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Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Rhonda Hubbard has been part of Onsted Community Schools since 2000, serving as a teacher, coach, parent, and longtime community member. Throughout her career, she has taught physical education, health, and science while also coaching track and field and volleyball.

Rhonda brings energy and enthusiasm to the classroom and is known for building positive relationships with students and colleagues. Her welcoming approach, combined with firm and consistent expectations, provides the structure and support middle school students need to succeed.

A natural staff leader, Rhonda recently received a Kiwanis mini scholarship to purchase classroom supplies., helped organize staff breakfast, as well as the staff vs student dodgeball game!

We appreciate her continued dedication to our students, staff, and Onsted community!



Districtwide Update

October was a busy month across the district, with plenty of good things happening in our classrooms and some unexpected challenges. #Glycol

On October 7, we discovered a leak in the geothermal system south of the soccer field. Our facilities team responded quickly to contain the situation and coordinate with EGLE and contractors. Jeff has put a bunch of time into managing this situation while keeping our buildings operating. Work remains to finish the project, but I appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility.

We've continued reviewing our financial position. The draft annual audit and the October Finance Committee review gave us opportunities to review our budget, state funding, expenditures, and projections. Revenue was up, expenditures were down, and we made accounting changes. Kudos to the Business Dept for the work they did together. Moving in the right direction.

I've continued classroom pop-ins throughout the district. One thing that stands out is the variety of ways our teachers are engaging students. From reading fluency and small-group instruction to science, mathematics, and hands-on activities, it's been good to see the work taking place across our buildings.

Our students have also been busy. MS Student Voice organized Socktober, HS SADD promoted healthy decision-making, and students continued participating in clubs, athletics, and other activities.

Thank you to everyone who has helped solve problems!

Go Cats!

Building Highlights

Elementary School
Halloween celebrations and plenty of learning happening. Classroom visits highlighted strong student participation, reading fluency, phonics instruction, and small-group support. Teachers continued building foundational skills.

Middle School
Student Voice led Socktober with a goal of collecting 2,026 pairs of socks for community members in need. Students also participated in PBIS recognition, Student of the Month activities, and clubs including Robotics, Mathcounts, and Youth & Government.

High School
SADD promoted drug-prevention awareness. YIG hosted a BOE candidate forum; academic assessments and extracurricular opportunities continued, while classroom instruction remained a focus.

Department News



Facilities -responded to the October 7 geothermal leak, coordinated environmental requirements and contractors, and worked to restore reliable heating.

Technolgoy-Wireless issues have been resolved. Need two access points to replace defective ones. Working on a new asset tracking/ticket system for technology.

Curriculum & Instruction - Classroom pop-ins highlighted student engagement, literacy, small-group instruction, and opportunities to strengthen teaching practices.



Food Service - The students and staff seemed to really enjoy the circus theme. Interviews concluded for the cook/cashier position in the MS. Preparing for Thanksgiving lunch and choosing a date.

Transportation -New sub training. Bus 42 repairs approved by insurance for repairs.

Athletics - Fall sports continued through October as students represented Onsted in football, volleyball, soccer, cross country, equestrian, and other competitions.





Club & Activity Corner

Youth in Government

The Onsted High School Youth in Government students proudly hosted their first school Board of Education Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 27. When the students received the opportunity to create and host their first function of this kind, they jumped at the chance. Led by Joel Sniegowski and Wraiya Davis, the students worked together to coordinate all facets, communicating with and seeking guidance from faculty, staff, and community members.

Joel and Wraiya compiled and edited the five questions asked of the Board candidates in attendance. Members Olivia Sniegowski and Alexis Gregory contributed to the questions. Many other members volunteered their time that evening. Mattie Hallenbeck, Paige Mathis, Ellie Cannon, Carter Holtzbauer, Ellie Rose, and John Pfeffer welcomed community members and supported those with roles on stage.

The students learned valuable lessons in leadership, government processes, and public speaking.
Ms. Sherman