

little DEVIL'S DEN

The latest news and updates from Old Forge Elementary



OLD FORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Home of the Blue Devils

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The Pennsylvania Department of Education has created a more useful and comprehensive School Performance Profile (SPP) with the proposed Future Ready PA Index. This approach to school reporting seeks to:

- * increase emphasis on student growth measures, which incentivizes a focus on all learners and is less sensitive to demographic variables.
- *measure English language acquisition among ELL students, not simply performance on a test of grade level ELA standards.
- *incentivize career awareness instruction beginning at the elementary level.
- *address the issue of unequal weighting of content areas in the current SPP.
- *provide indicators of student success after graduation.
- *increase the emphasis on student access to course offerings such as AP, IB, college credit, and CTE programs of study.
- *allow LEAs to include locally-selected reading assessments (Grade 3) and math assessments (Grade 7) as additional snapshots of student progress.
- *incentivize schools to offer career pathways that culminate with high value, industry recognized credentials.

Read more about this endeavor at <http://www.education.pa.gov>.

Devil Pride



The following students were recognized for the Devil Pride Award for the month of December.

Kindergarten...MATTHEW KRASULSKI
 1st grade...ALEXIS DORIA
 2nd grade...JENSEN PAYAHO
 3rd grade...BRANDON FISNE
 4th grade...ARIANA DAVITT
 5th grade...CAEL KRUSHNOWSKI
 6th grade...ASHLEY BIELMAN

Literacy FAQ

Question:

My child is having trouble identifying sight words. What can I do to help?

Answer:

There are many ways to help your child develop his reading skills. Sight words can be practiced using flashcards, which you can easily make at home using index cards. Use pictures, symbols and colors to help reinforce the word. Using magnetic letters may be motivating for your child, and is a good way to help him feel the shape of the word.

Also, point to words in stories you are reading. Stop on a familiar sight word (like: the, that, this, and) so your child can fill in the word.

Adapted from: www.readingrockets.org

Upcoming EVENTS



- Thurs, Feb 1- Report Cards go home
- Mon. Feb 5 - No school/Act 80 Day
- Fri, Feb 9 - 11:22 Dismissal/PTC 1-3:30/
Birthday Celebrations
- Mon, Feb 12 - PTA Meeting
- Fri, Feb 16 - Birthday Celebrations
- Tues, Feb 20 - Board Meeting