

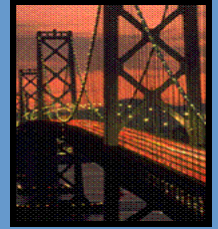
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Calendar

May 26

Student Early Dismissal
Gladys H. Oberle School

May 29

Memorial Day Holiday
Offices/Oberle School

June 2

4th Annual Oberle School
Open Golf Tournament
Lee's Hill Golf Club

June 16

Last Day of School &
Oberle Graduation
Gladys H. Oberle School

June 19 - July 14

Summer ESY Program
Gladys H. Oberle School

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Paw Patrol at the Oberle School

By April Dillow

Counselor

There's a new addition to the Gladys H. Oberle School and by all accounts, he's "paws-actively" affecting students and staff on a daily basis. Meet Lincoln, a 75-pound Golden Doodle, recently adopted by April Dillow and her family. He may make himself comfortable on their couch at night, but by day, he takes his job as the school's emotional support dog seriously.

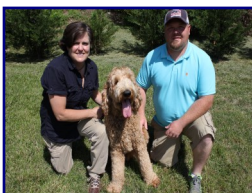
Whether he's greeting students and staff in the morning or providing a pick-me-up in the afternoon, Lincoln has quickly become an invaluable member of the Oberle family.

A gentle giant (standing nearly six feet tall on his hind legs), Lincoln coaxes smiles out of anxious or depressed students, provides an incentive to attend class and do work, soothes hurt feelings and listens without ever passing judgement.

Known to calm entire classrooms and sit by the feet of students nervous to take tests, Lincoln is getting as much as he's giving. Not even one and a half years old, he lived in three different households before coming to live with the Dillow family in January of this year. He craves belly rubs, thrives off of the relationships he's building with each student, and on the rare occasion he doesn't get to come to work, spends twenty minutes whining at the front door.

While Lincoln made the transition to his new home and role at Oberle nearly seamlessly, he's still a puppy and is getting additional training to help him stay focused and attentive to the commands of his handler. That's where Mike Morrison

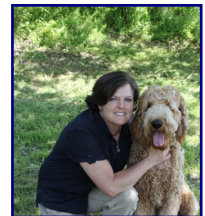
of *Wag Ur Tail Dog Training* comes in. Mike has been working with Lincoln since March by coming to the school once a week to teach basic commands and behavioral directives. Lincoln has been such a star student, Mike has highlighted him many times on his



**April Dillow, Lincoln
& Mike Morrison**

business Facebook page!

While not yet certified as a registered therapy dog, there are plans to complete that training soon so Lincoln can continue to spread unconditional love and support at Oberle and with people at other facilities in need of a fur-ocious friend!



**April Dillow &
Lincoln**



**Morrison teaching Lincoln to
Focus & Sit**

