

O.E.S. School Newsletter

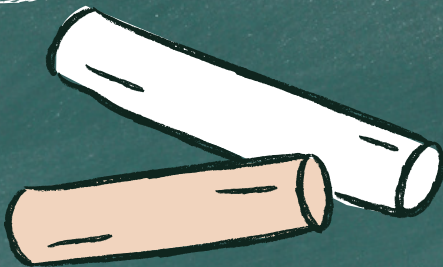


Principal Corner Greg Logan

Welcome back OES Families. We continue to move our school towards success and the partnership between home and school is vital for that. In the upcoming weeks I will have a State of the School meeting to inform families of the current progress of our school and next steps to moving our school to greatness. More information to come. As always, your continued feedback is appreciated and look forward to a strong second half of the year.



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Upcoming Events

January 15- Martin Luther King Day- no school
January 18- Hoot- N- Nanny
January 19: color run kick-off
January 22-26- Be a buddy week
January 30- BINGO/ GENERAL PTA MEETING

After School Activities

- ☒ Beautification Club
- ☒ STEM
- ☒ PSA SPORTS
- ☒ K-KIDS CLUB
- ☒ Oddyssey of the minds!
- ☒ SAFE Club

Family and Community Liaison Alisha Reith

Happy New Year Families! I am so excited to get back into the swing of things! I hope you all had a GREAT break!
We have a lot planned for this upcoming year so please be sure that you have updated your Volunteer status. If you plan to go on field trips its important that you get your level 2 clearance! Let me know if you need to know how! Please visit PCSB.ORG under volunteer for more information!
Reminder: please log your Volunteer hours.

Want to become a mentor?
<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/461>
please visit this link for detail!



A Note From Mrs. Kathy Jones- media



Happy New Year! We are starting January off strong in the library and getting all of our new furniture in place and books back on the shelves. Furniture was delivered just before break and while there is still a lot to do, the library is already shining bright! We look forward to welcoming our students back in with new spaces and activities to do in the Media Center.

Students learned about the app Sora in December and hopefully found some wonderful books to read over break. Information about this year's Battle of the Books will be coming soon. Those books can be found currently in Sora, which is located in Clever.

Our Boys Read group will be participating in the district competition later this month. They have been working hard and will be ready to compete!



Read More On

Oldsmarelementary.com

Counselor Corner

Oldsmar's Kids of Character for December

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 recognized for

Charity/Generosity

Cole Rose Hodges

Kane Haylee Stewart

Wilhelmi Millyanna Wilson

Wolff Harper Hill

Boone Lila Taylor

Damann Harmony Raye

Halton Henry Green

Lopez Shania Raye

Barondick Maxylene Martes

Delgado Grace Valenzuela

Giddings Layla Nguyen

Mazirow Gabriela Castro

Ring Jason Tiso

Kirberger Julian Romeo

Phillips Brylee Megee

Sullivan Tina Huynh

Wilkins Petra Hecimovich

Benton Daleyza Nunez-Vargas

Munson Vanessa Davis

Ewing Colette Pryor

Rosenblum Victoria Bigelow

Chichester Kendall Williger

Manion Nyla Yorger

McFarland Ian LaRocca

Spindola Deontae Jones



No Name Calling/Be a Buddy Week is January 22 - 26

Oldsmar's Kids of Character for December

Each month a student from Oldsmar Elementary will be recognizing No Name Calling Week, January 22 - 26, 2024. The theme is #Celebrate Kindness. No Name-Calling Week is a week organized to end name-calling and bullying in schools. During this week, students will be listening to informative morning announcements, and teachers will have the opportunity to share lessons, read books and have classroom circle discussions on teasing, name-calling and bullying. Students will be encouraged to practice tolerance and treat each other with respect and kindness. Students will also be encouraged to ask for help from an adult such as a parent or teacher when they are feeling unsafe. This is a good time for parents to talk to their kids about how they would react if they or someone they knew was being bullied or teased. Please see the list of Spirit Days, below:

Monday: will be BEING DIFFERENT MAKES US SPECIAL DAY. Students are encouraged to have crazy hair or wear mismatched clothes.

Tuesday: will be LOVE NOT HATE DAY. Students are encouraged to wear Tie-dyed shirts or 70's wear.

Wednesday: will be SOCK IT TO BULLYING DAY. Students are encouraged to wear wild and crazy socks.

Thursday: will be KINDNESS IS MY SUPERPOWER DAY. Students are encouraged to wear a Superhero shirt.

Friday: will be TEAM UP AGAINST TEASING DAY. Students are encouraged to wear their favorite sports team shirt or their Oldsmar Owl shirt.

HOW TO APPLY TO A DISTRICT APPLICATION PROGRAM

THE INITIAL APPLICATION PERIOD FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR IS
JANUARY 9 THROUGH 5 PM ON JANUARY 19!

1 ACCESS THE FOCUS PARENT PORTAL.

To complete an application, families must use the online Focus Parent Portal at <https://focus.pcsb.org>. Use the same link to set up an account with your email. You can use any computer, including a school computer, to login and apply.

2 COMPLETE THE APPLICATION.

- Click the Student Reservation System link on the left side.
- Choose the enrollment option that applies to your family and select continue.
- Select District Application Program (Magnet, Fundamental, & Career Academy Programs)
- Choose Make an Application for NEXT School Year and select continue.
- Enter your student's legal first name, last name, and birthdate; or student ID number and select continue.
- Click the button next to your child's name. If your child's name is not listed, follow the instructions on the screen and then select continue.
- Enter your house number and street name and select continue.
- Click the button next to your address. If it is not listed, follow the instructions on the screen.
- Verify your address is correct and select continue.
- Answer the questions regarding siblings, current programs, and PCSB employee status. This is how the computer assigns priority to your first ranked choice. Information entered here will be validated by the school to which you are applying. Select continue.
- Select Elementary, Middle, or High School to have the available programs appear.
- Rank them in order of preference, 1-5 with 1 being the first choice. Choose up to 5 programs and select continue.
- Review your selections and check I Agree. Review the DAP stipulations and select "I understand." Select continue.
- Print a copy and enter your contact information to have a confirmation sent to you.

3 SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION.

If you are new to Pinellas County Schools and you applied to a Center for Gifted Studies or a High School AJCE or IB program, contact the individual program coordinator to submit your student testing and grading data for evaluation against the specific application criteria.



VISION: 100% STUDENT SUCCESS
MISSION: EDUCATE AND PREPARE EACH STUDENT FOR COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE

Toys for Tots – Thank You

We had an overwhelming amount of support this year for Toys of Tots. The families and staff of Oldsmar Elementary donated OVER 125 new unwrapped toys to the Toys for Tots. These toys were used to support our local families and children this holiday season. Thank you to all who donated for your wonderful generosity and making the holiday for many very bright.

Generosity and Kindness in Oldsmar

Through the efforts of Deputy Eduardo Martinez and the Pinellas Sheriff's Department, The Moose Lodge in Oldsmar, Eastlake/Oldsmar Rotary Club, Oldsmar Cares, The City of Oldsmar, Toys for Tots, and staff and families of Oldsmar Elementary, we were able to provide gifts and holiday meals for thirty-eight of our Oldsmar families. This included over 80 children. Thank you for your overwhelming outpouring of generosity and kindness during this holiday.

P.E Students of the month

October- Primary- Jake Koenig, Javien Williams

Intermediate-Kiana Ramroop, Aldo Eisch


November- Primary-Violet Bartz, Shaquille Clemons

Intermediate-Lawrence Dong, J'alayah Rich

December-Primary-Bella Rivera, Knox Cole

Intermediate-Jameson Miller, Kenzie Halton

PTA NEWS



January 19th- COLOR RUN KICK-OFF! We are so excited to have our first color run! Students are encouraged to raise \$15.00 or more to participate. Color run: February- 15th.

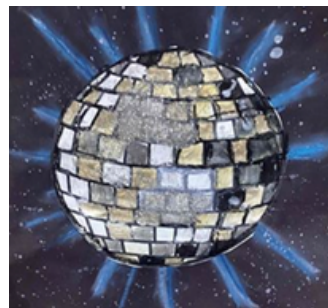
Our general PTA board meeting with BINGO is January 30TH flyer with more information to come. Mark your calender now!

Art Room News

Congratulations to November's Artists of the Month, 1st grader Ke'loni Batten and 4th Grader Aaser Kandil! We have such talented artists at Oldsmar Elementary



Ke'loni Batten, 1st Grade



Aaser Kandil, 4th Grade

Nurse Melonie

BE AN ACTIVE FAMILY

As parents, we have all heard or even said the famous saying, "Do as I say, not as I do." In reality, we know that modeling the behaviors we want is the key to getting those behaviors to show up in our kids. Turns out, words are important, too.

Leading by example through word and deed can be one of the tougher struggles of parenthood, especially when it comes to healthy lifestyle habits, like moving more after a tiring day. When it comes to being physically active with your child, whenever possible:

1. Actively participate! Try to join in to whatever activity your children are doing.
2. Cultivate a positive attitude about being active. Take time for yourself to move and make it fun!
3. For young children, use words to describe what the parts of our bodies are doing in order to move: how we're moving, where we're moving, and with whom
4. For young children, use the magic of music and movement.
5. Involve the entire family in active games and household chores.

Physical Activity, USDA's ChooseMyPlate
Be An Active Family, USDA's ChooseMyPlate
Food.unl.edu

Adopt-A-Class

We are looking for 9 more adopt-a-class sponsors.

reitha@pcsb.org

We are also looking for donations to a grant to help our ESE kids! Please view!

https://www.finditfunditflorida.com/pinellas/grants/?schoolyear=&subject_id=&business_id=2041820&title=Title&keywords=Keywords&teacher=Teacher+Last+Name

21st Century Learning and the 4 Cs submitted by Mrs. Dunson

One of the 4 C's of 21st Century Learning is Communication. Once a child leaves school and enters college or a field of work, communication, and ability to communicate with clarity and strength will become important. With the prevalence of written communication in emails, texts, and other platforms, students must develop strong writing skills to convey their thoughts clearly. Some students are eager to vocalize their ideas however are reluctant to write them down. Here is a strategy to get your child to practice writing down thoughts while having a little fun and allowing them to use creativity which is another of the 21st Century Learning Skills.

It is R.A.F.T. Here is how to do one:

R is for role. Choose a role such as a cell phone. This will be the who of who is writing.

A is for audience. Choose who/what the person or thing writing will write to.

F is for format. Choose a format such as a poem or a song or a postcard for the "writer" to write in.

T is for topic. Choose a topic for the writer to write to the audience about.

Here is an example of how that might work:

R- Role of a rotary style telephone

1. Audience will be a cell phone

F- Format will be a letter

T- Topic will be 5 things that is wants the cell phone to know about the "old days"

In other words, have your child write a letter from an old-time telephone to a cell phone in which they talk about life before cell phones.

Another way to get your child to practice written communication is to have them compose thank you notes or emails to family and friends they may have received presents from. This also fosters the connectedness between family and friends. Finally, have your child keep a journal or practice authoring short stories. These are all ways to encourage your child to practice written communication.