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*Dear OHVA Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2018-9 school year! The beginning of our 17th school year at OHVA! I am so excited that you chose to partner with OHVA this year to ensure the very best education for your child(ren). We have worked hard to develop an academic plan that will serve every student. But even more we have worked hard to develop a partnership with you and a culture of hope for our students. We firmly believe that every student can achieve and succeed. We want to work with you. Please feel free to reach out to your teachers, support staff or administration for clarification or needs.

We continue this year proving that e-schools are held to a higher level of “Accountability” than most schools. We are proud of the fact that through all of the many audits conducted by the state and Ohio Department of Education (ODE) we continue to demonstrate that integrity is a priority for us. We know that you want what is best for your child and that is the reason you have chosen to attend a school that is outside the normal traditional brick-and-mortar setting. If you didn’t want what was best for your student you wouldn’t have exercised the right to choose schooling through an e-school. While we are certainly not the traditional route for education, we still hold ourselves accountable to the state of Ohio, our Board of Trustees and even more importantly, to our students. With this in mind we want to assure you that we are holding ourselves accountable in all areas. OHVA has always taken great pride in meeting all compliancy requirements. Holding ourselves accountable shows everyone that we take our responsibilities seriously. There has been much focus in the press this summer on e-schools and making sure that students are schooling as they should. We have taken measures to make sure that we can demonstrate that our students work hard to succeed in their academics. We will need to work closely with you as parents to assure we meet the expectations set before us by the state of Ohio. We are not trying to be inflexible but we know that this year will be a year when our processes and policies are scrutinized. We have no fear of this we just will need your help making sure it happens. Our partnership will be important.

We want to share an update on our school theme for Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) that we began to develop the past two years , with your input. We are pleased to share this theme again with you, and the new artwork that will be featured on wrist bands for students/LC’s at [Annual Picnics](#). (while supplies last.)



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Our third demonstration to accountability is to inform you that we have a required School Safety Plan on site with a local law office. This will be put in use should the need arise.

Of course, above all else, we want to demonstrate our accountability to our students. Every department has worked carefully using the data collected last year and the year before to help shape its academic plan for the coming year. Looking carefully at state standards, the curriculum and needs demonstrated in diagnostic and interim assessments, staff will provide supporting lessons at each grade level through ClassConnect. It is important that students participate in these lessons to support the learning going on at home. These lessons should be a support for students and a benefit to the family as well, and will help students learn the expected skills throughout the year. We understand that each family has different needs. It will be important for you to communicate with the staff assigned to you should you need something done differently. However, remember that we are also accountable to the state to make sure our students are thriving academically so we will need to make sure students are held accountable throughout the year.

Finally, we are planning several opportunities for families to get together with staff and learn from each other. There will be Math Mania Days, and Literacy Days for hands-on learning, and Student Expo Days for students to demonstrate their work. We are excited to be able to have our amazing students to learn and demonstrate their talents and hope you will find these days beneficial.

Again, we are excited by the upcoming year and the academic plans that have been developed. We know that working together we will be able to do what we all are working toward, creating the best learning environment possible for our students and demonstrating through accountability that Ohio Virtual Academy has hard-working students who are destined for success.



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Good luck and please feel free to reach out to administration should you need anything throughout the year. Our website has all the needed information should you need to contact us. <https://ohva.k12.com>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristin L. Stewart".

Dr. Kristin Stewart, Senior Head of School
Ohio Virtual Academy

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