953

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# Community Education



## Take Advantage of these NEW Opportunities from OVCE!

### ★ Upcoming Adult Enrichment Classes!

Easter Themed Cookie Decorating: MARCH 29

Acrylic Paint Pouring: APRIL 11

Basics of Walleye Fishing: APRIL 13

It's Thyme for Chicken Cooking Class: APRIL 18

Mother's Day Charcuterie Board Class: MAY 10

Basics to Trout and Salmon: MAY 16

### Upcoming Travel Opportunities

Washington D.C.: MAY 18-24

Turkeyville: MAY 19

Spring Mystery Trip: MAY 17

Shipshewana: JUNE 9

Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard: JUNE 10

For more information on any of these programs,  
visit [www.ORCHARDVIEWCE.org](http://www.ORCHARDVIEWCE.org) or call 231-760-1350