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Orangeville CUSD 203 Newsletter
October 2026

Dear Bronco Families:

Each year, schools must conduct a number of safety drills as required by state law. This includes one law enforcement drill, three fire drills, one bus drill, and two shelter in place drills. We will be working with the fire department and Stevenson County Sheriff's Department in October to conduct several drills. We let students know that drills will be upcoming so that it is not overwhelming to them.

We will have parent-teacher conferences coming up at the end of the month, so be on the lookout for scheduling information. This is a great opportunity to meet with teachers, discuss students' current progress, and provide better insight as to how we can best work together.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, your child's classroom teacher, or your child's principal.

It's a great day to be a Bronco!

Thomas Rude
Superintendent

Secretary

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September 28, 2026

Dear Orangeville School District Families,

The school district's highest priority is the safety of our students and staff. To maintain a safe environment, it is necessary that we practice emergency and crisis response plans, including a Lockdown Drill. Per Public Act 95-1015, "During each academic year, schools must conduct one law enforcement drill in accordance with the school's current emergency and crisis plans, done on days when students are present." To meet the public act requirement, Orangeville School District will conduct one lockdown drill per school year that involves the presence of law enforcement officials to ensure that our students know their role during a potential threat. The school district works in cooperation with the Stephenson County Sheriff's Department to conduct an annual lockdown drill that is designed to protect students from danger in and around a school. The types of emergencies that could require a school to lock down or evacuate are the possible presence of an intruder or a dangerous situation taking place in the vicinity of the school. We hope that we will never have to utilize this procedure in a real situation, but it is important for all staff and students to understand the procedures in place to keep individuals safe at school.

Parents and guardians may exempt their child for any reason from participating in the lockdown drill. If you would like your child to opt out of this lockdown drill, please fill out the attached form and return to the office by Monday, October 5, 2026. The drill is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2026. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you!

Public Act 102-395 amends the Lockdown/Law Enforcement drill: to ban use of simulations that mimic an actual school shooter event; to require notifications to school personnel, students, and parents/guardians in advance of the drill; to require the drill to be age and developmentally appropriate; to allow for exemption of students by parents/guardians with the provision of schools providing an alternative safety education to those students; to allow students to ask questions during the drill; and to include school-based mental health professionals and trauma-informed approaches to addressing the well-being of students and personnel.

Public Act 103-0197 amends the School Safety Drill Act to provide that, when deciding whether to exempt a student from participating in a walk-through lockdown drill, the administrator and school support personnel shall include the student's Individualized Education Program team or 504 Plan team in the decision to exempt the student from participating

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2026 – 2027 SCHOOL YEAR LOCK DOWN DRILL OPT-OUT FORM

Please complete this form if you would like your child to opt out of the law enforcement lockdown drill. In place of the drill, your child will be provided alternate training so that he/she is prepared in the event that a lockdown takes place.

_____ _____
Student Name (Please Print Clearly) Grade

_____
Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian Signature Signature Date

*if you do not want your child to participate in the lockdown drill, please return this form to your child's school principal no later than Monday, October 5, 2026. Thank you.

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Orangeville Elementary School

Dear Elementary Families,

As we head into October, we have a busy and exciting month ahead! Please review the key dates and reminders below to stay informed about everything happening in our building.

Please let us know if you have any questions or require further assistance. You are welcome to visit my office, email me, or call at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ludin, PK-5 Principal

Adventure Club
Thursday, October 1st from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Grace Evangelical Free Church in Orangeville
PTO Meeting
Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30 PM
Intruder Drill with Sheriff
Wednesday, October 7th
School Picture Day Reminders
Thursday, October 8th from 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM (Morning)
First Grade Field Trip
Friday, October 9th
Activity: Apple Orchard trip (More details to come from the first grade teacher)
Columbus Day — NO SCHOOL
Monday, October 12th
Book Blast Kick-Off
Tuesday, October 13th
Note: Elementary students will bring home informational packets on this day.
Adventure Club
Thursday, October 15th from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Grace Evangelical Free Church in Orangeville
Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thursday, October 22nd from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Friday, October 23rd from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Sign-Up Info: Skyward notifications will be sent out soon.
Parents can sign up for their time slots directly through the Skyward portal.
Annual Halloween Walk
Friday, October 30th, starting at 12:30 PM
Details: All K-5 students are invited to participate. More information to come



As any of you who have been reading the newsletter for many years already know (because I say it every year), I LOVE FALL! I'm sure a few 80 degree days could still sneak in somewhere in October, but now that the rain has stopped, I'm loving the gorgeous days and crisp nights. In fact, when I took the trash out this past Sunday, I stood outside for a few extra minutes, breathed in the cool air, looked at the giant moon, and soaked it all in. Fall is my happy place. 😊

I hope the beginning of your school year has been a good one. There are a few things I want to remind you of as we near the end of the first quarter. First, your Skyward Family Access account is a one-stop for viewing everything with your student(s). You can view lunch balances, fee balances, grades, and attendance easily. If you have an issue signing in to Skyward Family Access, please email Mr. Scott Trimble (our IT guy) at strimble@orangevillecusd.com and he can help. If you notice something in your family information (address, phone, emergency contact, etc.) that needs to be changed or updated, please email me (rheck@orangevillecusd.com) and I will fix it.

Next, I need to bring attention to a few items regarding fees: First, Chromebook Insurance is an optional fee for grades 3-12. If you wish to add the optional Chromebook Insurance, there is a green plus sign "add fee" button to do so under each student's individual fee listing in Skyward. **Reminder that until it is added AND paid, Chromebook Insurance is NOT active.** Therefore, if you have added the Chromebook Insurance but have not paid for it, and your student incurs a fee for repair of Chromebook, those charges will remain. The Chromebook Insurance is not active until the payment date.



Next item is regarding high school course fees. Any students who changed their schedule after yearly/first semester course fees were assigned in July, I will be going through the updated schedules and fees to make corrections by November. If you have any questions before then, feel free to reach out. After those fees are corrected. I will then assign the second semester fees. The due date for first semester fees is the end of the first quarter, October 16th. The due date for second semester fees will be the end of third quarter, March 12. As for extracurricular fees, those need to be paid by the first game of the season.



Finally, payments for fees or lunches may be made any time in the office via cash or check, or you may pay online. To do this, sign into your Family Access, then choose either Fees or Food Service, and you can go on from there. When you choose what you would like to pay, it will then take you to the Vanco (our payment processor) portal, where you will set up an account (if you have not already done so) and finish paying. It will take you back to Skyward to finalize. **Please note that there is a 4.5% service charge for paying online that goes to the processor**. Also, if you have a hardship, the free/reduced lunch application and fee waivers are available on the website under About Us and Registration Information, on the right menu under Optional Forms.



I would also like to remind everyone of the attendance policy. There are two types of absences, excused and unexcused. The essential difference is, excused absences are those outside of your control, for health or safety reasons (illness, death in family, emergency situations). All other reasons are unexcused – and those may include pre-arranged absences. The only pre-arranged absences that can be changed from unexcused to excused are medical appointments, which will be excused when a medical note is turned in. Medical providers are used to providing notes, especially for students, so getting those should not be an issue. The notes can be turned into the office after the appointment, can be emailed to me, or faxed to the school office. If you want to read the entire section about attendance, you can find our handbook on our website under About Us – Schools (pick either school), scroll down to the links, then choose District Student/Parent Handbook. Attendance begins on page 21. Additionally, for any communication about student absences, or for notifications about pick-ups or bus changes, please email me (Ms. Rachel) at rheck@orangevillecusd.com or call the school. It is okay if you also include your child's teacher, but please make sure you always include me, as I am the primary person regarding attendance.



Thank you, and I hope you enjoy the autumn season!
~Miss Rachel 😊

OEF Highlights for September

The golf outing went very well this year. Both flights were full. Thanks again to everyone who golfed, donated, or helped. We appreciate all of you.

We awarded 5 grants to teachers: equipment for elementary PE; trays and specimens for junior high science, a set of books for third grade; wobbly stools for fifth grade; and a cabinet for a 3D printer for fifth grade.

The post-secondary scholarship application is open. Check the school's website for a link.

Our next meeting is October 14 at 5:00 P.M. in room 230 of the high school. We invite you to join us to see what the Orangeville Education Foundation is all about.

Parent Teacher Conferences

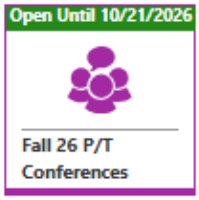
Meet with your child's teachers on October 22 or 23. Please reserve a time through Skyward Family Access.

Thursday, October 22	Friday, October 23
4:00–7:00 p.m.	**8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

Signups open Friday, October 2 at 8:00 a.m.

How to reserve a time

1. Sign in to Skyward Family Access with your parent or guardian account.
2. Select the Fall 26 P/T Conferences tile for your child.



3. Open the conference dates, select a teacher, and choose an available time.
4. Select Done Scheduling to finish. You can then view or print your schedule.

The conference tile will be available when signups open.

Need help signing in or scheduling? Contact your school office.

Mrs. Lorig's fifth-graders enjoyed the quick experiment on elasticity, where they were able to slice a pumpkin in half using only rubber bands!





BRONCO ATHLETICS
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

WINTER SPORTS ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!!

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN A WINTER SPORT!
IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING AND HAVEN'T ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR HIGH SCHOOL OR JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COACHES:

- HS BOYS BBALL (STARTS 11/9/26) - COACH JOSH FAHS (jfahs@orangevillecusd.com)
- HS GIRLS BBALL (STARTS 11/2/26) - COACH JOSH WALLIN (jwallin@orangevillecusd.com)
- JH BOYS BBALL (STARTS 10/13/26) - COACH LON SCHEUERELL (lscheuerell@orangevillecusd.com)
- JH GIRLS BBALL (STARTS 1/4/27) - COACH CHAD ETHRIDGE (cethridge@orangevillecusd.com)

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS & PARTICAPATION DOCUMENTS

- ALL ATHLETES NEED AN UPDATED PHYSICAL TO PLAY A SPORT
- ALL PARENTS MUST VIEW THE PARENT SPORTS PRESENTATION ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AND FILL OUT THE SURVEY AT THE END, IF YOU DID NOT ATTEND THE PARENT MEETING IN AUGUST
- ALL REQUIRED FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SIGNED BEFORE AN ATHLETE CAN PLAY
- PARENT PRESENTATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ARE FOUND ON THE DISTRICTS WEBSITE

CONGRATS TO OUR 2026-27 FALL SPORTS SENIORS!!


KYLIE BLAKELY


AUBREY FRYER


ABIGAIL HAZZARD


EMILY DOESCHER


HAILEY PIZZOLATO


TAIYA CHAPPLE


ETHAN THOMPSON


BROCK KOMPROOD


NATHAN BRIGGS


OSKAR BISSELL


HAYDEN SCHOFIELD


ELWYN THOMM


BRENNAN ENDSLEY

You have made a HUGE impact on Orangeville Athletics!
THANK YOU!!

Books Are Fun BOOK BLAST

Help your student grow their at-home library.

The carnival starts on Tuesday, October 13th

We're teaming up with Books Are Fun for our Book Blast event to put brand-new books into the hands of every student.

Why We Love Book Blast:

- Every student receives age-appropriate books they'll love
- 100% of contributions go directly to books
- The book list is expertly curated and exciting

Keep An Eye Out For A Message From Our Principal With More Details.

Your student will also bring home a printed Treasure Map flyer. Completing it is the key to joining the fun and earning prizes and books.

MORE INFO COMING SOON!



Learn about Books Are Fun & the Book Blast Program HERE:

OHS Yearbook

Yearbook Sponshorship Offers

In addition to yearbook coverage, our ad packages offer increased exposure by printing your business name on a banner to be seen at sporting events and extracurricular activities in our high school gym. We are also offering the opportunity for our community to see your business information posted monthly on our school social media pages.

Please select this link to purchase an ad.

If you have any questions, please contact Mercy Wilde, our yearbook adviseo. She may be reached by email at mwilde@orangevillecusd.com.

Please make checks payable to Orangeville High School.

Thank you!

PLATINUM LEVEL
$185

- business name printed professionally on banner to be hung in the OHS gym that will be displayed during the current school year
- business name, address, and phone number posted to school social media monthly with other sponsors
- business name, address and phone number in the yearbook with other sponsors in the front of the book
- business name, address, and phone number listed in the school newsletter

GOLD LEVEL
$95

- business name, address and phone number in the yearbook with other sponsors in the front of the book
- business name, address, and phone number listed in the school newsletter

SILVER LEVEL
$45

- business name , address and phone number in the yearbook with other sponsors in the front of the book

Class of 2027

SENIOR PORTRAITS NEEDED

Due by the first week of November



Students and their families, yearbook is working hard to create and plan pages! We are in need of Senior Portraits and the answers to the following questions. These allow for some creative layouts and adding in to the memories!

1. Student's Nickname
2. Favorite high school memory
3. A movie that describes the student
4. A celebrity that would play the student in a movie

Email to:
mwilde@orangevillecusd.com
Mercy Wilde
Yearbook Advisor

RED RIBBON WEEK

TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT DRUG ABUSE AND PROMOTE A DRUG-FREE LIFESTYLE THROUGH COMMUNITY AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT LET'S PARTICIPATE IN DRESS UP DAYS AND OTHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION ACTIVITES!!

MONDAY - 10/26
Be a Hero - Stay Drug Free
Wear your favorite HERO shirt!

TUESDAY - 10/27
Community Heroes
Dress as everyday heroes, such as firefighters, police officers, nurses, or teachers.

WEDNESDAY - 10/28
Team Up Day
Wear a favorite sports team jersey or school colors

THURSDAY - 10/29
Red Ribbon Hero Day
Wear as much solid red clothing as possible!

FRIDAY - 10/30
Drugs are a Trick, Staying Healthy is a Treat!
Dress in your costume or as your favorite treat!

"MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BE A HERO. STAY DRUG FREE.™"

ORANGEVILLE PTO

OCTOBER NEWS & REMINDERS

PTO MEETING

October 14th at 5:30 PM
Cafeteria

CLASS SHIRTS



Remember to order your class shirts!

SCAN TO ORDER!

Store closes **October 16th**

FUNDRAISER REMINDER



114 Howard Co. Candle fundraiser orders are due **October 14th**

LOOKING AHEAD



Scrip Fundraiser (Gift Cards)
End of November



Family Reading Night
November 19th • 5:00-6:30 PM

KEEP BRINGING IN THOSE POP TABS!

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who participated in our Flamingo Flock My Yard fundraiser!

GOODIES WITH GRANDS

Thank you to everyone who helped, donated, and especially to all of the grandparents who joined us. It was an amazing morning!

ORANGEVILLE LIONS CLUB

Rose Day



ROSES $20 PER DOZEN

DELIVERY
Fri. evening 10/30 and
Saturday 10/31

TO ORDER:

- See an Orangeville Lion
- Send a Facebook message on the Orangeville (IL) Lions Facebook page
- Call (815) 997-2511 after 6 pm, Mon - Fri.

Deliveries will only be made within a 15 mile radius of Orangeville.

ORDERS NOW BEING TAKEN
Payment must be received by Oct. 15

All proceeds will be returned back to the public to meet a variety of needs.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Please join us for a Halloween parade!

OCTOBER 24TH

Citadel St Joseph Village

659 E Jefferson ST Freeport IL

Parade starts at 1pm!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Orange Chicken WG Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges	2 French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Hashbrown Apple Dragon Punch	3 
4 **Grades 6-12 WG Pizza 2nd choice Daily**	5 Chicken Taco Refried Beans Pears	6 Beef Ravioli WG Garlic Toast Applesauce Yogurt	7 Breakfast Pizza Sausage Hashbrown Pineapple Mango Wango juice	8 Chicken Tenders WG Breadstick Baby Carrots Celery Mandarin Oranges Crasins	9 Pulled Pork on Baked Potato Italian Blend Veggies Peaches Rice Krispie	10
11 **Grades 6-12 WG Pizza 2nd choice Daily**	12 **NO SCHOOL**	13 Meatball Sub Broccoli Pineapple Craisins	14 Beef Nachos Baked Beans Mixed Fruit	15 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce WG Breadstick Corn Applesauce	16 Pizza Quesadilla Mixed Veggies Raw Baby Carrots Strawberries Yogurt	17 
18 **Grades 6-12 WG Pizza 2nd choice Daily**	19 Biscuit and Gravy Sausage Patty Hashbrown Peaches Wango M ango Juice	20 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Mashed Potatoes Brown Gravy Applesauce	21 Chicken Nachos Baked Beans Mixed Fruit	22 **Early Dismissal 11am Parent/Teacher Conferences 4pm-7pm**	23 **No School Parent/Teacher Conferences 8am-1pm**	24
25 **Grades 6-12 WG Pizza 2nd Choice Daily**	26 Beef Nacho Tots Refried Beans WG Breadstick Pineapple Cherry Star Juice	27 Mini Corn Dogs French Fries Applesauce Jello	28 Chicken Patty on Bun Baby Carrots Green Beans Peaches	29 Pork Rib on Bun Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Ice Cream Cup	30 Bosco Sticks w/ marinara Lettuce salad Pears Yogurt	

All meals include 1% white milk or fat free chocolate milk. WG = Whole Grain * Menu subject to change.

2026 Activity Calendar October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Adventure Club 3-5 pm **HSVB vs Durand 5:00** FFA Chapter Mtg 7:00	2 Homecoming Parade 5:00 pm Homecoming Girls' Class Competition 6:15	3 Trap Shoot in Scales Mound **JHVB Conf. Tourn in Lena 7:30** **HSFB vs. River Ridge (Homecoming) 1:00** JH Dance 6:00-7:30 Coronation 8:00 HS Dance 8:30-10:30
4 NWI Coyotes Youth Football 9:30 Trapshooting Team Event 12-4 JHVB end of season party 4:30	5 **HSVB @ Rockford Lutheran 5:00** OAA VB @ Immanuel Lutheran 5:00 OAA mtg 6:00 Bronco Booster mtg 7:00 (The Ville)	6 **JHFB Playoff Game vs. Chadwick 5:00 pm** PTO Mtg 6:30 pm	7 FT – P.A.R.T.Y. Program for soph. OAA VB vs. Immanuel Lutheran 4:45	8 **Picture Retake Day 8:00 am** **HSVB vs. Pecatonica 5:00**	9 FT – 1st to apple orchard FT – Hispanic Dancers **JHFB @ Dakota 5:00** **HSFB @ Amboy 7:00**	10 NWI Coyotes youth football games 9:30 am start
11 FFA Trapshooting Team Event 12-4	12 **NO SCHOOL – COLUMBUS DAY** **Board Meeting 5:30**	13 **HSVB @ Le-win 5:00**	14 FFA Discovery Conference 5:30 pm	15 Adventure Club 3-5 FFA Food Science & Agronomy 5:00 pm **HSVB vs. Dakota 5:00**	16 **End of Q1**	17 **JV VB @ Pearl City Tourn.** **Var VB @ Eastland Tournament** **HSFB vs. S. Beloit 1:00**
18 FFA Trapshooting Team Event 12-4	19	20 **HSVB @ Pearl City 5:00** FFA Alumni mtg. 7pm	21	22 DISMISSAL @ 11:00 – SIP DAY Parent/Teacher Conf. 4:00 – 7:00 pm HSVB vs. Forreston 5:00	23 **NO SCHOOL (due to conferences)** **Parent/Teacher Conf. 8:00 – 1:00** **HSFB @ Kirkland-Hiawatha 7:00 pm**	24
25	26 **HSVB Regionals – tba**	27	28	29	30 **GS Halloween Walk**	31

Homecoming Week

Red Ribbon Week!

HSFB- High School Football **JHFB- Jr. High Football** **HSVB- High School Volleyball** **JHVB- Jr. High Volleyball**

Event schedules subject to change. For most current and updated information go to Events Calendar at http://www.orangevillecusd.com/