

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Oldsmar Elementary School



PRINCIPALS CORNER



Happy October OES families, it is hard to believe that we are already moving into our seventh week of school. I want to thank all our families for their continued support in making this school a leader in the district. We continue to move our students towards success, and we appreciate your support. As always, please reach out for any questions or concerns through email (logang@pcsb.org) or call the school.

Sincerely,
Principal Logan

Staff Recognition

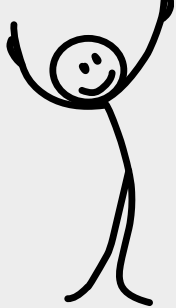


Ms. Kirberger

She brings out the best in all of Oldsmar students and staff! I appreciate her time and effort to get both of my kids reading again after the summer break! She is always positive and just wonderful to work with!

If you would like to recognize a staff member, please see the attached link. <https://forms.office.com/r/dQmB6R1dYj>



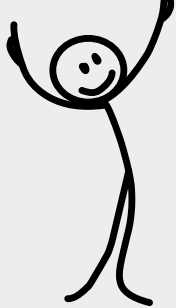


COUNSELOR CORNER

Each month a student from every classroom is nominated for the character trait of the month. The students are recognized by administration and receive a certificate. Please help us congratulate these wonderful Kids of Character.

COLE :VIOLET BARTZ
KIRBERGER :ANNA MAIER
KANE: ANTONIO CUSACK
PHILLIPS: LIAM RIVERA
WILHELMI: BENJAMIN CASSINO
SULLIVAN :MILO KIELICH
WOLFF :BECKETT BERRY
WILKINS :WALTER AMIS
BOONE :ARACELIS MORILLO-RODRIGUEZ
BENTON: DION WANG
DAMANN: BELLA RIVERA
MUNSON: DYLAN WANG
HALTON: CALEB HODGES
EWING :LAYLA RIVERA
LOPEZ: NICOLAS HOMSI
ROSENBLUM :JAYCEON ROBBINS
BARONDICK: NOELIA REQUENA
CHICHESTER: ABAGAIL KOLESKI
DELGADO: ZOEY RITTER
MANION: ELLIE BULL
GIDDINGS :NOAH MILTON
MCFARLAND: ERINA BUSHI
MAZIROW: BRAYDEN HARMON
SPINDOLA :ANDREW "CHARLIE" MORRIS
RING: ABBY COGAN





FAMILY LIAISON

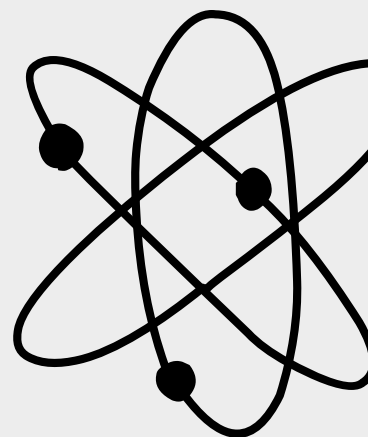
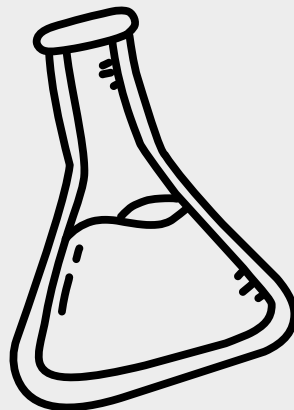
WELCOME BACK FAMILIES!

Please remember to register as your LEVEL 1 OR 2 Volunteer! if you plan to attend any field trips you must complete this first.

- Great American Teach-in coming soon! forms went out with students to sign up.
- Adopt-a-Class- we are looking for 10 more adopt a class sponsors.

if you have questions on any of this please email reitha@pcsb.org

Alisha Reith



CAFETERIA

The Great American Teach In
11/15/2023



STARTING 10/2 SNACK WILL BE DISCONTINUED AND WE WILL START SERVING DINNER TO THE KIDS IN THE YMCA. PLEASE REMIND PARENTS TO SEND KIDS TO SCHOOL WITH THEIR WATER BOTTLES ESP AS IT STAYS SO HOT AND HUMID OUTSIDE. WE WILL ALSO START SELLING ICE CREAM ON 10/6, PRICE RANGES FROM \$.75-1.25. ALA CARTE PRICE LIST IS ATTACHED AS WELL AS MENUS. MAKE SURE TO EXPLAIN THAT IF THEY HAVE MONEY TO TURN IN FOR ICE CREAM THEY CAN TURN IT MONDAY-FRIDAY MORNING. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT MONEY AT LUNCH ON FRIDAY.



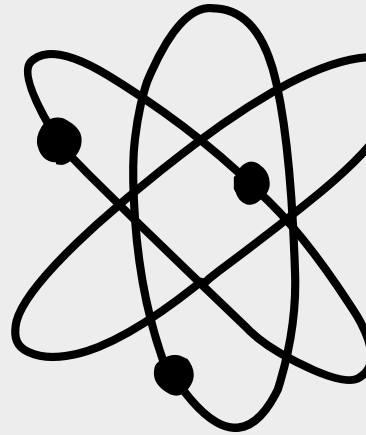
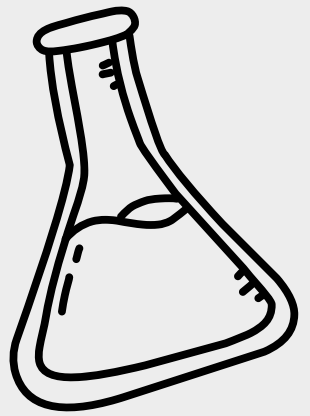
MEIDA SPECIALIST

HAPPY OCTOBER OWL
FAMILIES!

BOOK FAIR IS COMING UP
OCT. 30- NOV. 3.

IF YOU WANT TO
VOLUNTEER PLEASE EMAIL
REITHA@PCSB.ORG

MEDIA LITERACY WEEK
OCT. 23-27



OLDSMAR/EASTLAKE ROTARY CLUB STUDENT OF THE MONTH

LOGAN SHINN, FROM MRS. SPINDOLA AND MRS. MCFARLAND'S FIFTH GRADE CLASS, WAS SELECTED AS THE OLDSMAR ELEMENTARY ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER. LOGAN WAS NOMINATED FOR HIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE, DETERMINATION, AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS. LOGAN AND HIS FAMILY WERE RECOGNIZED AND HONORED AT A LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 SPONSORED BY THE OLDSMAR/EASTLAKE ROTARY CLUB. THE TEACHERS AND STAFF AT OLDSMAR ELEMENTARY ARE VERY PROUD OF LOGAN AND THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT.



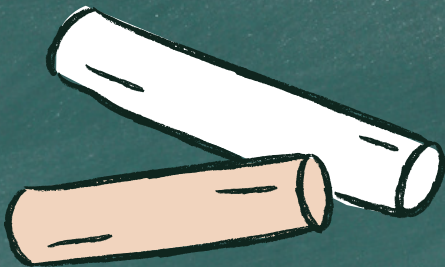
<https://www.pcsb.org/oldsmar-es>



PTA EVENTS

FAMILIES AND FRIENDS!
PLEASE DONT FORGET TO
JOIN THE PTA! \$10.00 EACH
PERSON.

CANDY DONATIONS ARE
REQUESTED FOR TRUNK OR
TREAT!



Upcoming Events

Octobr 4th- WALK TO SCHOOL
DAY
October 13- end of first quarter
October 16- No school
October 26th- Trunk or Treat
October 30th- Book Fair Starts

After School Activities

- ☒ Player Sports Academy
- ☒ STEM
- ☒ Odessey of the Mind



Student Attendance Policy

OLDSMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOLLOWS THE PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD'S STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY AS DESCRIBED IN THE CURRENT CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT (PG. 51-54) DISTRIBUTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. AN ABSENCE WILL BE CONSIDERED EXCUSED IF THE OFFICE RECEIVES A PHONE CALL, AN EMAIL IS SENT TO THE TEACHER, NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE ON SCHOOL WEBSITE, OR A NOTE IS RECEIVED BY THE TEACHER EXPLAINING A CHILD'S ABSENCE WITHIN TWO DAYS.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ONLY EXCUSED REASONS FOR MISSING SCHOOL

- A. THE STUDENT IS ILL OR INJURED. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DAYS THAT A STUDENT MAY BE ABSENT WITHOUT ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION JUSTIFYING THE ABSENCE IS FIVE (5) CONSECUTIVE DAYS.
- B. THERE IS A MAJOR ILLNESS IN THE STUDENT'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY (THIS MEANS PARENTS, BROTHERS, SISTERS, GRANDPARENTS, OR OTHERS LIVING IN THE HOME).
- C. THERE IS A DEATH IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY.
- D. THE STUDENT ATTENDS RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OR THERE IS A RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY IN THE STUDENT'S OWN FAITH.
- E. THE STUDENT IS REQUIRED BY SUMMONS, SUBPOENA OR COURT ORDER TO APPEAR IN COURT. A COPY OF THE SUBPOENA OR COURT ORDER MUST BE GIVEN TO THE PRINCIPAL.
- F. SPECIAL EVENT. EXAMPLES OF SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDE IMPORTANT PUBLIC FUNCTIONS, CONFERENCES, STATE/NATIONAL COMPETITIONS, AS WELL AS EXCEPTIONAL CASES OF FAMILY NEED. THE STUDENT MUST GET PERMISSION FROM THE PRINCIPAL AT LEAST FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABSENCE.
- G. THE STUDENT HAS A SCHEDULED MEDICAL OR DENTAL APPOINTMENT. IT IS RECOMMENDED, WHEN POSSIBLE, TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS, SO STUDENTS DO NOT MISS INSTRUCTION.
- H. STUDENTS HAVING, OR SUSPECTED OF HAVING, A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE OR INFESTATION WHICH CAN BE TRANSMITTED ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO RETURN TO SCHOOL UNTIL THEY NO LONGER PRESENT A HEALTH HAZARD (F.S. 1003.22). EXAMPLES OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND INFESTATIONS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, FLEAS, HEAD LICE, RINGWORM, IMPETIGO AND SCABIES. STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED A MAXIMUM OF THREE (3) EXCUSED DAYS FOR EACH INFESTATION OF HEAD LICE UNLESS EXTENDED BY PRINCIPAL.

STUDENTS ON FIELD TRIPS AND STUDENTS WHO ATTEND ALTERNATIVE TO SUSPENSION PROGRAMS ARE NOT CONSIDERED ABSENT. ABSENCES NOT REPORTED BY PHONE CALL, EMAIL, ONLINE NOTIFICATION, OR NOTE TO THE TEACHER WILL BE CONSIDERED UNEXCUSED. VACATION, TRAVEL AND FAMILY VISITS ARE CONSIDERED AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE. TARDIES AND EARLY SIGN OUTS ARE CONSIDERED EXCUSED FOR THE SAME REASONS LISTED ABOVE. CLASSWORK/HOMEWORK IS REQUIRED TO BE MADE UP DURING OR AFTER AN ABSENCE. UPON RETURN TO SCHOOL FOLLOWING AN ABSENCE, THE STUDENT IS GIVEN AS MANY DAYS TO MAKE UP WORK AS DAYS ABSENT. STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF NON-ATTENDANCE MAY BE REFERRED TO THE SCHOOL'S CHILD STUDY TEAM.

21ST CENTURY LEARNING AND THE 4C'S

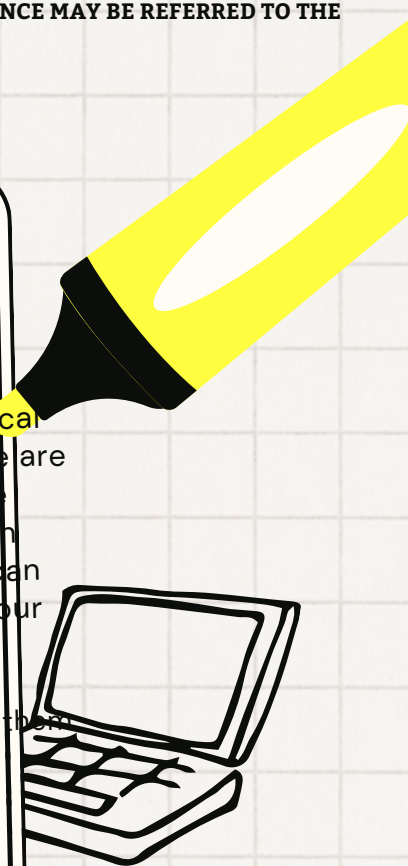
If you search online for 21st Century 4 C skills, you will find a bunch of sources that list the following skills: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Creative Thinking. Creativity is not only a skill some people are born with and have lots of, according to some researchers it can also be taught. I am not going to get into listing all of the resources and research articles here however, I am going to provide 3 short activities that you can easily do at home with your child to allow them to practice one of the four parts of creativity- Fluency (the other 3 are flexibility, originality, elaboration.)

Give your child a piece of paper and a pencil. Set a timer for 5 minutes. Have them make a list (as many as they can think of in 5 minutes.)

For October- List everything that is orange

For November- List everything that makes noise

For December- List things that come in pairs



Red Ribbon Week -

OCTOBER 23 - 27, 2023

Oldsmar will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 23 to October 27 this year.

It is time again to renew our commitment to a safe, healthy lifestyle. The national theme this year is Be Kind to Your Mind, Live Drug-Free. This is a time for schools and communities to join together in support of a safe, healthy lifestyle. It is also a good opportunity to stress the Commitment to Character traits (Respect, Responsibility, Honesty and Self-Motivation) when describing people who make a pledge to stay safe and drug free and make healthy choices.

Students and staff are encouraged to participate in our Spirit Week.

Monday will be LEI OFF DRUGS DAY. Students and staff are encouraged to wear a Hawaiian shirt.

Tuesday will be FUTURE IS BRIGHT DAY. Students and staff are encouraged wear sunglasses and bright neon colors.

Wednesday will be WEAR RED AND TWIST OUT DRUGS DAY. Students are encouraged to wear something red and everyone will be given a red Twizzler.

Thursday will be FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS DAY. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their favorite PJ's.

Friday will be BE WHO YOU WANT TO BE DAY.
Students and staff are encouraged to dress up in a future career outfit.

October is National Bully Prevention Month

During the month of October Oldsmar Elementary will be celebrating Bully Prevention Month. The theme is "Stand Up. Speak Up. Stomp Out Bullying.". The morning show will include informative announcements. Classroom lessons will be presented in each classroom (K-5) that will deal with Bully Prevention. Students will learn the definition of bullying, conflict, and horseplay. Students will also be taught ways to handle the situation if they are being bullied or if they witness someone else being bullied. The students will discuss the difference between "Tattling" and "Reporting" and will be educated on the importance of reporting bullying so that it can be dealt with appropriately. Students will also be encouraged to accept other's differences, respect each other and become an "Upstander" and stand up for those being picked on or made fun of and not to just stand by.

UNITY DAY - WEAR ORANGE OCTOBER 18, 2023

HELP YOUR CHILD TAKE A STAND AGAINST BULLYING BY HAVING THEM WEAR ORANGE ON UNITY DAY, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023. MAKE IT ORANGE AND MAKE IT END! UNITE AGAINST BULLYING! FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CHECK OUT PACER'S NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION CENTER AT YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT AND YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT.

Holiday Assistance

If your family is in need of assistance for the holidays, see the attached flyers for Toys for Tots and Salvation Army Holiday Assistance. Please note that these programs have early deadlines. If you need assistance, do not delay in applying. Just a reminder that families should only apply for one resource or your family may not be approved for assistance if name is on more than one list. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Manning at 813-855-7316.



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, 2024 THROUGH JAN. 19, 2024: **FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE LIVE EVENT: "ALL THINGS DAP":** JOIN US TO LEARN KEY DATES AND INFO ABOUT APPLYING FOR MAGNET PROGRAMS. THERE WILL ALSO BE A VIRTUAL QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION.

OCT. 16, AT 5:30 P.M.

MAGNET FAIRS: EXPLORE MAGNET PROGRAMS AND MEET REPRESENTATIVES. NOTE: SPECIAL TIMES AT OUR SATURDAY FAIR.

ALL COUNTY - SATURDAY, OCT. 21: 9-11:30 A.M. AT LARGO HIGH

NORTH COUNTY - THURSDAY, OCT. 26: 6 TO 7:30 P.M. AT COUNTRYSIDE HIGH

SOUTH COUNTY - THURSDAY, NOV. 2: FROM 6 TO 7:30 P.M. AT GIBBS HIGH

DISCOVERY NIGHTS: VISIT SCHOOLS AND EXPLORE PROGRAMS IN MORE DETAIL.

DISCOVERY NIGHTS RUN MID-OCTOBER THROUGH MID-JANUARY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE SPANISH-LANGUAGE VIRTUAL DAP WORKSHOPS IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

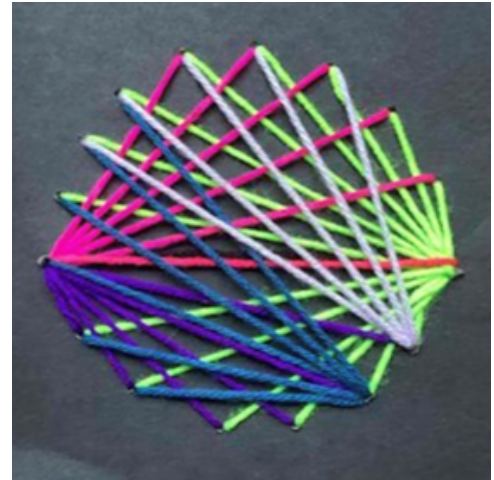
FIND ALL THESE EVENTS AND THE DISTRICT APPLICATION PROGRAMS GUIDE AT YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT DISTRICT APPLICATION PROGRAMS, PLEASE CONTACT THE STUDENT ASSIGNMENT OFFICE AT STUDENTASSIGNMENT@PCSB.ORG OR 727-588-6210.

Art Room News

Congratulations to August's Artists of the Month, 2nd grader Levi Anderson and 5th grader Talia Bolt! We have such talented artists at Oldsmar Elementary!



Levi Anderson, 2nd gradet



Talia Bolt, 5th grade

Congrats to September's Artists of the Month, 1st grader Logan Vandenburg and 4th grader Aubrey Lippold!



Logan Vandenburg, 1st grade



Aubrey Lippold, 4th grade

Stay tuned for more information regarding the Annual Children's Art Exhibit at City Hall coming up in October!

Nurse's station

National Dental Hygiene Month is observed every October to raise awareness of the importance of good oral health.

- Oral Hygiene for Children

As kids grow up, their oral hygiene habits should grow with them.

Kids have all their baby teeth by the age of 3. These are called primary teeth. Baby teeth start falling out around age 6; that's when the permanent, or adult, teeth start coming in. Gaps between baby teeth are normal. They make room for the permanent teeth. Most permanent teeth come in by age 13.

- Here are some tips to help keep your child's teeth healthy and strong starting at age 3:
 - Use a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste and make sure your child spits it out after brushing
 - Be sure your child brushes for at least 2 minutes twice a day
 - Start flossing as soon as teeth touch, or even earlier to help build good habits.
 - Help your child brush and floss, and remind him or her to pay attention to the back teeth.
 - Visit the dentist every 6 month.

