

# OCS NEWS

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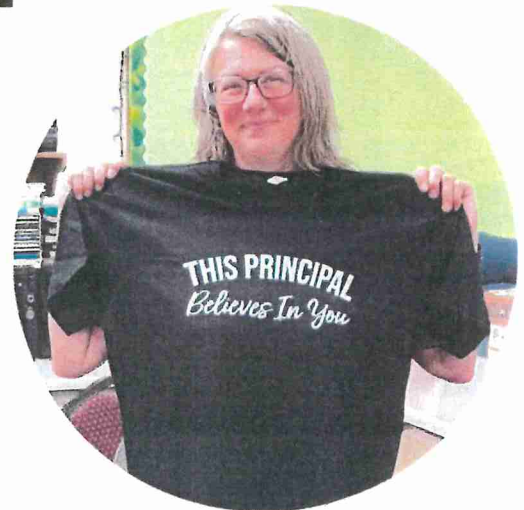
## BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE!!!



OCS staff and Board members celebrated recently with Alyson Clendenen on completion of her Principal Graduate Certificate from Eastern Washington University.

With the support of our students and staff, Alyson managed to complete the 32 credits of coursework and a 540 hour internship while teaching last year so she can officially serve as OCS Principal beginning this year!  
**THANK YOU ALYSON!**

The Onion Creek spirit is strong in our new Principal! An OCS graduate whose Mom was a teacher at our school, she went on to graduate from Colville High School, and serve our country in the Gulf War. She then completed her teaching degree, and took her first teaching job in 1997 as our Middle School Teacher. Her students, past and present, would attest to the fact that her class is both challenging and rewarding. We are so fortunate to have her continue teaching as well as provide leadership and devotion to the district to guide us in the future !



**School starts Wednesday, August 30!  
Preschool Registration is open, and  
sessions will start on September 11.**

ALSO, ASK US  
ABOUT

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**early  
head  
start**

Early Head Start is a FREE, in-home program designed to help families give children birth to 3 a bright start in life.

# School Board News

Your school board members recently completed a review of all district policies. We started the process of reading and revising the nearly 300 documents that guide our operations in January 2022 with Superintendent Aaron Kombol. We have continued to have special sessions to review nearly 1700 pages of text, and we thank Aaron, and his successor, Dan Read, for continuing to support us in this effort. We should soon have updated policies available on our website and are proud to have accomplished this monumental task.

A school board has several responsibilities besides revising and adopting policy. They are charged with hiring, supervising and evaluating the superintendent, overseeing and approving the district budget, setting and monitoring district goals, and serving as the community's representatives. It is not always easy work, but our members take it seriously and strive to provide the best school environment for our students.

We welcome community members at our meetings which are held the fourth Thursday of each month. And, if you happen to run into one of these hard-working elected officials who volunteer their time, please thank them for the energy and care they devote to Onion Creek School!

**Joel Anderson, Leola Butler, Elissa Dyson, Andy James, and Lukas Miller**



Your Onion Creek School Board is working with our Middle School students to publish and distribute this news flyer to inform you of events and activities happening at Onion Creek School. We encourage you to visit the OCS webpage ([ocsd30.org](http://ocsd30.org)) and our Facebook page to get additional details and information about our students' exciting adventures in learning!