End of the year, brings an opportunity to reflect for all of us. The growth that we have seen physically, maturity, socially, emotionally and academically is the best part of education. Often, we overlook that growth because we get so caught up in the daily struggle. However, the efforts of the students, the staff and the parents culminates in that development.

It is a joy to watch end of the year celebrations and performances because they spotlight that growth and praise the youth!

Volunteerism is the backbone of successful communities and there are people that work tirelessly behind the scenes. One group of volunteers that I would like to recognize is our school board. We recently had two positions on the board get filled with Laura Hein and Scott Pescetto. They replaced Mike Porter and Jason Curran. These individuals volunteered their time and effort to ensure that the future of our community is guided with thoughtful individuals and based on sound rationale. I thank them and all of our volunteers that help us serve students better.

YOUNG AUTHORS 2019
Recently Oglesby Schools completed a local "young authors" competition. The purpose of this program is to encourage our students' writing. All students in grades 2-3-4-5-6-7-8 participated in this writing exercise.

Young Author Winners:
6th Grade: Emily Guadarrama & Albiona Useini
7th Grade: Nate Hansen & Luke Tunnell
8th Grade: Ellissa Pelka & Cate MacLeod
These students have the opportunity to participate in the Starved Rock Reading Council's annual "Young Author’s Day" which is held at Grand Bear Lodge in Utica on May 2 this year. Congratulations to them on their success and to participate in the recognition.

PBIS Student Spotlights:
Congratulations to these three fine young persons. They have been chosen to represent Washington Junior High School as they consistently meet and exceed the expectations for positive behavior in our school. Their efforts and example allow others to follow the lead of kids like this!

6th: Kevin Ramirez
7th: Madison Schweickert
8th: Bella Soens

MENUS FOR WASHINGTON: Click here
Parents are advised that all children must have their immunizations, physicals, vision exams and dental exams up-to-date prior to starting school in August 2019. No students will be allowed to enter school if their medical records are not in compliance with state law. Remember to schedule your appointments early in the summer and hand in all your forms at registration. Dental exams are required for students entering Kindergarten, Second, and Sixth grade.

Students entering Preschool for the first time need a school physical, updated immunizations, and a lead test. If it is your second year in preschool you will not need an updated physical. Preschool children age 24-59 months must show proof of receiving one dose of Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine and one dose of the Hib vaccine if they have not already received their primary series.

Kindergarten students need a school physical, dental exam, vision exam, updated immunizations, and a lead test only if there is not one on file from preschool.

Sixth grade students need a school physical and updated immunization record. This physical will also be accepted as a sport physical. Students entering 6th grade must show proof of having received a Tdap vaccine, and one dose of Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine (on or after the 11th birthday).

Sport physicals are required for the students entering into 5th, 7th, and 8th grades if they want to participate in sports.

Refer to our website www.ops125.net for more information.

**Nurse’s Notes**

**Extra-Curricular**

**Track:** At the Conference Meet held at Seneca HS, the 8th grade girls placed 1st overall. Lexi Pratt and Taylor Martyn led the way. Lexi placed 1st in the 100m and 200m while Taylor placed 1st in the 400m and long jump (14’ 1” school record). Lexi and Taylor with the speed of Olivia Owen and Abby Beckcom also won the 4x100m relay.

The 8th grade boys placed 3rd overall. The 4x200m relay team (Gage Starkey, Anthony Snelius, Zach Haeffner, and Michael Naas) and Ben Burke led the way placing first in both events. The 7th grade boys and girls were competitive and earned personal bests.

Track athletes are gearing up for this Saturday’s Sectional at PC High School. The competition will be fierce but several athletes have a chance to earn a trip to the State Track Meet in East Peoria on May 10 & 11th. Good Luck Tracksters!

**Upcoming Field Trips**

- 7th grade: May 30th, Peoria IL
  Riverfront Museum
- 8th grade: May 31st, Chicago IL
  Shoreline Boat Tour & Navy Pier

**Upcoming Events**

May 1: Early Dismissal
May 8: Early Dismissal
May 20: Awards Banquet
May 24: 12pm dismissal
May 28: No School
June 7: Last Day of School
June 7: Graduation

**Sick Student?**

We take every effort to communicate home to parents & students about any activities or assignments that they may have missed. Please make sure that you or your child are looking at our website for the daily homework packet. It is updated in real-time and provides links and worksheets students need. Click [here](#).

**Retirement, Congratulations and Thank You!**

**Gail Sunken** will be retiring at the end of this year. She has been teaching for 34 years between JFK school in Cedar Point and in Oglesby Washington. She has provided the community with years of instructional insights with being a firm, fair and professional voice. The staff and administration have all been influenced by her presence and she will be greatly missed. Congratulations!

**Diana Roda** will be retiring at the end of this year. She has been providing food service to the district for years. She was a dependable and professional body that will be missed by all. Congratulations!