



News and Notes from Dr. Emerson

Monday, June 5

Two Weeks at a Glance:

Monday, June 5:

Tuesday, June 6:

Wednesday, June 7: Patrick Henry Graduation Walk, Everywhere, 10:05 AM

Thursday, June 8: Student Leader Celebration, Cafetorium, 2:30-3:45

Friday, June 9:

Monday, June 12:

Tuesday, June 13: **8th Grade ValleyFair Field Trip – 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Cost \$30.00 – *Students must be picked up promptly at 6:00 p.m. at Olson*

Wednesday, June 14: **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

9:00 a.m. – 8th grade Promotion Ceremony – Cafetorium

(please note the time change)

Yearbooks: We still have yearbooks available for \$7. The yearbook team did an awesome job of putting Olson 2016-2017 memories together! Have your student bring \$7 to the office if they would like to purchase a yearbook.

Field Trips: 7th grade students attended Education Day at the Mini Maker Faire at the fairgrounds in St. Paul last week.

Maker Faire is the Greatest Show (and Tell) on Earth—a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity, resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker movement. It's a place where people show what they are making, and share what they are learning. Makers range from tech enthusiasts to crafters to scientists to garage tinkerers. They are of all ages and backgrounds. The goal of Maker Faire is to entertain, inform, connect, and grow this community.

Education Day offered a sneak-peek of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Mini Maker Faire. This half-day interactive learning opportunity featured an up-close and hands-on look at science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) as they apply outside the classroom. The 7th grade students represented Olson well as they curiously explored the variety of STEM projects and activities.



Special Olympics: The Olson ASD program represented Olson U at the Special Olympics last Friday. Our students did an awesome job as they were attempting to defend their title from last year. Although we finished in 4th place this year, our students and staff members celebrated their outstanding effort and accomplishment.

Final Family Night: We had a great turnout for our final family event of the year. Hot dogs, cotton candy, and snow cones were a real treat!

I also enjoyed the opportunity to introduce our new Assistant Principal to parents and community members. Thank you to parents and community members for attending our family night!

Graduation Walk: On Wednesday, June 7, several Patrick Henry graduates will come to Olson to walk the “Olson gauntlet.” The students will give high fives and model what it looks like to graduate from high school.

This is the 2nd year in a row we have done this. We look to continue this annual event. I appreciate our parent group members and the family liaisons from both schools who helped organize the event.