



# December Newsletter

## Oldsmar Elementary School

### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Happy December!!! As we approach the mid-year point, I want to personally thank all our families for their continued support. Please take a moment to complete the parent PCS parent survey.

Your input and feedback is truly appreciated.

<https://survey.kl2insight.com/r/23-24PinellasParentpublicaccess>



[www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern](http://www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern)

### IMPORTANT DATES

December 8th- Snowflake Ball

December 8th-Holiday shoppe  
for parents

November 28th- Dec. 8-  
Holiday Shoppe runs

December 14- Spelling Bee

December 22- January 5th

Winter Break NO SCHOOL

### ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to November's Artists of the Month,  
2nd Grader Emma Dong and  
5th Grader Kellan Mota!

We have such talented artists at Oldsmar Elementary!





# Counselor Corner



## **OLDSMAR'S KIDS OF CHARACTER - PATRIOTISM**

**EACH MONTH A STUDENT FROM EVERY CLASSROOM IS NOMINATED FOR THE CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH. THESE STUDENTS ARE RECOGNIZED WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE AND WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY ADMINISTRATION AT OUR NEXT HOOT-N-NANNY. PLEASE HELP US IN CONGRATULATING THESE WONDERFUL KIDS OF CHARACTER. THE STUDENTS ARE BEING RECOGNIZED FOR SHOWING PATRIOTISM.**

**COLE-JOEY CORTI  
KIRBERGER -HARLYN GARCIA  
KANE- EMILY CONLÉE  
PHILLIPS-COSETTE HANSEN  
WILHELMI- LIAM ATKINS  
SULLIVAN -DEAN BARRON  
WOLFF -ELIZABETH ANDERSON  
WILKINS - DANIEL HUDOCK  
BOONE -BENNETT PETZINGER  
BENTON - WYATT GIBBONS  
DAMANN- LOGAN VANDENBERG  
MUNSON -BENJAMIN MAZIROW  
HALTON- CASHTON REITH  
EWING- ANISH KALIDINDI  
LOPEZ -CALEB DUGAN  
ROSENBLUM- LUCIA MOTA PEREZ  
BARONDICK- MARCO DIAZ-CERVANTES  
CHICHESTER -RYAN HILDENBRAND  
DELGADO- MATTHEW CONLEE  
MANION- JOSEPH GIANELLI  
GIDDINGS -GEMMA MUSCHIETTY  
MCFARLAND -BROOKLYN HICKS  
MAZIROW -ALISON FUCHS  
SPINDOLA- CAMDEN STEWART  
RING ETHAN COGAN**





## PTA NEWS

### MEDIA CENTER

Happy December! The library remodel is still in process and we are hoping for it to be completed for the New Year. We are anticipating our brand-new media center furniture to be delivered soon! Once we receive our new shelves, tables, chairs, comfortable seating areas, circulation desk, and other amazing new items, we will set up our media center and open for lessons and check-outs. Stay tuned for more information about our Library Launch!

### FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LIAISON

Happy Holidays to all our families, I hope you all have a great new year! Please remember to get your level 2 completed if you haven't for upcoming field trips!

Thank you for all the support during G.A.T.I

**Holiday Shoppe is up and running! Parent night Dec. 8th 2:24- 5:30.**

**Please join us for the snowflake ball- Dec. 8th from 6pm-7:30. . Thank you to the volunteers for helping!**

**We have many things planned for the new year please keep watch!**

**Remember: PTA meetings are always subject to change**

**We will have General Board meeting in January for everyone to attend! Bingo night! Please watch for a flyer- looking for bingo prizes!**

**Thank you for your support in the Papa Johns Fundraiser we still have cards left too!!**





# Counselor Corner



## OLDSMAR'S NOVEMBER COME BACK KID

The following student was nominated as our Come Back Kid for the month of October. Each grade level had the option of choosing one student that has shown improvement in their work habits, grades, motivation and/or behavior in the last month. We are very proud of this student. He will receive a certificate for this honor.

Jeremy Williams – 4th grade

Improvement in Reading and Writing

## OLDSMAR/EASTLAKE ROTARY CLUB STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Skylar Anderson in Mrs. Chichester and Ms. Manion's 5th grade classes was selected as the Oldsmar Elementary Rotary Student of the Month for the month of November.

Skylar was nominated for her positive attitude, academic achievement, and leadership skills.

Skylar and her family were recognized by the Oldsmar/Eastlake Rotary Club at a luncheon on November 16, 2023. She received a certificate and t-shirt. The teachers and staff at Oldsmar Elementary are very proud of Skylar and this accomplishment.

## OLDSMAR/EASTLAKE ROTARY CLUB COMEBACK KID AWARD

Ji'laya Rich in Ms. Manion and Mrs. Chichester's fifth grade class was selected as the Oldsmar Elementary Comeback Kid for the first semester. Ji'laya was nominated for her improvement in academic abilities, work habits and motivation. Ji'laya and her family were recognized and honored at a luncheon on December 9, 2023. The teachers and staff at Oldsmar Elementary are very proud of Ji'laya and this accomplishment



## Become an Oldsmar ELF – Please Donate to Toys for Tots

The Oldsmar Fire Department has placed three Toys for Tots collection boxes here at Oldsmar Elementary School. Please consider donating a new unwrapped toy to help out children that are less fortunate. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, Oldsmar Rotary, Toys for Tots and Oldsmar Moose Lodge are sponsoring children from 34 different Oldsmar families. These toys will be used to help make these children's holidays a little brighter. These toys stay here in our own community. Please help out our children in need and fill our 3 boxes. Students can bring the toys to the front office each morning after the morning announcements. Every student who donates a toy will receive a holiday slap bracelet. All toys are needed by Friday, December 15.



Districtwide Application for Magnet, Fundamental and Career-focused Programs  
Pinellas County Schools offers more than 80 magnet, fundamental and career-focused programs. Learn all about them at District Application Program events. Prepare for the Application Period, which will take place Jan. 9 through 5 p.m. on Jan. 19: Discovery Nights: Visit schools and explore programs in more detail.

- Discovery Nights run mid-October through mid-December. There will also be Spanish-language Virtual DAP workshops in October, November and December.

Find all these events and the District Application Programs Guide at [www.pcsb.org/dap](http://www.pcsb.org/dap). If you have any questions about District Application Programs, please contact the Student Assignment office at [StudentAssignment@pcsb.org](mailto:StudentAssignment@pcsb.org) or 727-588-6210.

# Joyeux Noël!

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM NURSE MELONIE

~REMEMBER THE 24 HOUR RULE OF THUMB~

-24 HOURS WITHOUT NAUSEA, VOMITING, DIARRHEA (AND TOLERATING A NORMAL DIET).

-24 HOURS OF RECEIVING MEDICATION FOR TREATMENT OF ILLNESS/INFECTION (SUCH AS ANTIBIOTICS, EYE OINTMENTS).

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS BREAK WHICH ALSO MEANS COOLER WEATHER! UNFORTUNATELY, THIS TIME OF YEAR BRINGS COUGHS, COLDS, RUNNY NOSES, AND FEVERS. PLEASE KEEP CHILDREN AT HOME IF THEY ARE SICK AND NOT FEELING WELL, YOUR CHILD MAY BE CARRYING SOMETHING VERY CONTAGIOUS.

~REMEMBER THE 24 HOUR RULE OF THUMB~

STUDENTS MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER THE FOLLOWING:

-24 HOURS WITHOUT A TEMPERATURE/FEVER (>100 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT) AND WITHOUT TAKING FEVER REDUCING MEDICATIONS SUCH AS TYLENOL OR ADVIL/MOTRIN.

-24 HOURS WITHOUT NAUSEA, VOMITING, DIARRHEA (AND TOLERATING A NORMAL DIET).

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IF YOUR CHILD STILL SEEMS TIRED, PALE, WITH LITTLE APPETITE, NOT TOLERATING SOLID FOODS, AND GENERALLY "NOT HIM/HERSELF", PLEASE DO NOT SEND HIM/HER TO SCHOOL. SOME VIRAL ILLNESSES MAY TAKE LONGER BEFORE YOUR CHILD IS WELL ENOUGH TO RETURN TO SCHOOL. IF YOU SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL TO "SEE HOW THEY FEEL IN A LITTLE WHILE", YOU ARE POTENTIALLY EXPOSING OTHER STUDENTS, AND OUR STAFF, TO A COMMUNICABLE ILLNESS. THIS RIPPLE EFFECT EXPOSES CLASSMATES AND THEN THEIR SIBLINGS AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO THE ILLNESS.

HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY BREAK!

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## 21ST CENTURY LEARNING AND THE 4C'S

MRS. DUNSON

Critical thinking is one of the 4 C's of 21st century learning. Originality is closely linked to critical thinking skills. Encouraging students to think creatively and come up with original ideas enhances their ability to analyze information, make connections, and evaluate situations from different perspectives. This month, I would like to share a couple of activities for originality which is one of the 4 parts of creativity. Here they are:

- Have your child create a parody of a famous winter themed song.
- Have your child use unique materials or shapes to redesign a traditional snowman.

These might be fun activities for those long days of vacation when your child says he or she is bored. If you are able or would like to have your child share their final work with me, you can email me pictures or videos of songs at: [dunsone@pcsb.org](mailto:dunsone@pcsb.org).

