



April Newsletter

Oldsmar Elementary School

PRINCIPAL LOGAN

As we round into the end of the year students in VPK-5th grade will begin their final progress monitoring assessments. This is a great opportunity for them to show all their growth from the year. Students in 4th and 5th grade will take the State Writing Assessment on April 2nd and 3rd, while VPK-2nd will be testing their students starting in the middle of April. 3rd-5th will begin their ELA, Math, and Science testing in May. Please make sure your student is rested and encouraged. They have worked very hard this year. For specific schedules please reach out to AP Williams-Miller.



PE FUN

Student of the month for March

Primary - Zander Washington

Intermediate - Paris Bibby

Primary- William Yankee

Intermediate-Brielle Kantrowitz

Cafeteria Corner

Please do not forget to send your kids with water bottles, it is becoming that time of year when it is extremely hot, and we want to be sure the kids are hydrated.



IMPORTANT DATES

April 16th- Beautification club

April 16th- Last Astro Skate Party of the year!

April 23rd - Chillis Spirit Night

April 29th- May 3rd
Staff Appreciation Week

4/29- Pamper your teacher! Send in a relaxing gift. (Bath Bombs, Massage gift card, Coffee gift cards, etc.)

5/2- Bring in a healthy snack to share with the staff (collections in office or car line)

5/3- Please write your favorite Staff member a special note.



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COUNSELORS CORNER

OLDSMAR/EASTLAKE ROTARY CLUB STUDENT OF THE MONTH

JAXON ALVARADO, IN MS. MANION AND MRS. CHICHESTER'S 5TH GRADE CLASSES, WAS SELECTED AS THE OLDSMAR ELEMENTARY ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH. JAXON WAS NOMINATED FOR HIS DEDICATION TO ACADEMICS, EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP. JAXON AND HIS FAMILY WERE RECOGNIZED BY THE OLDSMAR/EASTLAKE ROTARY CLUB AT A LUNCHEON ON MARCH 21, 2024. HE RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE AND T-SHIRT. THE TEACHERS AND STAFF AT OLDSMAR ELEMENTARY ARE VERY PROUD OF JAXON AND THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT.

JOSEPH L. CARWISE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

SKYLAR ANDERSON AND JOSIAH WEAVER BOTH IN 5TH GRADE, WERE NOMINATED FOR THE JOSEPH L CARWISE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. THESE STUDENTS WERE NOMINATED AS OLDSMAR ELEMENTARY'S TOP MINORITY STUDENTS WHO HAVE EARNED HIGH ACADEMIC GRADES DURING THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR. THIS AWARD IS GIVEN TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE PERFORMED ACADEMICALLY AND DEMONSTRATED RESPECTABLE CHARACTER. THESE STUDENTS WERE RECOGNIZED DURING A CEREMONY HELD MARCH 26, 2024 AT THE CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL. WE, AT OLDSMAR ELEMENTARY, WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE BOTH SKYLAR AND JOSIAH ON THIS WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!



NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION/KINDNESS WEEK - APRIL 22-25



TO CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS AND WHAT MAKES THEM DIFFERENT AND SPECIAL, OLDSMAR ELEMENTARY WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION (NYVP) WEEK THROUGH THE SANDY HOOK PROMISE INITIATIVE FROM APRIL 22ND – APRIL 25TH. THROUGHOUT THE WEEK WE WILL BE ENCOURAGING OUR STUDENTS

TO BE UPSTANDERS IN OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY AS WE CELEBRATE THE UNIQUE THINGS ABOUT EACH PERSON AND HOW THAT MAKES THEM SPECIAL. ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.

MONDAY, APRIL 22 - NICE WORDS ARE FREE! WEAR A SHIRT WITH KIND WORDS AND COMPLIMENT 5 PEOPLE TODAY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23 - SMILES ARE CONTAGIOUS! WEAR A SMILE ON YOUR FACE (AND CLOTHES) AND SMILE AT 5 PEOPLE TODAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 - WE ARE ALL KINDS OF AWESOME! WEAR SOMETHING THAT SHOWS WHAT YOU LOVE OR ARE GOOD AT. STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PERFORM RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 - BEING DIFFERENT IS WHAT MAKES YOU BEAUTIFUL! WEAR BLUE FOR AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH.



OLDSMAR'S KIDS OF CHARACTER FOR MARCH

EACH MONTH A STUDENT FROM EVERY CLASSROOM IS NOMINATED FOR THE CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH. THE STUDENTS RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE AND WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT OUR NEXT HOOT-N- NANNY. PLEASE HELP US IN CONGRATULATING THESE WONDERFUL KIDS OF CHARACTER. THEY WERE NOMINATED FOR RESPONSIBILITY.

**COLE CONOR RICE
KIRBERGER ANGEL GODOY
KANE DOROTHEA AMPAZI
PHILLIPS JACKSON SCHEAFFER
WILHELMI GARRETT WOLFF
SULLIVAN DONOVAN CUEVAS
WOLFF MASON JARAMILLO
WILKINS JANNATH HARJANI
BOONE KAILYX HALTON**

**BENTON XIOMARA CASTRO
DAMANN JONATHAN YURKIEWICZ
MUNSON ALLIE INZINGA
HALTON PRISHA HARJANI
EWING CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS
LOPEZ SOPHIA ALVLARADO
ROSENBLUM VERONIKA BEREZOVSKAYA
BARONDICK ROLAND HAENGEL
CHICHESTER MADISON LAPPIN
DELGADO ASHER THOMPSON
CHICHESTER AVA LAPPIN
GIDDINGS LIZETH HERNANDEZ-CALIXTRO
MANION ILLIANA YOAKAM
MAZIROW RYAN SAKKIS
MCFARLAND ABIGAIL WELLS
RING DANI KAWA
SPINDOLA GRAHAM DO**



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LIAISON –

ALISHA REITH

Big shout out to the Volunteers, Mentors and Business Partners, the school wouldn't function if it wasn't for all of you!

In order to make the events happen we must have the volunteer support. If you are considering volunteering, attending a field trip etc. please don't wait to register as a volunteer.

Become a mentor! 30 minutes a week with a student is all it takes. Please consider. Take a look at the details and the changes that it makes in a child's life.

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MEDIA CENTER CHATTER

MRS. JONES

We had our school Battle of the Books on March 25. Six teams of 4 competed to be the Oldsmar Elementary representative at the District Battle. The teams had to read 15 books over the past few months and be able to answer questions about those books. The winning team consists of Talia Bolt, George Homs, Illiana Yoakam and Veronika Berezovskaya. This team will now move forward to the District Semi-Finals in mid-April. Congrats

As the year moves on, please make sure your child is keeping track of their library books and returning them on time. The final due date for all books to be returned to the library will be May 10th. Overdue notices will go out to students by the end of April.



NURSE ROOM NEWS

Thank you all so much for your patients with the school having no permanent nurse. Nurse Vidal has done an amazing job in between the two schools here in Oldsmar. If you are looking to help with donations each teacher always needs some Band-Aids for their classrooms.

WE ARE LOOKING
FOR PROCTORS FOR
MAY TESTING!
PLEASE CONTACT
ALISHA REITH IF YOU
ARE INTERESTED.
MUST BE A
REGISTERED
VOLUNTEER



ART ROOM COLOR!

Congratulations to this month's Artists of the Month, Kindergartener Delilah Laber and 5th Grader Roberto Vazquez! We have such talented artists at Oldsmar Elementary!



DONATIONS NEEDED!

WE ARE IN NEED OF BABY WIPES FOR CLEANING UP AT THE END OF ART CLASS FOR TIMES WHEN WE ARE NOT QUITE MESSY ENOUGH FOR THE SINK, BUT STILL NEED TO CLEAN OUR HANDS!

PTA

Please become a volunteer! We are looking for more help this upcoming year so we can continue to hold events. We are struggling with PTA volunteers when we hold events and we don't want to have to not hold events.

We have our last after school ASTRO SKATE party coming soon. It will be cash only!

If you are interested in being on the PTA board, we have openings! please contact Alisha.

F.R.I.E.N.D.S

INTERESTING NEWS!

Dennis Beeker with Suncoast Herpetological Society provided us a great way to learn about Bites and Stings now that it is caterpillar season! Please follow their page on you tube!

https://youtu.be/douBGkhEtsM?si=8y_dD2uHXVI9HQft

Please remember that you cannot pick up your student after 2:30pm If you come after they have to wait until dismissal. Thank you!

Mrs. Dunson

21st Century Learning Skills– Critical Thinking

I wanted to circle back to Critical Thinking this month since it is such an important skill for 21st Century Learning. As we draw near to summer break here are two websites and two games that you might be interested in because they support practice in critical thinking. Kahn Academy – www.kahnacademy.org

Many of you are already familiar with this site that offers activities for math, science, economics, humanities and more. This has been around for a while and is well-loved by many students. EDx– www.Edx.org

This website offers a variety of online courses and instruction from around the world. They offer program certificates for programs focused on critical thinking. They also offer “micro masters” programs.

Both of these websites offer free accounts.

Two games that support learning in critical thinking are:

SET– This is a card game that involves the analysis of criteria such as shape, color, numbers and shading to make decisions for a turn.

RUSH HOUR– This is a single player game where a car has to navigate out of an area where other vehicles may be blocking it.

There are various levels of difficulty and strategic planning and problem solving required to play.

Maria Edmonds Hispanic Award

Kellan Mota and Adrian Rodriguez were selected as Oldsmar Elementary’s honorees for the Maria Edmonds Hispanic Award. This award gives recognition to the top Hispanic students who have earned the highest academic grades during the current school year. These students will be recognized at an award ceremony on April 8, 2024 at Ruth Eckerd Hall. We, at Oldsmar Elementary, would like to congratulate Kellan and Adrian on this wonderful achievement. We encourage you to keep working hard!