

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Mr. Logan, Principal

As we wrap up the first half of the year, I want to thank all our families, teachers and students for their continued dedication to learning and resilience in the face of adversity. These last few months have really shown what an amazing community Oldsmar is.

We have many exciting things happening over the next few weeks as we approach winter break. Our Snowflake Ball is Dec 6 and our Chorus will be performing at the Oldsmar Winter Wonderland on Dec. 13th at 6:30PM.

Families, continue the hard work of learning and remember to check out our website calendar for the most updated events and information. I hope you each have a restful winter break that is filled with lasting memories.

Happy Holidays!!

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. 7 through 5 p.m. on Jan. 17:

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.

If you have any questions about District Application Programs, please contact the Student Assignment office at StudentAssignment@pcsb.org or 727-588-6210.



Important Dates

- December 6- Snowflake Ball
- December 4th-5th Holiday Shoppe Viewing Days
- December 6th, 9-13- Holiday Shoppe Buying days
- December 17 - Beautification Club K-2
- December 19- Beautification Club 3-5
- Winter Break: Dec. 23 - Jan. 3
- January 6th KIDS RETURN- make-up day

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 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.



Patterson -Carla Woodard

Kane -Raiden Troka

Wilhelmi -Theodore Salem

Wolff -Amelia Kielich

Boone -Audriana Logan

Damann -Adelina Harrison

Halton -Emily Conlee

Lopez -Evanna Behling

Ring -Bennet Petzinger

Delgado -Jack Velasquez

Giddings -Gavin Troka

Mazirow -Ryan Koenig

Kirberger -Donovan Holliday

Phillips -Olivia Dunbar

Manion -Logan Grace

Wilkins -Evelyna Kielek

Barondick -Noelia Requena

Benton -Liam Wisnowski

Munson -Easton Cole

Rosenblum -Cruz Stewart

Spindola -Lexa Miller

Chichester -Cora Kunkel

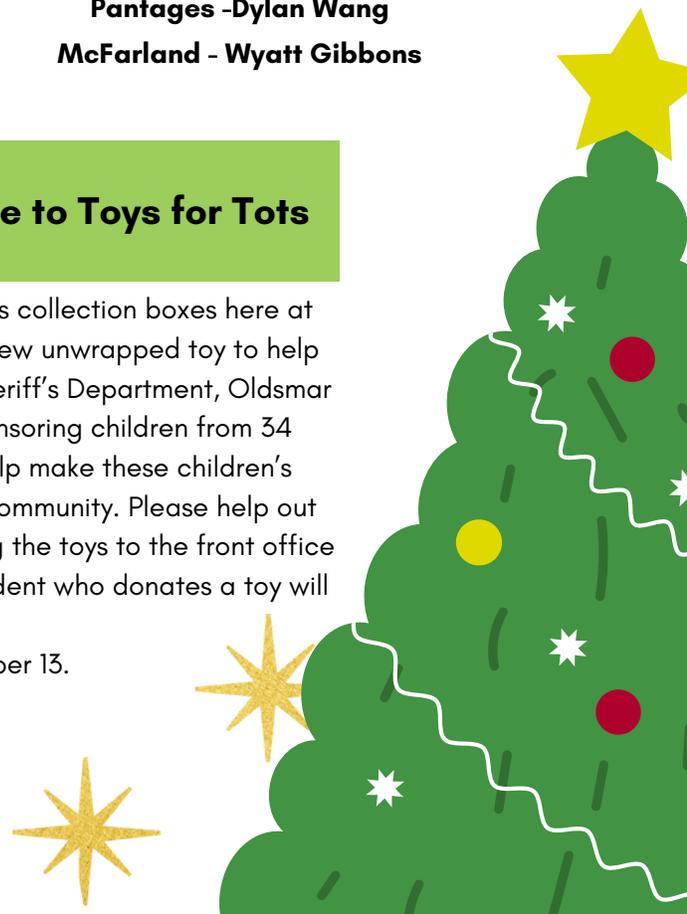
Pantages -Dylan Wang

McFarland - Wyatt Gibbons

Become an Oldsmar ELF - Please Donate to Toys for Tots

The Oldsmar Fire Department has placed two 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 2 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 bracelet.

All toys are needed by Friday, December 13.



OES NEWS!



PTA NEWS

Thank you all for your help this year! We have great things for the upcoming year planned so be sure to watch. We hope to see you all at our Snowflake Ball.

Please be sure to watch the flyers that come home for our Candyland BINGO night in January! Happy Holidays!



5th Grade Gifted Service Project

The real-world problem we chose to solve is hunger. We feel passionately about this because we do not want families to be hungry during the holidays.

WHEN? Monday, December 9 through Thursday, December 19

WHERE? Grade level teams can collect canned foods (or non-perishable food items).

HOW? Fifth grade students will pick up the items and tally the amount collected. Oldsmar Cares will receive the items to deliver to needy families.



Winning grade level gets a popsicle party!



LIBRARY NEWS

Creative Ways to Keep Kids Reading During the Holidays

The holidays are a busy time of the year, and we often forget to do the things that we love the most—like reading. Here are some fun ways to promote reading during these busy weeks.

- **Embrace The Joy of a Read Aloud** - Listen to an audiobook on all those drives while you are out working on your holiday to-do list. Or while baking in the kitchen together or while wrapping presents, crafting, etc. You could also have someone in your family read out loud. Someone could be the designated reader, or you could take turns.
- **Holiday Count Down** - You can choose how many days you are going to count down. Wrap a book for each day, and either take turns opening the packages or have enough books for everyone to open their own each night. Many people do this with holiday picture books, but you can also select a book that is the right reading level for the recipient. And no need to break the bank here. You can get used books or library books (assuming you can check them out for the duration of the countdown).
- **Read the book/Watch the Movie** - Read a book together and then watch the movie together. This is one of my family's favorites. There is always extra motivation to participate when kids know that they get to do a movie night after you finish the book.
- **Learn About Other Holidays Through Books** - When we think of winter holidays we often think of Christmas and Hanukkah, but there are so many more out there to explore. You could learn about Kwanzaa, Diwali, Chinese New Year, etc.
- **Reading Challenges** - Many kids love the joy of a challenge or competition. Make a game out of reading and see who can get the most in each category. You could have a winner for each category or 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for categories done as a large group, like at school. Prizes can be as simple as bragging rights, certificates, little treats, bookmarks, etc.

Hoping everyone has a beautiful holiday season and. Just Keep Reading!

P.E. STUDENT OF THE MONTH

**November: Brayden Harmon, Addison Wolff,
Bella Rivera, Ja'Vonte Smith**

**December: Aliaxsander Kranin,
Aniyah Bruce, Michael Spicuzza,
Prisha Harjani**



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Art Room News

Congratulations to November's Artists of the Month, 3rd grader Olivia Dunbar and Kindergartener Jasper Johnston! Artists of the Month will be recognized at our next Hoot-n-Nanny.



I have just received the artwork from our Annual Children's Exhibit at City Hall. Please expect artwork to come home sometime before our holiday break!

We are beginning our clay unit in the art room and it will be ongoing for the next couple of months. Please ask your student what they did in art this week!

Mrs. Callahan (Mrs. C)

Family & Community Liaison

Thank you so much for the support in the community.

Because of you, smiles still appear on the kids of OES.

Please remember we have a toys for tots' box in the office until Friday, December 13th. If you can donate please consider.

I hope you all have a great holiday break and see you next year!



Looking for an idea for staff or teacher for the holiday season- visit the Oldsmar Elementary website and under PTA look for WISHES!



Click below for some special wish lists

[Wishes](#)



READING

TIPS FROM MRS. CAMPOGNI

FCRR.ORG

HAPPY DECEMBER! I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ENCOURAGING YOUR CHILD TO READ REGULARLY. READING IS NOT JUST A FUNDAMENTAL SKILL BUT ALSO A GATEWAY TO A WORLD OF KNOWLEDGE AND IMAGINATION.

HERE ARE A FEW KEY BENEFITS OF READING:

- **IMPROVES LANGUAGE SKILLS:** REGULAR READING HELPS CHILDREN EXPAND THEIR VOCABULARY AND IMPROVE THEIR GRAMMAR AND WRITING SKILLS.
- **ENHANCES CONCENTRATION AND FOCUS:** READING REQUIRES ATTENTION AND CONCENTRATION, WHICH CAN HELP IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S FOCUS IN OTHER AREAS.
- **BOOSTS IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY:** BOOKS INTRODUCE CHILDREN TO NEW IDEAS, CULTURES, AND PERSPECTIVES, FOSTERING CREATIVITY AND EMPATHY.
- **STRENGTHENS COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT:** READING STIMULATES MENTAL PROCESSES, ENHANCING CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS.
- **PROVIDES A HEALTHY ESCAPE:** BOOKS CAN BE A WONDERFUL WAY FOR CHILDREN TO RELAX AND UNWIND, OFFERING A HEALTHY ESCAPE FROM DAILY STRESS.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE READING A PART OF YOUR CHILD'S DAILY ROUTINE. WHETHER IT'S A BEDTIME STORY OR A QUIET READING TIME AFTER SCHOOL, YOUR SUPPORT CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THEIR ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL GROWTH.



ONLINE RESOURCE

FLORIDA CENTER FOR READING RESEARCH (FCRR)

THE CENTER OFFERS A VARIETY OF RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S READING DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING ACTIVITIES AND GUIDES THAT CAN BE USED AT HOME. THERE ARE PRINT AND DIGITAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE. PLEASE VISIT: FCRR.ORG TO EXPLORE RESOURCES THAT CAN BE USED AT HOME. HAPPY READING!