

**Ocean Township Elementary School  
is the pride of the community for over 60 years!**

The Ocean Township Elementary School on Dow Avenue in Oakhurst opened in January of 1958 as a middle school, serving grades five through eight. The school currently houses grades Preschool through 4th grade. Ocean Township Elementary School is organized into two half-day Pre-School Disabled classes and two full-day Preschool Disabilities classes, two Learning and Language Disabilities classes, two Multiple Disabilities classes, four full day Kindergartens, four First Grades, four Second Grades, four Third Grades, and four Fourth Grades. All classes in grades Kindergarten through Fourth Grades are self-contained and heterogeneously grouped.

Children in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade receive instruction in Reading, Spelling, Writing, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies through a sequentially organized curriculum presented via developmentally appropriate lessons.

Language Arts Literacy instruction is aligned closely with New Jersey State Learning Standards. In grades K-4, the McGraw-Hill Education Wonders Language Arts program encompasses Reading, Language Arts, Spelling, and Writing Skills. It is a comprehensive program that has tiered supports and differentiated instruction to ensure the success of every learner.

Ocean Township Elementary School utilizes differentiated instruction that is a research-based reading and language arts curriculum grounded in systematic, explicit instruction of phonemes and graphemes built on a foundation of phonemic awareness and word knowledge, comprehension skills and strategies, inquiry skills and strategies, and writing and language arts skills and strategies. Teachers use Small Group Instruction to meet the remedial and enrichment needs of every learner.

Math instruction is also a differentiated approach in grades K-4 for regular education (non-classified) students, with Small Group Instruction utilized to meet remedial and enrichment needs as well as filling in skill gaps. This elementary mathematics curriculum is based on the belief that mathematics is best learned in real-world contexts that make sense to children; that all

students deserve a richer and more challenging curriculum; and that a balanced and practical approach to mathematics learning is what students need and teachers want. The enVision Math 2.0 program is used district-wide in grades K-5.

Students in Grades K-4 attend weekly classes taught by comprehensively certified master teachers in the following disciplines: Library, Art, Music, and Physical Education. Physical Education classes meet twice weekly.

In addition to the scheduled special area classes, classroom teachers are also district trained to facilitate instructional technology through digital platforms that are taught in the regular classroom and are extensions of the learning. In the Ocean Township Elementary School, students have access to Google Chromebooks. In grades K-12 the ratio is 1:1 with every child having a device. These tablets are docked in the school overnight and are not taken home. All students access the digital learning platforms for ELA and Math in addition to Science and Social Studies. Most classrooms utilize additional technology, such as ELMO document cameras, SMART Boards, interactive projectors, SMART Tables, SMART Wireless slates, and SMART responders. Teachers work with Technology and Instructional Coaches to maximize instructional delivery.

The Ocean Township Elementary School takes pride in its close parent/teacher relationship and community involvement. Parents and teachers work as partners to provide numerous programs, activities, and events to enrich the education of the children. Yearly highlights include Fine Arts Assemblies, Family Fun Nights, Student Follies, Holiday Shoppe, and sports activities to raise funds for mini grants, playground equipment, and school beautification projects. Our O.T.E.S. PTA takes a special role in the education of our children. The PTA provides folders for every child in the building, and assignment books for all students in grades two through four. In addition, they enthusiastically support our school-wide cultural arts assembly programs and many evening parent-child events.

District-wide, our professional staff demonstrates the commitment to lifelong learning. Most of our faculty have or are working toward advanced

degrees and take advantage of extra learning opportunities and professional development initiatives. We strive to prepare our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become independent contributing members of our society and to meet the challenges of the future. The community of Oakhurst, comprised of many lifelong residents who are dedicated to the township and the schools, are exceedingly proud of the great teachers and staff, and most of all, the more than 60 year tradition of great students at Ocean Township Elementary School.

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