



# Orencia School Times



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**April/May 2011**

## A Message from our Principal, Mr. Bishop

### Dear Parents and Students:

As we enter the last part of the school year, continue to recognize the growth and success your child accomplishes, reinforcing continued hard work and effort in school and homework.

April's school-wide themes were centered on the Character Trait of Honesty and the Lifeskill Sense of Humor.

As we move toward the last month, our emphasis will remain on ending the year with a positive academic focus, as well as including some extra motivating activities to participate in. May's school-wide themes include Courage, Problem Solving, and Curiosity.

Be sure to call your child's teacher if you have any questions. We continue to appreciate your support. Thank you.

Tim Bishop and the Orencia Team



### Parent Input on Student

**Placement:** Your thoughts and insights of your child's needs are important to us in creating classrooms for next year. The form to use in providing us this input should be included with the newsletter. We need this returned to the school by May 4th. Additional forms are available in the office.



### Kindergarten Orientation:

Orientation will be May 5th from 2:45-3:15 p.m. in the library. Parents will need to bring updated immunization records and a birth certificate. Your child is invited to attend also.

### Volunteer Recognition

**Week:** The staff is setting aside the week of May 16th to say thank you to the many volunteers who assist us. A separate invitation will soon be sent to you. When you are here during the recognition week, we plan to have a variety of food items and a gift of "Thanks" that we hope will help you remember our appreciation is there throughout the year, Thank you for over 3,200 hours of volunteer time. You make a difference!

## UP-and-COMING

Mark your calendar for these events:

April 21st  
McTeacher Night, 5:00

April 22nd.  
Secretary's Day

April 29th  
Spirit /Crazy Clothes Day

May 4th  
Parent Input on Class Placement Due

May 5th  
Kinder Orientation, 2:45  
Limbo Contest, 1:00

May 6th  
Book Fair Begins

May 10th  
Booster Club, 2:30  
Media Center

May 12th - 13th  
No School  
Conferences

May 16th  
Volunteer Appreciation Week Begins  
Book Fair Ends

May 27th  
Spirit/Electronics Day

May 30th  
No School Memorial Day

June 9th  
All School "Beach" Day

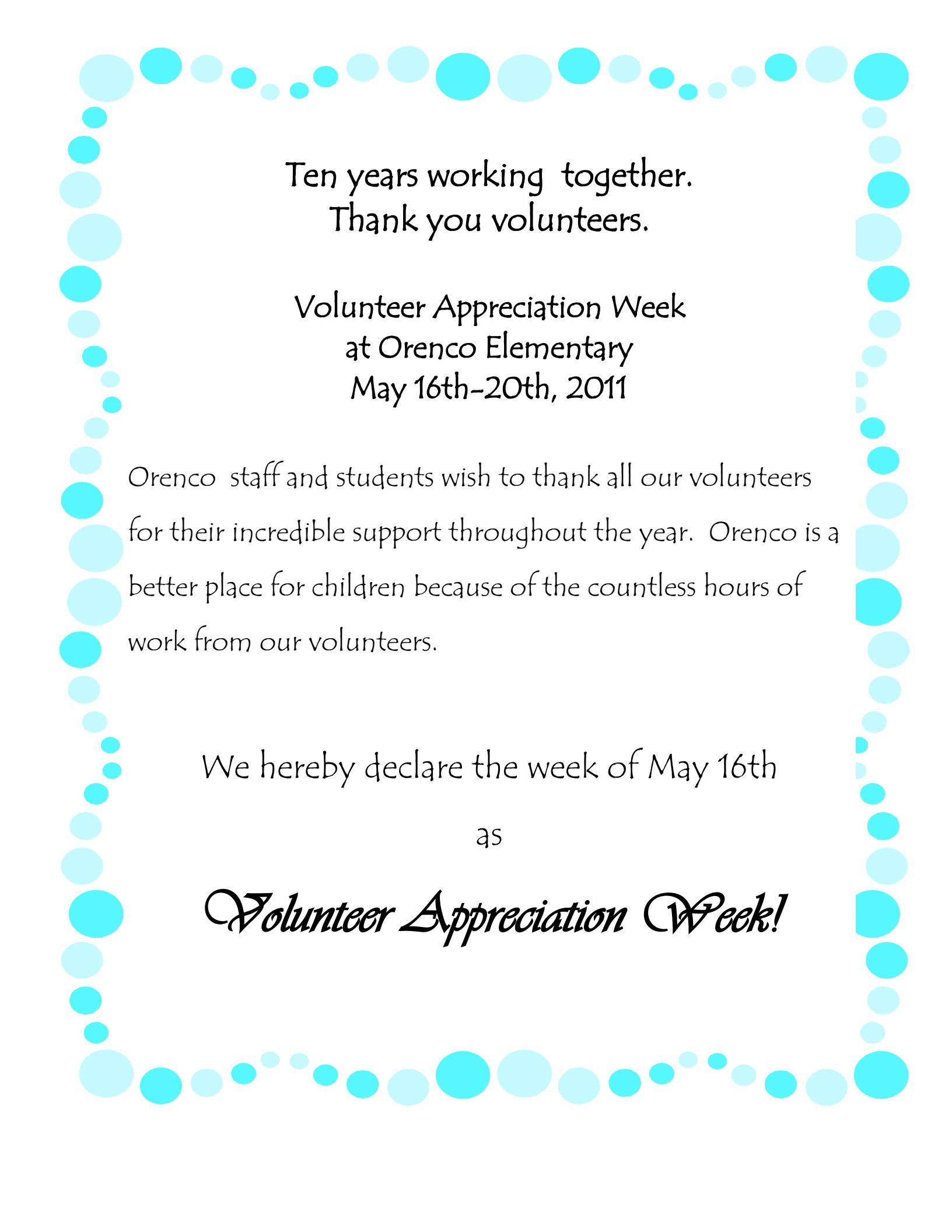
June 10th  
Variety Show 1:00  
Splash Cash

June 13th  
Sixth Grade BBQ  
11:00  
Last Day Kinders  
Grade Level Move Up  
1:00

June 14th  
Sixth Grade  
Celebration 9:30  
Last Day Students  
Early Release 11:20

June 15th  
Last Day for Teachers





Ten years working together.  
Thank you volunteers.

Volunteer Appreciation Week  
at Orenco Elementary  
May 16th-20th, 2011

Orenco staff and students wish to thank all our volunteers for their incredible support throughout the year. Orenco is a better place for children because of the countless hours of work from our volunteers.

We hereby declare the week of May 16th

as

*Volunteer Appreciation Week!*

**School Year Extended by Two Days:**

Because the District lost two days of instruction due to inclement weather earlier this year, the school board has approved extending the current school year by two days. The two additional days will be Monday, June 13 and Tuesday, June 14 for all students except graduating seniors whose schedule will not be affected (last day for am/pm kindergartners is Monday, June 13). Families with hardship concerns as a result of the two-day extension are encouraged to speak with a school counselor or administrator to determine a solution.

**District Kindergarten Fair:**

All 2011-12 incoming kindergartners and their families are invited to attend the District Kindergarten Fair on Thursday, April 28, 2011, 5-7:00 p.m. at Lincoln Street Elementary School. Registration information, fun literacy and math activities, and information on community resources will be available. You can also try out a real school lunch! Kindergarten orientation will be held throughout the month at individual schools. Contact the schools for dates/times or visit the District website for a complete schedule.

**Student Transfer Requests:**

New in-district transfer requests and all inter-district requests for the 2011-12 school year must be submitted between May 7, 2011 and June 10, 2011 for District review. This applies to all students entering grades 1-12 in 2011-12. Inter-district requests—applies to all incoming and outgoing requests and includes first time (new) requests and “renewals” of currently approved (2010-11) inter-district assignments. All inter-district transfer approvals are granted for one school year only. Upon the close of this submission period, the District will also review the remaining requests for continuing in-district transfers that were submitted after the February 11 priority deadline. Incoming kindergarten student transfer requests both in-district and inter-district, will be accepted during the following time frame August 1-19, 2011. Students must be enrolled at their assigned school of residence prior to submitting a transfer request.



Congratulations to Libby Solheim and Kenaday Partosan, Orenco’s spelling bee winners!



Students had a great time spending their “Splash Cash” they earned.



Third and fourth graders gave a wonderful program on Lewis and Clark.

# Third Grade Thoughts



**T**aking reading tests for Splash Cash

**H**aving a great time learning multiplication, division, fractions, geometry, and more

**I**nsects are coming next in Science Class (along with a field trip!)

**R**ead everything we can get our hands on

**D**oing our best to prepare for OAKS testing

**G**o, Dog, Go! was such a fun field trip

**R**esearch and reports help us learn new things

**A**lways learning to read, define and spell new vocabulary

**D**oing our best to become excellent writers

**E**very day is a good day with our third grade “family”

