



ORADELL PUBLIC SCHOOL



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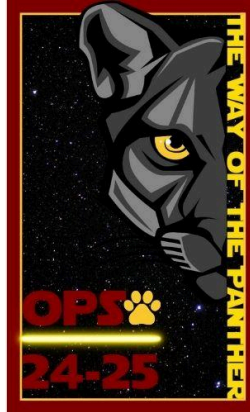
A Note From the Principal

Dear Panther Families,
For nearly 50 years, *Star Wars* has captivated adults and children, leaving a lasting impact through timeless themes of courage, unity, and the fight for what's right. These stories have inspired generations to embrace values like perseverance, respect, and the power of community—lessons that are just as relevant in our school as they are in a galaxy far, far away.

This year's school theme, "The Way of the Panther," builds on these principles. We will focus on consistency in our actions, respect for one another, and care for our community. By living these values daily, we will work to create a school environment where everyone feels supported and empowered to succeed. Just as *Star Wars* has inspired millions, "The Way of the Panther" will guide us in making this year our best yet.

We look forward to welcoming students back to OPS on September 4th from 8:30-12:30 PM. In the meantime, please visit the [Current Week's Notices](#) tab on the OPS website for important information about dropoff, dismissal, health records, and more. May the "Way of the Panther" be with you!

~ Michelle Hawley



Preparing for September 4th

Please complete the following forms on paper to deliver to OPS. Print them [HERE](#).

- * Annual Health Update*
- * Dismissal Permission*
- *Milk Order (if needed)*

The following need to be completed FOR EACH CHILD in the Parent Portal:

- * Media Release*
- *Student Handbook Sign-Off*
- *Emergency Contacts Update*

Please list all people who can pick up your child from the Nurse. Please make sure you choose how you would like to be contacted. If you click every phone number listed, all those numbers will receive "Snow Day Announcements." If you do not click text, you will not receive text blasts.

Important new safety protocol:

All visitors must scan their driver's licenses in the main office. Adults signing out students must also have their licenses.

Important Reminders

- ❖ School is in session on Wednesday, September 4th and Thursday, September 5th, from 8:30 to 12:30 PM.
- ❖ Check the OPS Community Calendar on the [front of the website](#) for upcoming events. Subscribe to the calendar by clicking the blue plus at the bottom of the calendar section.
- ❖ We follow a letter A-F specials schedule. Your child's teacher will inform you of the special area class schedule.
- ❖ Please sign up for the PTA at oradellpta.org.
- ❖ Join the PTA Back to School Breakfast on the front lawn at 8:45 AM on September 6th.
- ❖ There will be no PTA lunch options until October.
- ❖ Please notify the main office when your child is absent by going to the [link](#) on the front of the OPS website or calling the OPS absence line (201)261-1180.
- ❖ All classrooms, except Kindergarten, are nut-free. There is nut-free seating in the lunch room.
- ❖ Save the Date! Back to School Night.
 - Grades 4-6 is September 12th
 - Grades PreK-3 is September 19th

