

Ozona Elementary

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

News from Principal Freeman

I want to give a very special thank you to all of our volunteers and mentors! Your dedication to our students is incredible and because of you we can help our students achieve at higher levels. Thank you so much for going above and beyond to make every student feel special. Remember to sign in and out each time you volunteer. Every minute counts towards our volunteer hours for the 2018/19 school year!

All year our students have been working hard on applying the learning strategies they have been working on in reading, writing, math, science and social studies. Soon our 3rd – 5th graders will have the opportunity to shine as they show off all that they have been learning. It is at this time of year that many parents ask me how they can help their children become better readers. They also want to know how to help their child meet grade level expectations. The following are skills needed to be successful on the FSA (Florida Standard Assessment):

- Determine the meaning of words (vocabulary) by using is context clues (read through the sentence, skipping the unknown word and figuring out the word from the meaning of the sentence)
- Determine the main idea or essential message of the passage.
- Identify supporting details and facts (sentences or words that tell about the main idea.)
- Retell (child tells you the story in his own words).
- Recognize comparison and contrast (what is similar and what is different).
- Recognize the difference between fact and opinion (fact- actually happened in the story; opinion- what person in the story thinks about something).

These strategies will help your child become better readers and thinkers. Research tells us the more children read, the better readers they will become.

Don't forget to compete the monthly reading log challenge! I am looking forward to a great "second half" of the 2018/19 school year. Your child(ren) are our greatest resource and we will do whatever it takes for them to succeed!



Upcoming Events

19th & 20th- Vision & hearing screenings K, 1st, 3rd

22nd- Ospreys in Motion Move-a-thon

25th- PTA Meeting 6:30 pm

28th- Osprey Celebration gates open at 8, awards at 8:15 am

March

1st- PRIDE winners assembly 5th gr 2:15 pm

4th-SAC meeting 6:30 pm, media center

7th- 5th gr field trip Lowry Park Zoo

8th- No School for students

11th- 15th- Spring Break

18th-School Resumes & PTA 6:30 pm

Vision

100% student success

Mission

The staff of Ozona Elementary will work collaboratively with families to promote highest student achievement and to foster at least a year's worth of academic growth for every child.

More Important News

Counselor's Corner:

Hello Parents!

Are you assisting your child live a healthy lifestyle? Good health and physical well-being go hand in hand with learning. Help your child develop healthy habits now! Here are some tips you may find helpful:

- Enforce a regular bedtime. If you notice your child is still tired, make the bedtime earlier.
- Encourage your child to have an outlet of stress. For example, exercising, drawing, or journaling.
- Set the expectation of healthy eating habits. For example, eating fruits and vegetables, drinking water not sugary drinks, portion size, and practicing self-control with sweets.
- Regular exercise. This doesn't have to be through team sports. Other possibilities include walking, swimming, riding a bike or throwing a ball. Try anything that doesn't involve sitting in front of the TV or device.

Sincerely,
Nicola Repetosky
School Counselor

Parent Drop Off & Parking Reminder

Please remember that carline opens daily at 8:15 am. There should be **NO** students on campus prior to 8:15 am unless they are here for tutoring, clubs, etc.

Also please be courteous to our neighbors by not blocking any driveways during drop off and dismissal. Thank you!

Report Student Absence

Parents are required to log onto the **Ozona website** and click on the **"Report Student Absence" icon**. Or send a written explanation of their child's absence to school, within two (2) days of an absence. If no written notification is received, the absence is regarded as an "unexcused absence." Should a student be out of school for family/personal reasons for a prolonged period, advance notice should be given to the office. Classwork/homework is required to be made up **after** the absence according to the arrangements made with the teacher. Phone calls requesting work for an absence must be made to the office by 9:30 am. Work will be available to pick up in the office after 3:00 pm.

Celebrations!

Mrs. Gardner is Ozona Elementary's Teacher of the Year! She was recognized and supported by her Ozona family at the Evening of Excellence.

Congratulations to our Battle of the Books Team for winning 2nd place! Way to go Sienna, Mary Ann, Kate & Payton!

Super job BoB coaches: Mrs. Dorweiler, Mrs. Jacobs & Mrs. Brown!

A special thank you to Pastor Heath for being a service provider for our Pack a Snack Program. We are very grateful for his time and effort!!

Every grade level scored above the District average in every subject on the MAP assessment!

Thanks Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Teig, Mrs. Rutkoski, Mrs. Barabash and Mr. Armando for supporting the YMCA with your Lip Synch performance!

FSA Bootcamp for Ospreys!

Get ready to crush FSA! Only \$10 per class (\$5 back to OES) Huntington Learning Center is offering classes designed for 3rd-5th graders. Call 727-784-1114

Florida Prepaid College Plan

Learn about Florida prepaid tuition plans

The open enrollment period for the Florida Prepaid College Plan is underway. The Florida Prepaid College Plan allows families to lock in college plan prices and prepay the future cost of college tuition and fees. Through March 2, Florida Prepaid is celebrating its 30th anniversary by making enrollment **FREE**. Use the promo code **30YEARS** to save \$50. The enrollment period will close April 30. College savings plan resources are available at www.pcsb.org/prepaid. Learn more and apply at the [Florida Prepaid website](#).

Bay News 9 highlights educators who make a difference in A+ Teacher segment:

Each Tuesday morning, Spectrum Bay News 9 and Al Ruechel will feature an A+ Teacher who is inspiring and leading students across the Bay Area. Bay News 9 has asked students or their parents to nominate an A+ Teacher. If you know of a teacher who deserves to be recognized (and would not shy away from news coverage), encourage your school community to nominate him/her. Nominations can be submitted by email at teachers@charter.com. Parents and students should send contact information and a short explanation of why their educator is an A+ Teacher.

Annual ESE Parent Surveys

Paper Surveys were sent home 2/14/19. The information in this survey is used by the FDOE to assess parent satisfaction with the ESE services their students are entitled to and are receiving in Pinellas County Schools. The survey timeframe runs from February 2019 through May 2019. Your participation is appreciated!

Vision and Hearing Screenings K, 1st & 3rd Grades: Feb. 19 & Feb. 20

This is to inform you that the vision and hearing team will be at our school on February 19th and 20th. Per State Requirements, every student in Kindergarten, first, and third grade will have a vision and hearing screen and a height, weight and BMI done. Please be advised that if you want your child to be excluded from any of these screenings, we must receive a written request from the Parent/Guardian, to the School, for the **Attention of the School Nurse** as soon as possible before this screening date.

2019-2020 School Contacts for Incoming 6th Graders

School	Admin	Counselor	Phone Number
Carwise MS	Nancy Verigan	Jennifer McGinnis	727-724-1442x2113
Clearwater Fund.	Paul Kurek	Allison Gulino	727-298-1609x2054
East Lake MS	Mrs. Karen Huzar	Melissa Broner	727-940-7624x2060
Dunedin MS	Calla Aldford	Maria Bosco	727-469-4112x2015
Palm Harbor MS	Julius Wynn	Lisa Vogus	727-669-1146x2051
Safety Harbor MS	Matt Miller	Janice Mikolajczak	727-724-1400x2014
Tarpon Springs MS	Eric Leopold	Elena Sampson	727-943-5511x2030

Congratulations to Citizens of the Month

Matthews-MaKenna
Clark/Hashey--Emily
Flood/Magad – Karma
Koch/Murphy--Wyatt
Loomis/Manoly--Greyson
Budd – Hannah
Day –Kyleigh
Jadidian – Everett
Light--Madyson
Magoulis – Madilyn
Procter –Avery
Wood - Jacob
Hering – Mckenna
Kucek--Lydia
McGowan --Chloe
Mohr – Jocelyn
Morgado -- Norah
Tierney – Payton
Vollmer – Ethan
Cesarini - Bodie
Danneman – Aleks
Gardner – Andrew
Gosche – Maddox
Hosman—Vitali
Schroeder—Christopher
Weech--Maximo
Eshelman--Lucy
Hampson -- Collin
R. Johnson – Riley
Knauff – Savannah
Rutkoski – Carlie
Slee--Lana
Weinberg –Katelyn
DeVine – CJ
Hedman--Gretchen
Hollenbeck – Austin
V. Johnson--Sophia
Swind – Reese
Wolfinger--Giovanni
Evans – Sophie
D. Johnson –Joseph
Koonce – Lydia
Teig –Hannah
Wright – Ava
Bosley—Giovanni

Congratulations to Osprey Awardees

Edwards--Kylee
Matthews-Eldion
Clark/Hashey--Eden
Flood/Magad – Enzo
Koch/Murphy--Ailyah
Loomis/Manoly--Kiera
Budd – Gavin
Day –Everlee
Jadidian – Nikol
Light--Jacob
Magoulis – Sam
Procter –Alexander
Wood - Crystina
Hering – Anthony
Kucek--Leilana
McGowan --Joshua
Mohr – Dylan
Morgado -- Isaiah
Tierney – Kaelah
Vollmer – Weston
Cesarini - Alana
Danneman – Angela
Gardner – Ellyse
Gosche – Grace
Hosman—Mason
Schroeder—Silas
Weech--Haylee
Eshelman--Natalie
Hampson -- Leilana
R. Johnson – Justin
Knauff – Trevor
Rutkoski – Taylor
Slee--Jake
Weinberg –Ellieanna
DeVine – Stephanie
Hedman—Adriana
Hollenbeck – Henry
V. Johnson--Elijah
Swind – Douglas
Wolfinger--Payton
Evans – Aidan
D. Johnson –Troy
Koonce – Faith
Teig –Ruby
Wright – Jonah
Bosley--Carlos