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From Dr. Mark Felsheim-MATC Oak Creek Campus Executive Director

Happy Spring!



I am thrilled to welcome you to this issue of the *Oak Creek Current*. It is such a great honor for me to be able to serve as the Executive Director of Milwaukee Area Technical College's (MATC) Oak Creek Campus. The Oak Creek Campus is MATC's second largest campus after the Downtown Milwaukee Campus. We serve roughly 10,000 students annually, mostly from Oak Creek and the surrounding areas.

In talking with people around the community we share, many continue to be amazed and surprised at the wide variety of opportunities MATC provides. From preparing people for a successful transfer to a major university (a recent study at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee noted that MATC's transfer students are among the most successful students at UWM), to a technical diploma in one of our in-demand career areas, MATC provides more educational opportunities than any other two-year college in the State of Wisconsin. In the November 2019 issue of the *Current*, we featured one of our very unique programs, the Aviation Technician technical diploma. Many people told me they had no idea we offered this high-demand career field.

It also may surprise people to learn that MATC offers a wide variety of extracurricular opportunities, from student clubs to volunteer opportunities and service learning projects. In this issue, we are featuring another area that many people may not know we offer – competitive athletics. MATC offers nine team sports including men's baseball, soccer, basketball and tennis; and women's basketball, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball.

Our sports teams offer the student athlete a chance to continue to practice their favorite sport while they pursue their degree. And we have a strong winning tradition. This season, our men's basketball team has been ranked number two in the nation in their division (see pg. 6)!

So, whatever your interest or passion, there is a good chance MATC offers a way to pursue it. I encourage you to stop in the Oak Creek Campus (or any MATC campus) and visit our Welcome Center to find out more about what we have to offer.

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# MATC STORMERS TEAM IS BIGGER THAN BASKETBALL

By Alison Henderson

**T**he Milwaukee Area Technical College men's basketball team is achieving excellence on and off the court.

In the year since the team has advanced from National Junior College Athletic Association Division III to Division II play, the MATC Stormers have earned the division's No. 1 ranking along with a host of accolades like "Team of the Week" and "Coach of the Year" – and two students were honored as "Student Athlete of the Week."

"As the athletic director, it's a great thing for our institution and department to have our name out there. As a coach, it's all the players. We lead them the best way that we can. We've had players who have bought into the system – buying into the program and buying into each other," says Athletic Director and Men's Head Basketball Coach Randy Casey, who was named the 2018-19 North Central Community College Conference Coach of the Year.

With a 108-58 victory over College of DuPage Feb. 3, Casey won his 400th career game as a men's head coach.

"We take a lot of pride in it, it's really a blessing. We just play a fast-paced game, and honestly, a lot of teams just can't keep up with us," sophomore Yuri Swinford recently told WTMJ-TV Milwaukee, which named him Student Athlete of the Week in January. Anthony Martinez also was selected by WTMJ-4 as a "Student Athlete of the Week."

## Team Bonds With Sense of Family

There is a sense of family among the Stormers. While most players attended local high schools, some come from as far as Texas. Casey says a core group of players, with the team when it first advanced to Division II, is leading by example. They're helping to bond, motivate and offer support as newer players join the team.

Students on all MATC sports teams learn and practice skills that serve them throughout their lives. Former MATC basketball player Kenny Foster spoke about the journey he and classmate Larry Mitchell had playing for Coach Casey a decade ago. Mitchell had lost both his parents, and Foster came from a broken family.



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“We were looking for a place to call home,” Foster said when he returned to campus in 2018. “We came from Chicago to Milwaukee to play basketball for Coach Casey and the other MATC coaches. They welcomed us with open arms. We learned a lot of life lessons. What we learned was bigger than basketball. They taught us about accountability and effort.”

The move to Division II play was part of a larger effort at MATC to enhance student life opportunities. The change offers MATC a competitive advantage in recruiting student athletes and allows the college to award athletic scholarships for the program.

College partners were critical in making the move happen. They include Kristin and Brian Kellerman, the parents of MATC basketball player Will Kellerman, who was killed in a car accident in November 2017. The Kellermans formed the Opportunity 34 Scholarship Fund and donated \$40,000 to the college for scholarships as a tribute to their son, helping make it possible for MATC’s basketball teams to advance to Division II.

While the team strives to maintain the No. 1 spot in the division, Casey emphasizes both the education student-athletes receive in the classroom and the lessons learned on the court. With a substantial

emphasis on academics, the team had eight players with a grade-point average of 3.0 or above and boasts an overall 2.9 GPA.

“That’s something as a staff we try to instill, that education is the most important thing and nothing can take that away,” Casey says.

### College Offers Variety of Activities

The men’s basketball team is just one example of the robust campus life MATC offers its students. In addition to men’s and women’s basketball, the college offers varsity baseball, soccer, softball and volleyball, as well as newly established tennis teams that play in Division I. For the schedule of games and matches, visit [matcstormers.com](http://matcstormers.com).

MATC students have many additional outside-the-classroom opportunities to learn and have fun, including student organizations related to professional, academic, service and cultural interests. MATC also provides other resources such as study abroad and housing opportunities.

“There is the real college atmosphere here,” Casey says. “Moving forward, we just want to keep moving on the success that we’ve had and continue to grow.”

**Students on all MATC sports teams learn and practice skills that serve them throughout their lives.**



Colonel James Locke, Commander of the 128th Air Refueling Wing (left) with Oak Creek resident Rick Wier, who will be recognized as Honorary Citizen of the Year at the 40th Annual Civic Dinner Dance.

## 128th AIR REFUELING WING ANNUAL CIVIC DINNER DANCE HONORS OAK CREEK RESIDENT



In May 14, Milwaukee's 128th Air Refueling Wing will host its 40th Annual Civic Dinner Dance for the communities of Oak Creek, Cudahy, St. Francis and South Milwaukee. This annual event, celebrating Armed Forces Week, is held at the Air Refueling Wing, (1919 E. Grange Ave.), and gives civilians a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the base's planes, air strip and military displays. The base's largest hangar is transformed into an elegant venue adorned with parachute drapery, flags, floral displays and live music. What makes this event most unique is the opportunity for civilians to mingle with active and past military personnel.

The Civic Dinner Dance began in 1980, when the Commander of the 440th Airlift Wing, General Donald Balch, had the vision to create an event so that civilians could learn about the operations of the 440th and 128th, creating a base of community support for their efforts. Reaching out to the mayors and business associations of neighboring cities, he formed a committee for this event, and the Civic Dinner Dance was born. Since its inception, hundreds of military members and civilians have attended this unique event

each year. Although the 440th Airlift Wing has been deactivated, the 128th Air Refueling Wing, under the command of Colonel James Locke, still enthusiastically supports this event.

Oak Creek's current representation on the Dinner Dance committee is City Clerk Catherine Roeske and Tourism Commissioner Kim Jankowski. Roeske and Jankowski both realize the value of this event, and are proud to serve on the committee.

"The need to have an engaged community supporting our local military base is still prevalent today," notes Jankowski. "We've been told that the 128th Dinner Dance has grown to be the largest on-base civilian event for Armed Forces Week in the Nation. It's a one-of-a-kind opportunity to show your support of the military that serves us here locally by attending this event."

Oak Creek resident Rick Wier has been a Dinner Dance committee member since the beginning, and for this reason, he will be recognized as the Honored Citizen of the Year, an award presented every year during the event. Owner of PDQ Tooling, Inc., and a member of the St. Francis Civic Association, Wier is not only active in his community, but also helped build the event from the ground up as a way of supporting the local military base.

As a young man, Wier was drafted for the Vietnam War; however, his number was never called and he did not serve in the military. Regardless, he has always been keenly aware of the sacrifices of those who were called to fight for our country. Honoring the military with this event is one way he shows his gratitude for those who serve. Although Wier is modest about his involvement, those who know him are quick to praise his efforts.

"Rick is a most valuable member of the CDD committee," says City Clerk Roeske. "He graciously attends all meetings and often dedicates his personal time to accomplish tasks for the event. Rick serves as a humble mentor on the committee, sharing his many years of experience, and we're fortunate to have him!"

The Civic Dinner Dance is open to the public, and tickets are available for \$40 each at the Oak Creek Community Center or online at [ssccwi.org](http://ssccwi.org). Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to show your support for local military personnel from all branches of service, while getting a peek at the 128th Air Refueling Wing!

For additional questions about this event or information on sponsorships please contact Kim Jankowski at (262) 598-7630.



## Oak Creek Military Personnel Sought for Banner Program

The City of Oak Creek will recognize the sacrifice and bravery of local men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces through its Military Banner Program. These banners, to be installed around the public square in the spring, honor the military personnel that call Oak Creek their hometown by featuring the official military photo of the service person, as well as their name, rank and branch. Banners will be on display until the fall when they will be taken down and presented to the honorees or their families at Oak Creek's annual Veterans Day Remembrance ceremony.

Last year's featured local military heroes were:

- Lance Corporal Tyler Betker, U.S. Marine Corps
- Airman First Class Aaron Browy, U.S. Air Force
- Seaman Apprentice Collin Daniels, U.S. Navy
- Major Terri Davis, U.S. Army
- Staff Sergeant Jacobson Fakler, U.S. Air Force
- Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Friese, U.S. Air Force
- Master Sergeant Abby Leszczynski, U.S. Air Force
- Second Lieutenant Amanda Marciniak, U.S. Air Force
- Captain Joy Rabold, U.S. Army
- Specialist Jacob Schlotz, U.S. Army
- Specialist Austin Wiorek, U.S. Army

If you or a family member would like to be considered for this year's banner program, please visit [oakcreekwi.org/militarybanner](http://oakcreekwi.org/militarybanner) to download an application, or contact City Clerk Catherine Roeske at (414) 766-7023 for more information. The deadline for consideration is March 30, 2020.

*Photo above: One of last year's military heroes, Second Lieutenant Amanda Marciniak-U.S. Air Force, is flanked by Oak Creek City Clerk Catherine Roeske (left), and Oak Creek Mayor Dan Bukiewicz (right).*

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# TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR MODERN TIMES

By Rachel Rose, Librarian

## OAK CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS MANY INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS INCLUDING COMPUTER CLASSES AND PERSONAL TECH ASSISTANCE

**T**wenty-first-century libraries are known for a lot more than simply housing collections of books, music and movies. They are now places of education as well as entertainment, and those often come together in the form of public programming. Children attend the Oak Creek Public Library's 'Family Fun Nights,' story times, movie screenings and clubs. Parents benefit from one-on-one coaching while adults attend workshops and lectures. Teens and seniors stop by for arts and crafts, and people of all ages take part in special events such as the 'Summer Reading Kick-off' and the annual 'Author Fest'.

Some of these programs are just for fun, while others promote instruction; many are so popular that they return season after season. In the vein of lifelong learning, OCPL offers adult computer classes as a way of helping patrons cope with digital tech and information. Librarians strive to provide an array of resources and courses addressing every aspect of modern technology. OCPL's Technical Services Librarian Joanne Seward has been consistently improving the curricula since 2014.

Joanne started as a library technology specialist (LTS) for Milwaukee Public Libraries in 2011. She was hired through grant funding that also supplied laptops to a number of city libraries. At the time, the need for more tech and staff proficient enough to provide patrons with ready access were in as high demand as they are now. With a goal of increasing digital inclusion throughout Milwaukee, LTS

staff teach computer classes, aiding patrons with a variety of technological concepts. Another important aspect of the role includes weekly drop-in job assistance. As Joanne remembers it, "We helped with creating and editing resumes, setting up email accounts, filling out applications, and more." Joanne also took part in developing some of the LTS-run classes to fully meet the community's needs. Since joining the OCPL team, she has further refined these concepts in order to stay apace with today's technology.

Oak Creek Public Library was already offering a computer basics, Internet, Gmail, and CountyCat catalog practice series before Joanne came on board. Sensing the growing demand for tech-based instruction and having recently welcomed Joanne as a new reference librarian, management saw it as the perfect opportunity to set up something even more extensive. Starting with the 'Basic Computer Skills' and 'Intro to Microsoft Office' series, Joanne then created 'Intro to Facebook' to encourage patrons to join in on social media trends as well as 'Downloading and Editing Pictures' where they can learn how to edit and store their digital memories.

All of these sessions were so well attended that Joanne launched the 'Bring Your Own Device' program to offer more personalized assistance with laptops, tablets, and smartphones. Due to that program's success, she involved volunteers for another program that soon evolved into today's popular One-on-One Tech Help. Hosted throughout the year in the Technology Training Lab and now overseen by reference staff, Tech Help is a great way for people to get support specific to their own tech needs – whatever those may be. "Tech

Left: Computer classes and technology training is offered by Oak Creek Public Library staff. Seen here is Joanne Seward, the Oak Creek Public Library's technology specialist, helping a Library patron.

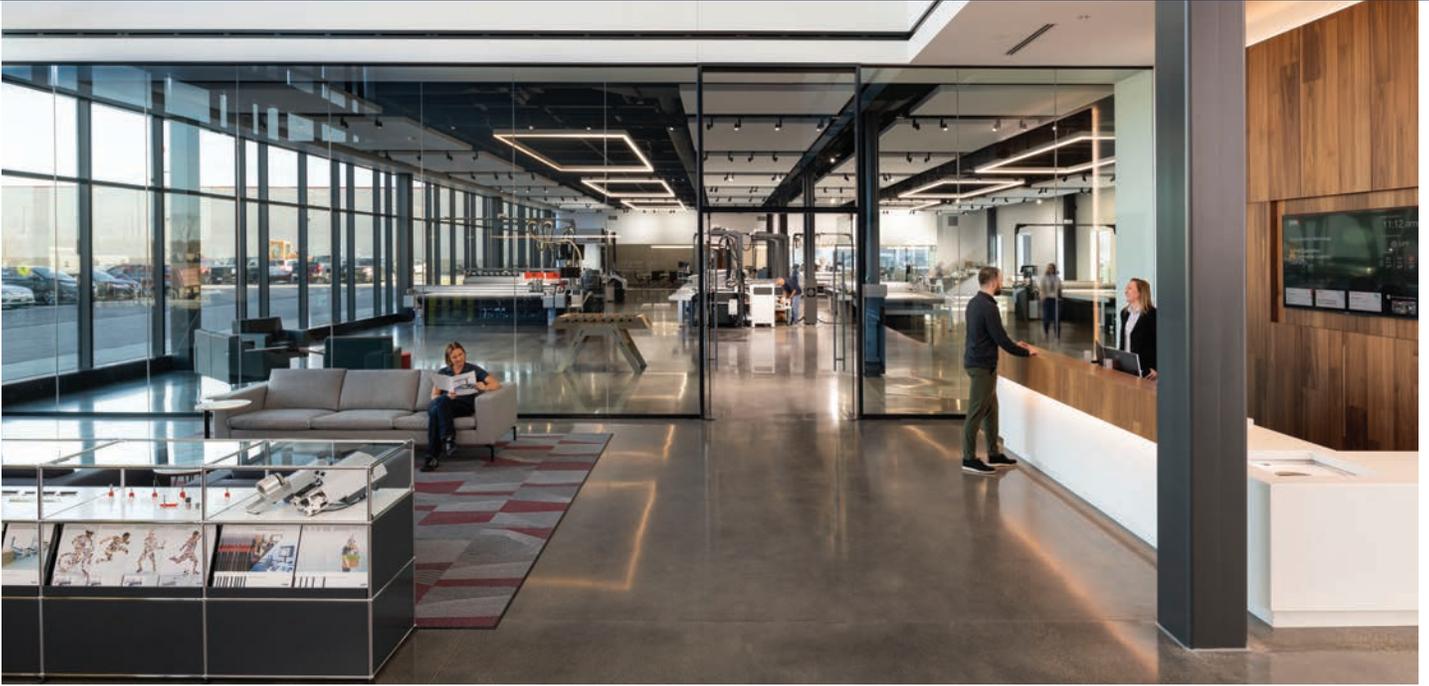
Help can be tricky for staff because of the wide range of questions that people come in with," Joanne notes, "but it is also very satisfying to be able to provide answers for someone who was feeling frustrated or out of their depth before coming in."

The computer class syllabi are regularly modified to match developments in the field. Understanding that attendees are always hungry for more knowledge, Joanne put together an intermediate course to cover advanced topics in Microsoft Office. She also established 'Intro to Library Databases,' a course highlighting OCPL's free online resources. For those seeking guidance with email, there's 'Intro to Outlook'. The latest addition to the roster of tech-related programs is 'Cutting the Cord: How to Get Rid of Cable,' a presentation with Q&A in relation to cable alternatives. "I am constantly trying to update the curricula and think of more classes that would benefit people in today's world." As technology expands and changes, so too will libraries and the services they provide. One thing that remains consistent is OCPL's dedication to support the local community as it continues to evolve.

Oak Creek Public Library's computer classes are held throughout the year in the Technology Training Lab located on the second floor of the building. All classes are free but require prior registration due to limited space. To register, visit in person at 8040 S. 6th St., call (414) 766-7900, or check OCPL's online events calendar at oakcreeklibrary.org/events. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with these classes, please contact Joanne Seward via phone or email (library@oakcreekwi.org). One-on-one tech help is held every Tuesday, January through October, from 1-4 p.m. and is drop-in only, no appointment necessary.



One-on-one tech help is held every Tuesday, January through October, from 1-4 p.m. at the Oak Creek Public Library (no appointment needed.)



## Business Spotlight: Zünd America, Inc.

# ZÜND OPENS NEW NORTH AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN OAK CREEK



Five years ago, when Swiss digital cutting system manufacturer Zünd decided to build a new North

American headquarters, Oak Creek's new Drexel Town Square development seemed like the perfect location to grow. Company leaders knew they needed more space to expand, and also required the ideal place to showcase their unique products. The property south of the Civic Center gave Zünd precisely what they were looking for – a space for an architecturally unique building close to a hotel and restaurants, amenities their visiting clients would need.

When Zünd America broke ground in October 2018, the vision for Drexel Town Square's mixed-use development had come full circle. It was one step closer to having it all – a successful, worldwide manufacturer joining the living, dining, retail and medical businesses that had made Oak Creek's new city center their home. During the building's construction, visitors to Drexel Town Square were just as curious about the structure as they were

about the company that would eventually occupy it. When the company held its grand opening celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 15, 2019, guests had the opportunity to learn about both.

Zünd Systemtechnik AG was founded in 1984 in Alstätten, Switzerland, by Karl Zünd. The founder's vision, through the Zünd brand of equipment, forever changed the industry with an efficient digital cutting process. As Dan Ryan, CEO of Zünd America, explains, "It was immediately clear that something special was born."

Karl's son, Oliver, and his wife Lucette moved to Wisconsin from Switzerland in 2004 to found Zünd America. Along with four other founding members, they established their presence in Franklin, to serve American, Canadian and Caribbean markets. After two-and-a-half years, Oliver and his wife returned home to Switzerland, entrusting the founding team to expand the business on the foundation they built together.

"Fifteen years later, Zünd America is one of 10 sister companies worldwide under the Zünd brand name," states Ryan. "Zünd digital

cutting machines support the manufacturing of many of the products that you use every day. From big-name clothing, shoes and handbags to car seats and high-tech aircraft components – there's a chance you've had a personal experience with the Zünd brand and a Zünd cutter. It has become the big brand behind the big brands."

Even if you've never heard of Zünd, it is indeed very likely that you've come across products of their digital die-cutting systems in the products you're familiar with. Their large flat-bed machines are capable of cutting a vast array of materials, including paper, cardboard, vinyl, plastic, cloth, leather, rubber, wood, aluminum and carbon fiber.

"They cut just about everything except for glass and steel," observes Director of Operations Chris Nicholson. Because of their versatility, Zünd's cutting systems can be found in use in nearly every imaginable industry worldwide, from signs and packaging to apparel and automotive.

Zünd's North American headquarters building, the first newly constructed facility the company has built outside of Switzerland,

is 58,000 square feet – three times as large as their original Franklin space. Ryan describes it as “a marvel of Swiss design and American construction.” The building is as impressive on the inside as it is from the outside – an open, airy space featuring polished concrete and glass throughout.

Nearly half of the building’s space is dedicated to the customer experience. The showroom floor, with its floor-to-ceiling windows, is the stunning focal point of the facility. Ten of their cutting systems occupy the space, ready for customer demonstrations. The showroom floor, however, is just a small part of the customer experience amenities of the building. Every piece of equipment sold has software to go with it, so user training is a vital part of their business.

With dedicated software and hardware training areas, the new facility allows them to do much more instruction than before. Two state-of-the-art, software training classrooms are outfitted for in-person or remote training with videoconferencing equipment. Specially designed hardware training rooms are equipped with three machines that can be configured to replicate a customer’s product. Since the cutting systems are noisy when operating, special sound-control measures have been incorporated into these rooms. Outside these spaces, machine noises cannot be heard, ensuring the right atmosphere for those training nearby.

Central to the training areas are lounge and entertainment spaces, where customers can relax, enjoy a meal or mingle with Zünd staff. Understanding that individuals coming in for training still have work and family obligations, Zünd has ensured that there are private rooms for customers to make phone calls or catch up on email. There are rest areas for coffee breaks and a large cafeteria with an outdoor balcony where Zünd’s customers and employees can enjoy a meal together.

The remainder of the building houses their administrative offices, sales and marketing staff, service department, and a small parts warehouse. A large warehouse at the rear of the building gives the company something it did not have in their old facility – the room to store an inventory of their cutting systems. In the past, they did not have a dedicated

space for machines that weren’t pre-sold.

Rather than waiting for specific orders to arrive from Switzerland, where all of the equipment is manufactured, they can now order in bulk, which reduces both lead times and shipping costs. Bulk ordering is also a “green” initiative, a priority of the entire Zünd organization. Instead of sending individual units via air freight, they can now be bundled and shipped by sea, lowering the carbon footprint of their operation.

Company-wide, Zünd has been committed to the environment for many years, as evident in both their buildings and their products. The new North American headquarters building was constructed with high-efficiency glass panels and skylights, allowing natural light to flood the building. Sophisticated building automation systems also aid in controlling light, shade and temperature. Sensors on the outside of the building detect the amount and direction of the sun, and automatically raise and lower the window shades throughout the building, and can dim and brighten the interior LED lights. On a typical business day, notes Nicholson, interior lights are unnecessary.

Zünd’s commitment to sustainability is also evident in the durable construction of its cutting systems. They recognize that the longer a product can be used, the smaller and more favorable its carbon footprint. The company offers a component exchange program so that when pieces wear out, they can be replaced, rather than requiring



customers to purchase a new system entirely. Because the systems are modular, customers can easily modify the capabilities of their equipment to suit their needs, whether it be cutting, routing, creasing, scoring or laser machining a particular material. This versatility is what makes Zünd’s cutting systems known and used worldwide.

Even with a worldwide presence, Zünd prides itself on being a family company – one that includes its customers, employees and community. Although new to the City, Zünd is already an active supporter of the Oak Creek High School’s Round Table Robotics team, providing them sponsorship, mentorship and even meeting space.

“We are confident that the family values that made us who we are today will carry us well into the future,” states Ryan, “As we expand our capabilities, we will continue to provide world-class products, services and support to our customers.”

To watch a video of Zünd cutting systems in action, please visit their YouTube Channel at [youtube.com/user/ZundTube](https://youtube.com/user/ZundTube), or find them on Facebook @ZundAmericaInc.

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*Zünd’s new corporate headquarters in Oak Creek feature a sleek, modern look with plenty of natural light.*

*Right: Staff members at Creative Explorers Learning Center, 8630 S. Shepard Ave., the first certified breastfeeding-friendly daycare in Oak Creek.*



# From the Oak Creek Health Department: SUPPORTING BREASTFEEDING FAMILIES



Breastfeeding has many benefits for both babies and mothers. Babies who are breastfed experience a reduced risk of infectious diseases, diabetes, and asthma, and women who breastfeed are at lower risk of breast and ovarian cancer. However, breastfeeding can be a challenge, and many women stop breastfeeding earlier than intended as a result. Eighty-two percent of Oak Creek mothers report breastfeeding their babies at birth, which is consistent with data from across the state. But the Centers for Disease Control reports that just 59 percent of Wisconsin mothers report that they are still breastfeeding when their baby is three months, and only 39 percent of women report breastfeeding their babies at six months.



*The OC Health Department offers a lactation room*

Women stop breastfeeding for many different reasons; one of the most common is a lack of support. The Oak Creek Health Department works to support mothers and families in meeting their breastfeeding goals through a variety of programs and resources.

One of the best resources for breastfeeding mothers is working with a lactation counselor.

Lactation counselors offer support and assist with addressing breastfeeding challenges. Unfortunately, accessing the help of a lactation consultant can be difficult and expensive, but Oak Creek families can connect with a consultant at the Oak Creek Health Department at no cost.

Kerry Wardius, a Public Health nurse, is a certified lactation consultant. Kerry offers education and support to breastfeeding mothers and families to assist with meeting goals and solving problems.

Support can be provided in person either in a client's home or at the Health Department or over the phone. Kerry has provided support to more than 30 families since the program started in 2018, and she looks forward to working with more families this year.

Breastfeeding outside of the home can be another challenge. It is often difficult to find a quiet, comfortable space to nurse a baby or pump breastmilk while in public. To support breastfeeding and pumping families visiting the Oak Creek Civic Center, the Health Department has created a lactation room. This space is located inside of the Health Department and is available to all Civic Center visitors during regular Health Department hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The Health Department also plans to offer support to Oak Creek businesses that are interested in becoming a breastfeeding-friendly workplace.

Many breastfeeding mothers work outside of the home and use child-care centers to provide care for their babies. It can be a challenge for women to continue breastfeeding while regularly spending time away from their babies, and child-care providers can help support families in achieving breastfeeding goals. The Health Department works with Oak Creek child-care centers that are interested in becoming breastfeeding friendly.

Child-care centers complete a 10-step process, that includes staff training, providing a comfortable space for mothers to breastfeed, and creating a breastfeeding friendly environment in order to become certified as breastfeeding friendly. This certification indicates to families that the center will be supportive of breastfeeding and will understand its role in helping to provide the child with breastmilk while he or she is away from its mother.

Of the 10 child-care centers in Oak Creek, two of the centers – Creative Explorers and Learning Edge Childcare & Preschool – have achieved breastfeeding-friendly certification, and three additional centers are actively working toward certification.

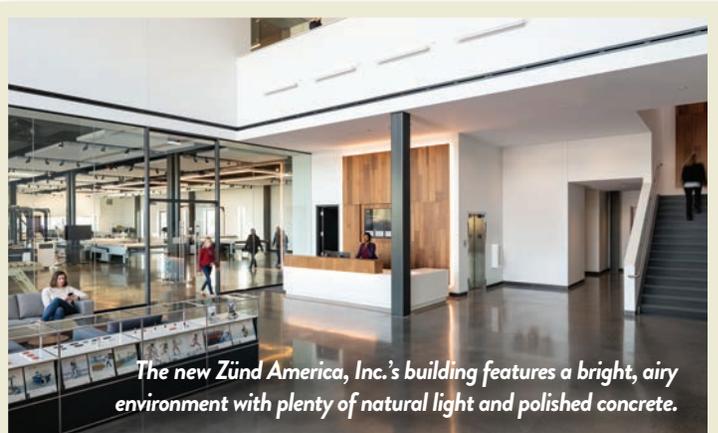
Please contact the Oak Creek Health Department at (414) 766-7950 to learn more about these services or to schedule an appointment.

# Welcome to These Oak Creek businesses!

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ON MARCH 30  
at the Oak Creek  
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# DOG WATCHER'S WATCH

By Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek, Oak Creek Police  
Community Resource Coordinator

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re you one of the 75 million people in the United States who share their home with a canine companion? If

you take your furry friend for regular walks in your neighborhood, you are the ideal person to participate in a fresh concept in neighborhood watch – the Dog Walker's Watch.

As a regular dog walker (or even a walker without a dog), you typically walk a similar route or routes each week. You get to know your neighborhood; what cars you usually see parked on the street and in neighbors' driveways, whose garage door is generally closed at your usual walk time, or who is often out tending to their yard. An observant walker might notice when a garage door or side door to a house is open and shouldn't be, or a strange car driving slowly through the neighborhood. Being aware of unusual happenings in your neighborhood and the appropriate response is an integral part of assisting the Oak Creek Police Department in keeping our community safer for everyone!

How does the Dog Walker's Watch work? The first step involves committing yourself and your favorite walking companion to regular strolls in the neighborhood. Second, you should attend the informational session being held at the Oak Creek Police Department in March where you will learn how to observe unusual behavior and how to take appropriate action.

Recognizing unusual or suspicious behavior is often that gut feeling that something isn't quite right. It's recognizing that a door is open that isn't usually open or seeing a person who is walking slowly through a parking lot, pulling door handles. It might be seeing someone walking up to windows and peering in, or seeing a car that is traveling with its lights off at low

speed through a neighborhood. During the informational session, you will learn how to recognize suspicious activity and behavior and, more importantly, what to do when you see it.

As partners in crime prevention, we want to encourage Oak Creek citizens to be observant in their community, but not put themselves or their companions in harm's way while undertaking this new approach to the neighborhood watch. We encourage everyone to be prepared on their walks with a phone, proper lighting (if walking in low- or no-light conditions), and waste disposal bags (to be courteous to neighbors). Walk with purpose undistracted by your phone screen and just observe the neighborhood. If something unusual catches your eye or concerns you, give us a call at (414) 762-8200 (unless you see something more urgent such as an accident or a fire, then call 9-1-1).

Don't be concerned that you are bothering us – if it is something unusual or potentially troubling in your neighborhood, our officers want to be notified. When speaking to a dispatcher, be sure to speak clearly, stating where you are (they may not be able to identify your location if using a mobile phone), who you are and your concern. Do not try to intervene in the situation – and if you feel unsafe in the area, move away and call once you feel safe. Officers will determine if the situation requires investigation and will respond appropriately.

We encourage everyone interested in learning more about the Dog Walker's Watch to register to attend the first informational session at the Oak Creek Police Department on March 30 at 6:30 p.m. Registration information is available on the Oak Creek Police Department website. Additional training sessions will be scheduled as needed, and will be posted on our website and via social media.

# CITY OF OAK CREEK HIGHLIGHTS

## Friends of the Library Annual Plant Sale on May 1-2

The Friends of the Oak Creek Public Library is hosting its 6th Annual Plant Sale on Friday, May 1, from 12-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 2, from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Civic Center Multipurpose Room. Shop for your favorite blooms provided by Tehan Greenhouses, Inc. Proceeds benefit the programs, services and collections of the Oak Creek Public Library. Pick out the perfect gift for Mother's Day, visit with the Friends of the Library volunteer group, and support the local OC Library all at the same time! Visit [oakcreeklibrary.org/events](http://oakcreeklibrary.org/events) for details.

All ages are welcome to attend this event. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all Library programs. For more information, visit the Library in person, email [library@oakcreekwi.org](mailto:library@oakcreekwi.org), or call (414) 766-7900.

## Seeking Nominations for Oak Creek Citizen of the Year

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019 Oak Creek Citizen of the Year. The annual Oak Creek Citizen of the Year program began in 1960 with the mission of encouraging citizen participation and volunteering in support of local organizations, groups, persons and the general community. The person, persons or group nominated for the Oak Creek Citizen of the Year award may have been active in one or more of the following categories: civic, social, welfare, education or city advancement. Volunteer efforts of the nominee will be considered for the award.

A Citizen of the Year Community Service Award is also given to two or more graduating Oak Creek High School students who have at least 500 hours of community service.

Nomination forms are available at the Community Center, the Oak

Creek Civic Center, from past citizen of the year award recipients, or by emailing [OakCreekCoY@gmail.com](mailto:OakCreekCoY@gmail.com). Completed nomination forms must be received by March 15, 2020.

## 2020 Census Coming Soon

Beginning in March, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin to invite households across the country to participate in the 2020 Census. What is the Census? Simply put, it is a headcount of every person living in the United States. The U.S. Constitution requires a population count every 10 years, to ensure that the government represents the people who live in the country. Census counts are used to determine how many seats in the U.S. House of Representatives that each state receives, as well as to help leaders from federal, state and local levels of government make decisions regarding the future of our communities.

The 2020 census will help inform decisions on how billions of dollars are spent annually for critical services like roads, schools, fire and emergency response, hospitals, and many others. It's essential to count every individual in our country!

For the first time in 2020, you will have the option to respond to the census online, by phone, or via mail. The questions are simple – like how many people live in your home on April 1, including their age and sex. By law, all census responses are kept confidential, and personal information cannot be shared with anyone.

If you have questions about the 2020 Census, please visit the Oak Creek website for a helpful Frequently Asked Questions page, or go to [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov).

## Save the Date for Upcoming City Events

Summer might seem like it's a long way off, but we're busy planning great community events for you. Mark your

calendars for the first few events of summer. For convenience, clip the listing below and tape to your bulletin board or refrigerator. You won't want to miss any of these fun and exciting events, including the return of our popular Farmers Market on Saturdays (beginning June 6), beer gardens and Food Truck Tours. (A full listing of all community events can be found on pg. 33.) It's going to be another great summer in Oak Creek!



**2020 OAK CREEK EVENT CALENDAR**

**WINTERFEST** | Drexel Town Square  
Saturday, February 15 | 10AM-4PM

**EASTER EGG HUNT** | Emerald Preserve  
Saturday, April 4 | 10AM-12PM

**BIKE RODEO** | Parkway Apostolic Church  
Saturday, June 6 | 11AM-2PM

**FARMERS MARKET** | Drexel Town Square  
Saturdays: June 6-October 24 | 9AM-1PM (no market July 4)

**FOOD TRUCK TOURS** | Drexel Town Square  
Wednesdays: June 24, July 29, August 26, September 30 | 4PM-9PM

**OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS** | Drexel Town Square  
Fridays: June 26, July 31, August 28 | 8PM-10PM

**OAK CREEK BEER GARDEN #1** | Abendschein Park  
Thursday, June 11-Sunday, June 14  
Weekdays: 4PM-9PM | Saturday, 12PM-11PM | Sunday, 12PM-8PM

**SUMMER SOULSTICE** | Abendschein Park  
Saturday, June 13 | 4PM-11PM

**4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION** | American Legion Post 434  
Saturday, July 4 | 9AM-12PM

**4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS** | Lake Vista Park  
Saturday, July 4 | Dusk

**OAK CREEK BEER GARDEN #2** | Drexel Town Square  
Friday, July 10-Monday, July 13

**DOG DAYS AT DREXEL** | Drexel Town Square  
Friday, July 24 | 5PM-9PM & Saturday, July 25 | 10AM-4PM

**CAFE: A CULTURAL EVENT** | Drexel Town Square  
Saturday, August 1 | 9AM-1PM

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** | American Legion Post 434  
Tuesday, August 4 | 6PM-9PM

**SNEAK PEEK AT OAK CREEK**  
Month of September

**BACONSKEGS RUN/WALK** | Lake Vista Park  
Saturday, September 5

**OAK CREEK BEER GARDEN #3** | Lake Vista Park  
Thursday, September 17-Sunday, September 20  
Weekdays: 4PM-9PM | Saturday, 12PM-9PM | Sunday, 12PM-8PM

**THE CONFLUENCE ART EVENT** | Lake Vista Park  
Saturday, September 19

**COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR** | Oak Creek Community Center  
Thursday, October 1 | 10AM-12PM

**FALL FESTIVAL** | Drexel Town Square  
Saturday, October 24 | 9AM-4PM

**TRICK-OR-TREAT** | Citywide & Historical Society  
Saturday, October 31 | 4PM-7PM

**LIGHT THE SQUARE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**  
Drexel Town Square | Wednesday, December 2 | 5:30PM-7PM

Find more details at [visitoakcreek.com/](http://visitoakcreek.com/)  [facebook.com/visitoakcreek](https://facebook.com/visitoakcreek)



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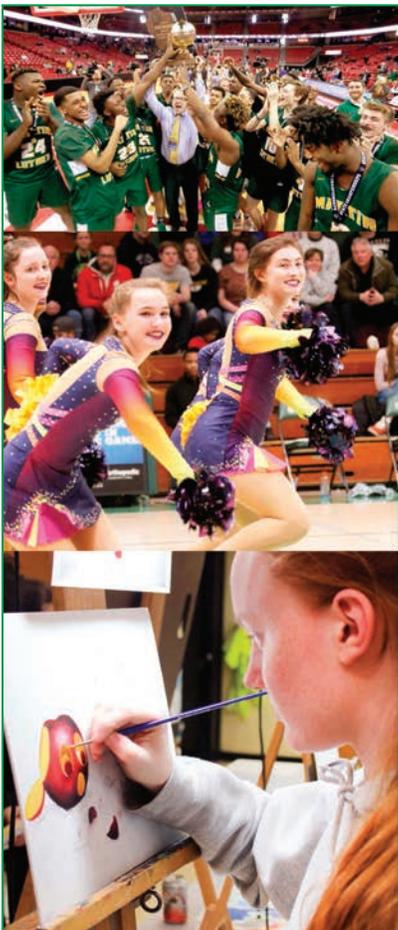
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*The new baseball field bleachers*



*The new Meadowview Elementary School gym will be unveiled in September 2020.*

# Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District Continues To Shape the Future for Our Children and Community



The wave of excitement continues to build for OCFJSD and the broader community as the long-range facilities vision funded by the November 2018 bond referendum surpasses its one-year mark. This year brings additional work on safety and security updates, infrastructure renewal and improved building accessibility to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. As project work continues during the school year, great attention to detail has been given to ensure that construction does not disrupt learning.

By the Fall of 2021, new gymnasiums and dedicated cafeteria space at five elementary schools will be ready for use, and will resolve the scheduling conflicts between breakfast/lunch and physical education classes. These separate spaces allow for uninterrupted academics and improved physical education for students. In addition, it will prevent conflicts between lunch and physical

education schedules. Read on for notable project highlights District-wide since the winter 2019 update:

- **Edgewood, Meadowview and Shepard Hills Elementary Schools** are nearing the completion of their gymnasium additions. All three schools will unveil their new gyms when students return to school in September of 2020.

- **The Carrollton Elementary School gym** addition has entered the design phase. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2020 and will be ready for use in the fall of 2021.

- **Cedar Hills Elementary School** will start their gymnasium addition in fall of 2020 and it will be ready for use in fall of 2021.

- **Shepard Hills and Carrollton Elementary Schools** are preparing for extensive interior remodeling in June. At Shepard Hills, modifying traffic circulation for student pick-up/drop-off will improve students' safety entering and leaving the building.

Accessibility concerns will be addressed to ensure student restrooms are ADA compliant. In addition, new flexible learning spaces will be added to enhance students' educational experiences and opportunities to collaborate, create and innovate. These areas are conducive to small groups, collaborative projects, and make the classroom more engaging and open.

Improvements at Carrollton include a new secure front entrance and main office, an additional visitor parking lot, and updating student restrooms and building access to meet ADA compliance. Remodeling will also accommodate new learning spaces to support special education and language curriculum.

- **East Middle School** will house new softball and baseball athletic fields. The dugouts and concession stands are up, but exterior painting will have to wait for spring. Field fencing will wrap up this winter and synthetic turf will be added in the spring. Passersby will notice new asphalt and painting in the parking lots, as



well as new sidewalks. The bleachers are ready to house our team and their fans!

East Middle School will also be having an entire parking lot resurface this coming summer, and the traffic that was adjusted to accommodate construction this year will be reverted back to its normal patterns.

• **The Oak Creek High School LED lighting project** is 75% complete. In addition, the construction of a new competition soccer field will finish up this spring with seeding. Because this field is being seeded, it takes approximately one year for the grass to establish. Get ready to cheer for the Knights as they play under the lights in fall 2021!

• **Bids for two highly anticipated high school projects, the Performing Arts Education Center and the new Career & Technical Education (CTE) wing,** are set to be received and evaluated by the end of January 2020. The construction timeline is expected to begin in June 2020 and will be completed by the end of summer 2021. Renderings of the new PAEC can be found at [ocfsd.org/referendum](http://ocfsd.org/referendum). It will be a grand addition to both the campus and community.

The expansion of CTE classrooms and labs will bolster curriculum in five distinct Pathways: Business & Marketing, Technical Education, Computer Science, Family and Consumer Science, and Health Science. Right-sizing those facilities and providing flexible working spaces will allow for greater flexibility in instruction.

Please visit [ocfsd.org/referendum](http://ocfsd.org/referendum) to view the design and construction schedule for Districtwide projects over the next three years. Together the District and Oak Creek Community are preparing our students to achieve their goals and dreams.

*The new softball field bleachers*



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## Spring Break Camp

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Grades K - 8

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## Spring/ Summer Sports Camps

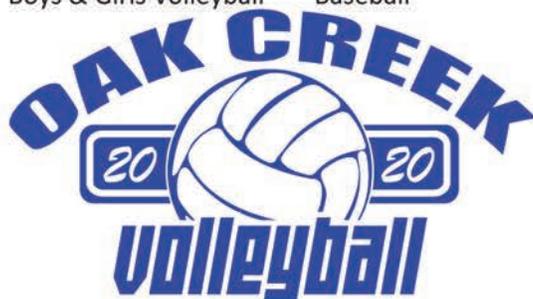
Each year, the high school coaches and their staff offer camps for the community. Online registration ([www.ocfsd.org/youth-programs](http://www.ocfsd.org/youth-programs)) will open March 6. Look for our Activity Guide at each of our schools or at District Office for more details. Below is a list of past camps.

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|-------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Boys & Girls Basketball | Tennis       | Cheer Camp |
| Lacrosse                | Soccer Camps | Girls Golf |
| Girls Rugby             | Football     |            |
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Saturday April 11  
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Wednesdays, April 1-29 or  
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### K-8 SUMMER SCHOOL

- June 15-July 17
- No classes July 3
- Grades K-3: Forest Ridge (7:45-11:45 a.m.)
- Grades 4-8: West Middle School (8 a.m.-12 p.m.)

### HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL

- June 15-July 23, Monday-Thursday
- 9th Grade Center and Oak Creek High School 10-12 Building (7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- Please see your school counselor for more information about summer school offerings for high school students.

### K-8 SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Summer school course requests will be accepted March 9-30 for students entering grades K-8 for the 2020-21 school year. All course requests are online using your Infinite Campus parent portal account.

Students living in the District, but not attending an OCFSD school are welcome to attend summer school. If your child does not currently attend an OCFSD school, a guardian will need to complete the enrollment process prior to selecting courses.

Enrollment for summer school can be done at any time, but please note that there is a 48-hour turnaround time after all documentation is submitted. Students currently attending an OCFSD school should NOT complete the enrollment process.

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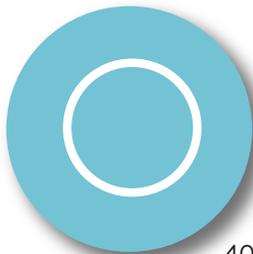


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# ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS AT OAK CREEK HIGH SCHOOL: GO KNIGHTS!



Oak Creek High School offers students a rigorous athletic and activities program. With over 40 different activities and clubs to choose from, it's no surprise that approximately 70% of the student body at Oak Creek High School participates in at least one club, activity or sport.

Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, Oak Creek High School will add DECA to their list of clubs and activities. DECA is an internationally recognized organization with 220,000 members in 3,775 schools in the high school division. This club helps prepare students for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

Oak Creek High School has 24 WIAA sports teams (12 Girls and 12 Boys) and four school-recognized club sports: Bowling (Co-Ed), Lacrosse (Boys), Powerlifting

(Co-Ed), and Rugby (Girls). Girls Lacrosse will be a new addition for the 2020-2021 school year.

"We are happy to see our program offerings continue to expand," says Athletic/Activities Director Scott Holler. "We truly believe that we have a sport or club for every student to get involved with and we encourage them to do so."

Through participation in extracurricular activities, students build self-confidence, learn self-discipline, and strengthen important skills like teamwork, commitment, responsibility and leadership. A successful athletics and activities program helps to create a positive school environment that promotes camaraderie and togetherness, strengthening the bond between the students and their school community.

"Our offerings have grown so much the last few years and it's a direct reflection of the commitment our staff, students and

community members have made to making Oak Creek High School one of the most well-rounded schools in Wisconsin," Holler adds. Statistics show that students involved in extracurriculars display better academic performance, behavior, and attendance.

## OAK CREEK HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

- Anime Club
- Band (Marching)
- Best Buddies
- Chess Club
- Comic Book Club
- Computer Club
- Craft Club
- DECA: New in 2020-2021!
- Environmental Club
- FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)
- FCCLA (Family, Career & Community Leaders of America)
- Forensics



Left: The Oak Creek Girls Basketball Team won its 100th straight conference game on December 6, 2019. For the 8th consecutive year, the team has won the Southeastern Conference Championship. Congratulations to Head Coach Steve Hluchnik and all current and former players on this outstanding achievement.

- Freshman Mentoring
- GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance)
- German Club
- HOSA-Future Health Professionals
- Journalism Club
- Key Club
- KnightVision Productions
- Mock Trial
- Model U.N.
- Motorcycle Club (Knights Racing)
- Mu Alpha Theta (Math Club)
- Multicultural Club
- National Art Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- Neolithic Society
- Peer Tutoring
- Prom Committee
- Renaissance
- Show Choir
- Ski Club
- Skills USA Club
- Spanish Club
- S.T.E.M. Club (science, technology, engineering and math)
- Student Council
- Theatre

- Weight Training
- Writing Club
- Yearbook (Sceptre)
- Young Democrats
- Young Republicans

### SCHOOL-RECOGNIZED CLUB SPORTS

- Bowling (Co-Ed)
- Lacrosse (Boys)
- Lacrosse (Girls): New in 2020-2021!
- Powerlifting (Co-Ed)
- Rugby (Girls)

### WIAA SPORTS (GIRLS)

- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Poms
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swim and Diving
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball



### WIAA SPORTS (BOYS)

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Soccer
- Swim and Diving
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling



Oak Creek High School's entry in the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association Theatre Festival, a 40-minute cutting from A.R. Gurney's "The Dining Room," advanced to the state level of the festival. The group earned an ensemble award, directing award and all-state award!



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Nearly 70 businesses and organizations participated in the 2020 Career Expo at Oak Creek High School. The Career Expo is just one piece of the Academic and Career Planning offerings Oak Creek High School provides to help prepare career- and college-ready students.



# OAK CREEK-FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING



The Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District is focused on developing a strong foundation for all students to be successful in their chosen path after graduation. To ensure graduates are college- and career-ready, Academic and Career Planning is being implemented statewide for students in grades 6-12.

Each student in the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District will develop his/her own Academic and Career Plan (ACP). This plan is personalized according to each student's unique interests, knowledge and skills. The ACP builds upon the foundation laid during the

elementary years. This process takes formal shape at the 6th-grade level and is built upon in each subsequent year.

Adult mentors (teachers, pupil services, parents, community partners) help students utilize the experiences gained from previous years with the purpose of

building a successful future for each student. The ACP supports the District's mission of working together to engage, challenge and inspire every student, every day. The ACP also supports high credentials at the high school level.

## What does it mean to be College and Career Ready? (KNOW, EXPLORE, PLAN, GO)

- Students understand their unique strengths and interests that align to a wide variety of future opportunities. (KNOW)
- Students will develop knowledge, skills, and habits that will assist them in their future planning and readiness for post-secondary options. (EXPLORE)
- Students have an integral part in the creation of a personal plan for goal attainment that provides flexibility based on individual preferences and experiences. (PLAN)
- Students will be able to navigate both the world of higher education and employment to support a transition to post-secondary options. (GO)

For more information about ACP at OCFSD, visit [ocfsd.org/acp](http://ocfsd.org/acp).

*The Academic and Career Plan supports the District's mission of working together to engage, challenge and inspire every student, every day.*



# OAK CREEK-FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD ADDS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

After attending the District’s School Board meetings as the Student Council representative, high school student Sophia Azim decided to approach the Board about the possibility of adding official student representatives. “There were so many instances last year when I wanted to speak up about student issues that were being debated,” Azim explains. This experience prompted Azim to write a proposal seeking an official seat on the Board of Education.

At the end of the 2018-2019 school year, the Oak Creek-Franklin Board of Education approved the addition of two student representatives to the Board. On September 9, senior Owen Podziemski and junior Sophia Azim attended their very first Board meeting as official student representatives.

Student representatives serve the Board in an advisory capacity and provide a student’s viewpoint on agenda items discussed at regularly scheduled Board meetings. “It feels good to actually have a voice,” says Azim. Student representatives are non-voting members of the Board, and do not have the authority to make policies for the District or have disciplinary authority.

Podziemski and Azim don’t take their duties lightly. Each month, the pair hosts a Town Hall meeting where two high school students from every Knights Advisory (homeroom) are invited to attend and discuss a variety of topics. “We keep the best interests of our peers in mind when groundbreaking changes are made within our District. It is a truly rewarding experience,” Azim says.



Photo courtesy of School & Sports Pics

*Oak Creek High School junior Sophia Azim and senior Owen Podziemski have recently joined the OC-Franklin Board of Education as student representatives.*

# MILWAUKEE BUCKS PROMOTE THEIR “BUCKSFIT” PROGRAM TO BUILD A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY



For the fourth year in a row, the Milwaukee Bucks have teamed up with the Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin health network to build a healthier community with their BUCKSFit program. On January 15, the Oak Creek Civic Center was host to one of its Healthy Community Conversations, a discussion around healthy living and what it means to be “BUCKSFit.”

Bucks guard Donte DiVincenzo joined Dr. Lisa Wolf, a Froedtert family medicine and primary care physician, for a discussion on Health and Wellness. Guests in attendance had the chance to ask DiVincenzo questions about how he remains healthy on and off the court. DiVincenzo and Dr. Wolf provided sound advice on the merits of good nutrition, adequate sleep, and proper stretching for optimum health.

After the community conversation, attendees had the opportunity to get DiVincenzo’s autograph and take a photo with the popular Bucks player. Twenty-five lucky attendees received a four-pack of Bucks tickets for a regular-season home game.

For more information about the BUCKSFit program, please visit [nba.com/bucks/bucksfit](http://nba.com/bucks/bucksfit).



# SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



## CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT SPELLING BEE WINNERS!

The championship word was “opportunity.” Our District Spelling Bee winners will compete in the Cesa 1 Regional Bee.

Winners pictured (left to right): Miral O.-East M.S. (5th); Charlotte M.-East M.S. (3rd); Sam M., East M.S. (1st); Ben S., East M.S. (2nd); and Adrian W., West M.S. (4th).

District alternate: Gabe H., Shepard Hills (not pictured).

## SAVE THESE DATES! 4K and 5K Enrollment for 2020-2021

It’s time to enroll the next class of future Knights. Enrollment week for

the District’s 4K and 5K programs will take place on Monday, March 16-Friday, March 20, at the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District Office, located at 7630 S. 10th St. in Oak Creek. For more information, visit [ocfsd.org/enroll4K](http://ocfsd.org/enroll4K).

## STAY CONNECTED

To keep up to date with our quality schools and their success stories, special events and more, you have a variety of communication choices. Please check in with us often!

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- Join our community email list [ocfsd.org/email](mailto:ocfsd.org/email)
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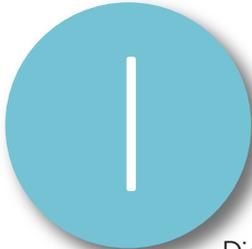
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# 4K AND 5K ENROLLMENT FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR



It's time to enroll the next class of future Knights! Enrollment week for the District's 4K and 5K programs will take place Monday, March 16-Friday, March 20, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District Office located at 7630 S. 10th St. in Oak Creek. Please note: 5K enrollment is only for students NOT currently enrolled in the District.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to start the process online right away. Please visit [ocfsd.org/enroll4k](http://ocfsd.org/enroll4k) to get started.

To finish the enrollment process, parents and guardians are asked to stop in the District Office during enrollment week to provide

proof of residency (current utility bill, signed lease agreement, or property tax bill), the child's original birth certificate to view, and the child's immunization record.

### 4K HALF-DAY PROGRAM

Your child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2020, to be eligible for the half day 4-year-old kindergarten program.

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During the month of March, schools across the nation will be celebrating Youth Art Month (YAM). The Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District will be celebrating YAM by hosting its 28th Annual Youth Art Month Celebration on Thursday, March 19, from 5:30-7 p.m. at Oak Creek High School. Selected student artwork from grades K-12 will be on display.



*OCFSD Art teachers are very proud to announce that the YAM Open House and Celebration is on March 19, from 5:30-7 p.m.!*

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## MARCH

- **Wed., Mar. 4: Musical Sing-Along Night, 6-8 p.m.** at Oak Creek Public Library, 8040 S. 6th St. Sing along to some of the most well-known movie musicals. Subs, chips/popcorn and beverages provided.
- **Thur., Mar. 5: Oak Creek High School Spring Jazz Knight, 7 p.m.**
- **Fri., Mar. 6-Sun., Mar. 8: Oak Creek H.S. Musical, "Fiddler on the Roof,"** Fri. 7 p.m., Sat. 12 p.m. and Sun. 2 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 7: Spring Craft Market, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. Call (414) 768-5840 for details.
- **Mar. 7: Oak Creek H.S. Spring Band Concert, 7 p.m.** at Oak Creek H.S.
- **Mar. 9: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.** at City Hall
- **Tue., Mar. 10: Family Fun Night – Elephant & Piggie Book Party, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Oak Creek Public Library, 8040 S. 6th St. Share your love for the book series written by Mo Willems with an interactive retelling and fun activities.
- **Thur., Mar. 12: Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m.** at East Middle School
- **Thur., Mar. 12: Triple-P Positive Parenting Program Discussion Group, 5:45-7:45 p.m.** Oak Creek Public Library, 8040 S. 6th St. The second in a series of three parenting help groups with tips, videos and open discussion.
- **Sat., Mar. 14: WSMA District Solo and Ensemble, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** at Oak Creek H.S.
- **Mon.-Fri., Mar. 16-20: K4 and K5 Enrollment Week: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.** at School District Office (see pg. 30)
- **Thur., Mar. 19: Youth Art Month Celebration, 5:30-7 p.m.** at Oak Creek H.S. (see pg. 31).
- **Thur., Mar. 19: District Festival of Choirs, 7 p.m.** at Oak Creek H.S.
- **Mon.-Fri., Mar. 23-27: Spring Break for OC-Franklin Joint School District**
- **Thur., Mar. 26: Brewer vs. Cubs Opening Day Tailgate Party, 10:30 a.m.** at Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. Presented by the Oak Creek Lions Club. Raffles and other prizes as you watch the game on big screen TVs. All are welcome! \$15 per person. Call (414) 788-8736 for information.
- **Mon., Mar. 30: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.** at City Hall.
- **Mon., Mar. 30: Dog Walker's Watch Training, 6:30 p.m.** Oak Creek Police Department, 301 W. Ryan Rd. See pg. 16 or visit oakcreekwi.org/police.

## APRIL

- **Wed., Apr. 1: Winter Parking Rules End**
- **Wed., Apr. 1: Musical Sing-Along Night, 6-8 p.m.** Oak Creek Public Library, 8040 S. 6th St. Sing along to some of the most well-known movie musicals. Subs, chips/popcorn and beverages provided.
- **Sat., Apr. 4: Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.** Oak Creek Civic Center, 8040 S. 6th St. Pictures with the Easter bunny, crafts and an egg hunt for kids. See visitoakcreek.com.

- **Sun., Apr. 5: Lunch with Bunny, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.** at the Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. Brunch served 10-11 a.m. French toast, eggs, sausage, fruit, muffins, juice, coffee. Visit with the bunny, entertainment, egg hunt and kids' activities. Admission \$5 kids 2 years and under, all others \$10.
- **Mon., April 6: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.** at Forest Ridge Elementary School.
- **Tue., Apr. 7: Spring General and Presidential Preference Election** Visit oakcreekwi.org/elections for more information.
- **Thur., Apr. 9: Triple-P Positive Parenting Program Discussion Group, 5:45-7:45 p.m.** Oak Creek Public Library, 8040 S. 6th St. The third in a series of three parenting help groups with tips, videos and open discussion.
- **Fri.-Sat., Apr. 10-11: City Offices, Library and Recycle Yard Closed for Easter Holiday.**
- **Fri.-Mon., Apr. 10 and 13: NO SCHOOL**
- **Sat., Apr. 11: Shred Day and Computer/Electronics Recycling Event, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** Oak Creek West Middle School, 8401 S. 13th St. Bring your sensitive and private documents for FREE, secure destruction provided by Shred-It. Limit of 6 boxes per vehicle. Midwest Computer Recycling will also be onsite to responsibly dispose of your outdated electronic equipment. Visit oakcreekwi.org
- **Tue., Apr. 14: Family Fun Night – Coding Lab, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Oak Creek Public Library, 8040 S. 6th St. Experiment with coding by exploring new technology and unplugged activities.
- **Thur., Apr. 16: Oak Creek Health Department's Stepping On Program begins, 9-11 a.m.** Oak Creek Civic Center, 8040 S. 6th St. This Fall Prevention workshop meets for seven consecutive Thursdays. The cost is \$20 and includes a 5-lb. adjustable weight, exercise manual, handouts, snacks and guest speakers. To register, please call the Health Department at (414) 766-7950.
- **Wed., Apr. 22: Helping Aging Parents Make Tough Decisions, 6-7:30 p.m.** at Oak Creek Public Library, 8040 S. 6th St. (see pg. 9).
- **Fri.-Sat., Apr. 24-25: Oak Creek H.S. Cabaret Concert, 7 p.m.**
- **Sat., Apr. 25: Oak Creek Community Cleanup, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.** Oak Creek Civic Center, 8040 S. 6th St. Get outside, meet other residents and do a little spring cleaning of the Civic Center grounds, and surrounding area. Volunteer service hour forms will be available.
- **Sat., Apr. 25: Edible Books Contest, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.** Oak Creek Public Library, 8040 S. 6th St. Create books out of food, win awards and have fun!
- **Sat., Apr. 25: Annual Super Cash Raffle, 6:30-9:30 p.m.** at Oak Creek Civic Center, 8040 S. 6th St. Tickets \$10 each (see pg. 21).
- **Mon., Apr. 27: School Board Meeting 6 p.m.** at City Hall.
- **Thurs., Apr. 30: El Día de los Niños, El Día de los Libros, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Oak Creek Public Library, 8040 S. 6th St. Celebrate 'Children's Day, Book Day' with an evening of stories, songs and activities for the whole family.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## MAY

- **Fri., May 1: Branch Pickup Begins**
- **Fri., May 1: Friends of the Oak Creek Public Library Annual Plant Sale, 12-7:30 p.m.** Oak Creek Public Library, 8040 S. 6th St.
- **Sat., May 2: Friends of the Oak Creek Public Library Annual Plant Sale, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.** Oak Creek Public Library, 8040 S. 6th St. (see pg. 17).
- **Wed., May 6: Musical Sing-Along Night, 6-8 p.m.** Oak Creek Public Library, 8040 S. 6th St. See Mar. 4 listing.
- **Mon., May 11: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.** at City Hall
- **Thur., May 14: 40th Annual 128th Civic Dinner Dance, 5:30 p.m.- 10 p.m.** 128th Air Refueling Wing, 1919 E. Grange Ave. The Civic Dinner Dance is an event for Wisconsin military members, elected state and local officials, and citizens of the local communities to celebrate community relations during Armed Forces Week. See pg. 8 for more information.
- **Fri., May 15: Spring Cleanup Begins** No charge pickup of most items for residential homes and condos that have City-provided garbage and recycling pickup. Visit oakcreekwi.org for list of accepted items.
- **Sat., May 16: Oak Creek H.S. Band Concert, 7 p.m.**
- **Sun., May 17: Dancing at The Center, 1-4 p.m.** at featuring The Sensations at Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave.
- **Mon., May 18: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.** at City Hall
- **Sat., May 23: OCFE's ART IN THE PARK, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** at Henry Miller Park behind the Oak Creek High School.
- **Sat., May 23: Oak Creek High School Prom, 7 p.m.** at the Italian Community Center in downtown Milwaukee.
- **Mon., May 25: City Offices, Library and Schools Closed for Memorial Day Holiday.**
- **Thur., May 28: OCHS Spring Art Show, 5-6:30 p.m.** at Oak Creek H.S.
- **Thur., May 28: OCHS Choir Spring Concert, 7 p.m.** at Oak Creek H.S.

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# OUT AND ABOUT IN THE CITY OF OAK CREEK



## WELCOMING SPRING TO OAK CREEK!

Spring is almost here – see the Community Calendar on pages 33-34 for upcoming special event dates you won't want to miss this season. There's always plenty to do in Oak Creek in every season!

**1.** A Sing-Along Movie Night at the Oak Creek Library recently welcomed Ursula the sea witch (Meghan Flynn) for added entertainment. **2.** In addition to raising funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients campaign, students from Cedar Hills Elementary (with help from the OCHS Round Table Robotics team), created a special wagon that will be used instead of a wheelchair to help kids feel like kids during their cancer treatment in the hospital. **3.** Be sure to enroll your children for K4 and K5 during Enrollment Week March 16-20 (see pg. 30). **4.** Date & Skate, held on Fri., Feb. 14, at Drexel Town Square, was the perfect way to celebrate Valentine's Day! **5.** Oak Creek residents enjoyed Oak Creek's annual Winterfest event on Sat., Feb. 15, with ice sculptures by Art Below Zero. **6.** Oak Creek resident Aaron Johnson and his daughter Clare proudly display their Yoda snowman. They even got local news coverage from WTMJ for their efforts!



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