

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

2005 - 2006 School Year

This year is rapidly coming to a close. We are already entering into the final grading period for the year and are busy making plans for next school year. Most of the students have already requested their courses for next year and are being placed in the appropriate classes. At this time I do not expect many changes in staffing for next year. We are anticipating only one retirement in a position that must be replaced. As always, we continue to evaluate staffing based on the needs of our students and the current financial forecast. Our faculty, staff, and students have worked very hard at accomplishing many things this year. We have a great deal to be proud of at Ottawa-Glandorf. We offer a very good educational program and our students always do very well after in college or entering the work force after graduation.

### New Bus Garage/Restroom on O-G Road

The work and progress on the construction of the new bus garage and restroom/concession facility located on O-G Road continues to proceed ahead of schedule. Bids for the eleven-bay bus garage and an alternate bid for one additional bay were received last October for approximately \$290,000. The metal building is scheduled for delivery on March 20th. The footer and pad for the concrete floor has already been completed. With the construction of this bus garage it will enable us to protect our investment in school buses by getting them out of the radiant sun and the winter

elements. The last 84-passenger bus purchased cost us \$71,300. With the increase purchase price and the fact that we typically keep our buses for approximately 20 years, we need to do everything we can to maintain their appearance and operational value. The old bus garage located next to Glandorf Elementary will be torn down once the new building is completed.

The restroom/concession facility, which is a part of the total project, is a masonry block building and is nearly ready for the rafters and roof. This restroom/concession facility will greatly enhance the convenience for our bus drivers and all spectators who attend the sporting events for soccer, baseball, and softball. The cost for this facility is approximately \$200,000. As was stated in the February, 2005 issue of the Titan Tradition, and in the survey that was mailed home, the funds used for this project are coming from the interest made on the high school addition/renovation project. No general fund dollars are being used for this project.

If you have any questions or comments that you would like to discuss with me personally about this article or the school district in general, please stop by my office or give me a call and I would be more than willing to listen or answer any questions you might have. The telephone number is 419-523-5261 and my e-mail address is og\_supt@noacsc.org.

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
*Kevin Brinkman*  
Superintendent

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### CURRENT RESIDENT

Please feel free to contact us with questions, comments or suggestions for future issues.



# TITAN TRADITION

March, 2006

Ottawa-Glandorf Local Schools

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 24, 2006

NO SCHOOL - Quarter Break

### April 6 - 9, 2006

Dinner Theater

### April 14 and 17, 2006

NO SCHOOL

### May 2, 2006

Ottawa Elementary Honors Banquet - 7:00 p.m.

### May 6, 2006

Cabaret - High School - 7:30 p.m.

### May 7, 2006

Jazz Band Show - High School - 2:00 p.m.

### May 15, 2006

Choir Concert - High School - 7:30 p.m.

### May 16, 2006

High School Honors Banquet - 6:30 p.m.

### May 18, 2006

Glandorf Elementary Honors Banquet - 6:30 p.m.

### May 23, 2006

Ottawa Elementary Kindergarten Graduation - 7:00 p.m.

### May 24, 2006

8th Grade Graduation - Glandorf Elementary - 6:30 p.m.

### May 25, 2006

8th Grade Breakfast - Ottawa Elementary - 8:30 a.m.

### May 28, 2006

Graduation - Class of 2006 - 2:00 p.m.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION 2006 MEETINGS

April 11	7:30 p.m.
May 9	7:30 p.m.
June 13	5:00 p.m.
July 11	5:00 p.m.
August 8	5:00 p.m.
September 12	7:30 p.m.
October 10	7:30 p.m.
November 7	7:30 p.m.
December 12	7:30 p.m.

## OPEN ENROLLMENT

Ottawa-Glandorf Schools are now accepting applications from non-resident students wanting to enroll for the 2006-07 school year. Anyone interested should complete an application. Applications can be found at

<http://og.noacsc.org/OG/forms.html>

or are available in the Administrative Offices located in the High School. Completed applications should be mailed to:

Ottawa-Glandorf Schools  
Administrative Offices  
630 Glendale Avenue  
Ottawa, OH 45875

Applicants are considered on a first come, first serve basis and must meet the qualifications set by district policies and guidelines.

Please feel free to call the Administrative Offices at 419-523-5261 if you have any questions regarding open enrollment.

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**STUDENT WELLNESS POLICY  
BEING DEVELOPED**

*Mary Jo Williams*  
Director of Special Services

The Ottawa-Glandorf Schools have started the process of developing a wellness policy for our district. This policy is a new requirement established by The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, and will be in effect at the beginning of the 2006-07 school year. Federal law requires school districts who participate in the National School Lunch Program to establish a local school wellness policy that at a minimum:

- ▶ includes goals for nutrition education, physical activity and other activities that are designed to promote student wellness,
- ▶ includes nutrition guidelines selected by the district for all foods available at each school during the school day with the objectives of promoting student health and reducing childhood obesity,
- ▶ provides an assurance that guidelines for reimbursable school meals provided by law will be followed,
- ▶ establishes a plan for measuring implementation of the policy and determining who is responsible for the implementation in each school, and
- ▶ involves parents, students, food service personnel, the school board, school administrators, and the public in the development of the school wellness policy.

The administrative team has already met to discuss preliminary issues regarding the policy. Over the next few weeks, we will be seeking input from food service personnel, administrators, students, parents, school board members and the public regarding effective and viable ways in which to promote student wellness in the school setting. We intend to consult existing groups and committees, such as Student Councils and the Superintendent's Advisory Committee to provide input into our policy as it is developed. We encourage any community member who would like to become involved in the process to contact Mary Jo Williams at 523-5261. We encourage your input and suggestions. This topic will also be addressed at the following P.T.O. meetings, and as always we encourage your attendance.

**Glandorf Elementary - April 5, 2006 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Ottawa Elementary - April 18, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.**



**BREAKFAST PROGRAM  
STARTED AT OTTAWA  
ELEMENTARY**

The Ottawa-Glandorf Schools have begun a pilot of a breakfast program at Ottawa Elementary School in February. The pilot is being conducted to determine if there is enough family interest in purchasing breakfast at school, and whether it is a cost-effective option for the district.

Over the first four weeks of the pilot, we have been offering breakfast to students in grades 1-4. Student participation has been ranging from 50-60% of the student body in those grades, which is higher than anticipated. We have yet to complete an analysis of costs versus expenses for the month of February, but are hopeful that we can provide this service in a cost effective manner without needing to subsidize the program in any way.

At this time only cold foods are offered as we are operating a "Grab 'n Go Breakfast" format. Stations are set up in the hallway, and students select a milk, fruit or juice, and 2 servings of protein or grain items or a combination. This is the required component list for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program. A typical breakfast might include a bowl of cereal, milk, juice, and 1-oz. portion of cheese. Five basic menus are offered each week. We are hoping to expand menu choices to include hot foods in the future.

Research has consistently shown that eating breakfast helps students to perform better. Studies have shown that eating breakfast results in increases in math and reading scores, and that students are less likely to be hyperactive, absent or tardy. The Ohio Department of Education recently suggested in a news release that eating breakfast could also help students to achieve at higher levels on the Ohio Achievement Tests. We hope to see positive achievement results in May when we receive the results of this testing.

Parents of students in grades 1-4 at Ottawa Elementary are encouraged to apply for free or reduced lunches if you might qualify. Forms can be found on the following web site or obtained at the Administrative Offices (630 Glendale Avenue).

<http://og.noacsc.org/OG/lunch.html>

Students qualifying for free or reduced lunches also receive breakfast free or at a reduced cost of 30 cents. Depending on the outcome of the pilot period (February - May), we may consider expanding to other grade levels and buildings in the future, depending on interest and need.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Michelle Ellerbrock*  
Treasurer

Open Enrollment

For the 2005-2006 school year, Ottawa-Glandorf Schools has 40 students coming into the district from other schools and has 32 students leaving the district. This net gain of eight students results in \$44,000 in additional funding for Ottawa-Glandorf. Students choose open enrollment for a variety of reasons. As a result of the district's Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) completed with the assistance of district residents and school staff last spring, families with students leaving the district are now being surveyed. The results of these surveys will be reviewed to determine what the district can do to keep students from leaving and also to attract additional students to open enroll into the district.

Building Fund

The district has issued final payments to all but one contractor for the high school renovation and addition project. As was mentioned at the dedication ceremony last January, the building project was approximately \$2 million under budget and the fund had earned approximately \$600,000 in interest. Since January, 2005, the fund has earned an additional \$96,000 in interest. As reported by the Superintendent the bus garage/concession facility is expected to cost approximately \$490,000. The unencumbered balance in the building fund as of February 28, 2006 is \$2,139,360.23.

Upcoming Board Meetings

Please review the dates and times listed on the front page for the Board of Education monthly meetings. As always, these meetings are open to the public. Agendas are published the Friday prior to each meeting and can be viewed at the web address listed below.





<http://og.noacsc.org/OG/board.html>

**ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

Ottawa-Glandorf Schools currently subscribes to a service with HighSchoolSports.Net to offer complete and up-to-date scheduling information. It can be accessed through O-G High School's web site ([www.oghs.noacsc.org](http://www.oghs.noacsc.org)) or directly at:

[www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net)

Some of the features include:

-  daily, weekly and monthly school events
-  sports schedules
-  schedule change notification e-mail service
-  local weather report

Please contact the Athletic Department at 419-523-6220 if you have any questions.

**TITAN T.I.K.E.S. PRESCHOOL**

**REGISTRATION**

*LaDonna Hoffman*  
Director



Titan T.I.K.E.S. Preschool (Totally Integrated Kids in an Educational Setting) has been in operation since 1990. We offer morning (9:00-11:30) or afternoon (12:30-3:00) sessions for children who are 3-5 years of age. We currently have 88 children attending our preschool.

**OPEN REGISTRATION  
2006-2007**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2006  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Registration is limited to residents of Ottawa-Glandorf School District only. O-G Titan T.I.K.E.S. Preschool is funded by a grant through the Ohio Department of Education. Tuition assistance is available. Please feel free to call the preschool office at 419-523-6464 for details.

All staff members have a minimum of an Early Childhood Degree and are licensed by the Ohio Department of Education in Pre-kindergarten education. They are required to attend inservices dealing with early childhood education to keep their certificate active.

O-G Titan T.I.K.E.S. believes that young children learn best by doing. This includes math, science, social studies, literature, listening, verbal skills, letter recognition, creative thinking, music, large and small motor skills as well as cooperative play. The activities and curriculum are guided by the Ohio Department of Education Pre-Kindergarten Academic Standards.

We are happy at our new location in the High School. We play in the gym, put on plays in the auditorium, and we have visited other classrooms. We've directed the band and sang with the Show Choir. We also have some High School students that come to our classroom to do activities with us.

Please refer to the chart below to see if you qualify for tuition assistance for children who are not five years old by October 1, 2006. Applications for tuition assistance are currently being accepted.

**FAMILY INCOME GUIDELINES**

*(figures based on 2006 guidelines, may change slightly)*

Household Size	Annual	Monthly
1	18,130	1,511
2	24,420	2,035
3	30,710	2,559
4	37,000	3,083
5	43,290	3,608
6	49,580	4,132
7	55,870	4,656
8	62,160	5,180

For each additional member add + 3,400