

Knight Construction completes their first house

In September of 2015, sixteen high school students took on the challenge and opportunity to build a residential house in Oak Creek during the school year. Knight Construction is a course offered at Oak Creek High School where students earn two credits while getting hands-on experience with everything from shingling, plumbing and electrical, to HVAC, drywall and painting. "I knew I wanted to go into the trades after high school so it was a great opportunity for me," said senior Justin Torzala, who will start his career working in the electrical field just a week and a half after graduation.

The 1,700 sq. ft. ranch style home is now complete and ready to be put up for sale. "The students are very proud of their work on this house, and they should be proud of their accomplishment," said Matt Lonergan, the program leader and OCHS teacher.

Over the course of the school year, students worked hand-in-hand with a variety of local vendors and craftsmen. "The willingness of the contractors to work with the students and give the students hands-on experience far exceeded my expectations," Mr. Lonergan continued.

Aside from the actual construction of the home, the Knight Construction students also completed First Aid training, OSHA-10, Asbestos training and Forklift training, giving the students an even greater head start to a successful future. Several of the Knight Construction students plan on pursuing careers in the trades after graduation. "After high school I hope to be working in residential carpentry," senior Joe Perry stated. Knight Construction is an excellent example of the unique opportunities available to the students at OCHS.



Students learned how to install hardwood floors, tile flooring and backsplash.

History comes to life for 5th grade cadets on the Safety Patrol trip

Last month, a group of 5th grade cadets from Shepard Hills and Meadowview left Oak Creek, Wisconsin and traveled to Gettysburg, Mount Vernon, and Washington, DC for the Wisconsin Safety Patrols, Inc. trip! Throughout the trip, students visited various landmarks and sites that hold great importance in our nation's history. The battlefields at Gettysburg, the site of the Gettysburg Address, the Tomb of the Unknowns, the White House, Arlington National Cemetery and the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial were just a few of the many stops for the cadets. "I always get a big kick out of the students' reactions when they see the historical landmarks first hand and make a connection to something they have learned about in school," said Roger Aalderks, 5th grade teacher at Shepard Hills who organizes the trip every year. "I'm glad these students have the opportunity to experience these things first hand," Mr. Aalderks continued.



and its lessons have reached a large number of students. The videos give the cadets the ability to share their experiences with their classmates. This year several of the cadets' news reports were also shared with the community on Facebook and have reached more than 2,000 viewers!

Aside from visiting landmarks, the students also enjoyed spending time together outside of school, "It was nice spending time with each other on the bus. We played a story game and it was really fun," said 5th grade cadet Bella. Each student has his or her own favorite part of the trip; a few are listed to the right.

What was your favorite part of the trip?

"I liked the air and space museum. I would like to have space ice cream again!" -Mason

"The Petersen house because we got to see the bedroom where President Lincoln died" -Brea

"The Airforce Memorial because I have a relative who passed away while serving and it gave me a chance to grieve" -Rachel

"Ford's Theater where President Lincoln was shot" -Staysha

"I liked the 16-sided barn and recreation of the slave house at Mount Vernon. It was interesting!" - Ryan

"The changing of the guard and seeing J.F.K.'s grave" -Madeline

Thanks to the series of news report videos created by the cadets, this trip

Brilliant, Awesome, Amazing

Earlier this month, Dr. Culver spent the day at East Middle School. During his visit, Dr. Culver watched a class present their civics projects. One project was designed to help other children improve their reading. Read Dr. Culver's latest [Knight Vision Blog](#) to view the students' incredible project. You will see why this thoughtful project moved Dr. Culver to tears!



Summer school hours and locations

Summer school begins Monday, June 13. There will be no summer school on Monday, July 4.

Elementary and Middle School Students: Summer school begins Monday, June 13 and goes through Friday, July 8. Classes are Monday - Friday. Grades K5 - 3rd are at Deerfield Elementary (7:45 - 11:45 am) and Grades 4th - 8th are at East Middle School (8:15 am - 12:15 pm).

Freshmen Academy begins Monday, June 13 and goes through Thursday, July 7. Classes are Monday - Thursday at OCHS (7:30 am - 12:30 pm).

High School Students: Summer school begins on Monday, June 13 and goes through Thursday, July 21. Classes for students currently attending OCHS are Monday - Thursday at OCHS (7:30 am - 12:30 pm).

For **incoming freshmen** (current 8th grade students) taking Government Class, summer school begins on Monday, June 13 and goes through Thursday, July 21. The class meets Monday - Thursday at West Middle School (7:30 am - 12:30 pm).

Middle school students take on German Day Competition

Students from both East and West Middle Schools traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Madison last month to participate in the 27th annual German Day Competition. Forty middle and high schools from around the state participated this year. The event offers students the opportunity to use their language skills to compete in events such as solo and ensemble vocal music, poetry, spelling, Pictionary, charades, poster making and skit. This year's theme "Deutsch Sprache der Zukunft!" highlighted German as a language of the future. Congratulations to East Middle School for their first place finish in the middle school division!



New enrollment process for new students

The District has recently moved to a centralized enrollment process. Students who are new to the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District need to enroll at the District Office and are asked to call (414)768-5880 to schedule an enrollment appointment. Enrollment appointments typically take 30 minutes per family. If you know of any families who are new to the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District and are looking to enroll their students, please help us share our new enrollment process. Thank you for helping us spread the word!

District office summer hours

The summer office hours for the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District Office begins the week of June 13th. Summer office hours are Monday - Thursday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Important Dates

OCFFE's Art in the Park:

Saturday, May 28 at Henry Miller Park

Memorial Day - No School:

Monday, May 30

Last Day of School:

Friday, June 3

High School Graduation:

Saturday, June 4 at 4:30 pm at Miller Park

Registration:

High School: Wednesday, August 3 8:00 - 11:30 am (pre-registered only) & 4:00 - 7:30 pm and Thursday, August 4 8:00 - 11:30 am & 4:00 - 7:30 pm

East Middle School: Wednesday, August 3 (6th grade 8:00 - 11:30 am, 7th grade 1:30 - 5:00 pm) and Thursday, August 4 (8th grade 8:00 - 11:30 am, 6 - 8 grade make-up 1:30 - 4:30 pm)

West Middle School: Wednesday, August 3 (6th grade 8:00 - 11:00 am, 7th grade 1:00 - 4:00 pm) and Thursday, August 4 (8th grade 11:00 - 2:00 pm, 6-8 grade make-up 3:00 - 5:30 pm)

Elementary School: Monday, August 8 11:00 am - 7:00 pm in your school gym - Forest Ridge registration will be held at West Middle School on August 8



Forest Ridge Elementary

Classroom finishes are ongoing! Click [here](#) to read the latest update.

9th Grade Center

Steel installation is complete in the art classrooms and school offices! Click [here](#) to read the latest update.