



OWL NEWS

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Maryland Art Education Association

Each fall, the Maryland Art Education Association (MAEA) selects student art from across the state to be exhibited in the MAEA Student Exhibit at the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore. We are happy to announce that a painting (depicted to the right) by Aine Corridon-Crum, grade 4, was selected to be in the exhibit this year. Congratulations Aine!



Grade Level Communication

Research indicates that students benefit academically and socially when families are actively involved in their school experience. In order to facilitate a strong partnership, our leadership team has made the decision that each grade level team will communicate with families on a monthly basis (at minimum) via grade level newsletter or email to share curriculum expectations and important events happening in the classroom. We look forward to parent-teacher conferences in the coming weeks to discuss specifics regarding each child with his/her family. You are always encouraged to contact your child's classroom teacher throughout the year when you have questions regarding his/her performance. Our teachers are always happy to discuss students' academic progress and we appreciate the partnership that is established with parents!

Destination Imagination Meeting

Attention parents of curious and creative kids at Oakdale Elementary School! Are you looking for an opportunity that fosters creativity, innovation, and teamwork in children? Then you should try DI!

Destination Imagination (DI) provides a variety of STEAM based educational experiences designed to reach students across the globe in schools, in clubs, and at home. Students work together to develop a creative solution to a project-based team challenge and showcase it at a regional event. Through this process, students gain the 21st century skills they need to succeed in school, their careers and beyond.

We will be hosting an information session for students and parents/guardians interested in learning more about DI on **Monday, October 23 at 5:00 PM** in the media center. We currently have one parent coach interested in forming a team, but we would love more! Ms. Fitzwater will be serving as our school coordinator.

Math Corner

Amazing things have already been occurring in math classes this year! One of our goals this year is to encourage students to have a Growth Mindset, especially in the area of Mathematics.



"The term 'growth mindset' comes from the groundbreaking work of Carol Dweck. She identified that everyone holds ideas about their own potential. Some people believe that their intelligence is more or less fixed and in math – that you can do math or you can't. About 40% of students have these damaging 'fixed mindset' ideas. Another 40% have a 'growth mindset' – they believe that they can learn anything and that their intelligence can grow. The other 20% waver between the two mindsets. Students with a fixed mindset are those who are more likely to give up easily, whereas students with a growth mindset are those who keep going even when work is hard, and who are persistent. It is possible to change mindsets. " - Jo Boaler, Stanford University. Click [here](#) to read

about Positive Norms to Encourage in Math Class. These can be encouraged at home as well!

Melissa Hocherl, OES Math Specialist

Thanksgiving Lunch/Parental Involvement Day

Please be our guest for Thanksgiving lunch on Thursday, November 16! A Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings will be served in the cafeteria and we would love for you to join your son/daughter for lunch. We will operate on a modified lunch schedule on November 16 in order to accommodate all of our guests. Be on the lookout for a flyer to come home in the coming weeks with a menu and grade level schedule. Tickets will be sold in the lobby beginning at 10:00 AM on November 16 in order to expedite your time in line if you are purchasing lunch.

Skip Wizards

See attached for a special opportunity for Oakdale students to jump with the Skip Wizards team!
<https://drive.google.com/a/fcps.org/file/d/0B7-rpR-iWq1HSmF6azA4RGtxeVE/view?usp=sharing>

Chess Club

Enclosed in your child's Thursday folder today is a registration form for students interested in chess club. Thank you PTA for sponsoring this opportunity for our students!

Fall Festival

Students are permitted to dress like a character from their favorite book on Tuesday, October 31 as part of our Fall Festival celebration. Please ensure that costumes are appropriate for school (no masks, look alike weapons or anything that could be frightening for our youngest students). Party times are included below:

AM PK- 10:30-11:30

PM PK- 2:30-3:30

K- 12:20-1:20

1- 1:15-2:15

2- 2:30-3:30

3- 2:15-3:15, Mrs. Hause's party will be held from 1:10-2:10

4- 2:30-3:30 PM

5- 2:30-3:30 PM

Parent-Teacher Conferences Reminder

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on November 17 and November 20-21. Teachers will email families a link to a SignUpGenius schedule by October 23 for the purpose of registering for your parent-teacher conference(s). Please let your child's classroom teacher know before October 26 if you will require an interpreter for your conference so we can make the appropriate arrangements.

<i>Afternoon conferences will be held November 17, 2017 for Elementary Only</i>	<i>Evening conferences will be held November 20, 2017</i>	<i>Afternoon conferences will be held November 21, 2017</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Elementary and Middle students will attend school in the morning- Pre-K and Sp. Ed. Pre-K students will not attend- Lunch will be available for students- Dismissal will be 3 ½ hours earlier than usual	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Elementary and Middle students will attend school in the afternoon arriving 4 hours later than usual- Pre-K and Sp. Ed. Pre-K students will not attend- Lunch will not be served- Dismissal is at regular time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Elementary and Middle students will attend school in the morning- Pre-K and Sp. Ed. Pre-K students will not attend- Lunch will be available for students- Dismissal will be 3 ½ hours earlier than usual

Spirit Days

- November 3 - Sports Jersey Day
- December 15 - Pajama Day (no slippers please)

- January 19 - Multiples Day (dress like a friend)
- February 16 - Crazy Hair Day
- March 16 - Hat Day
- April 27 - Go Green Day
- May 18 - OES Spirit Day
- June 1- Beach Day (no bathing suits please)

Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
Friday, 10/20	Schools Closed, Professional Development Day for Teachers
Monday, 10/23	SignUpGenius registration for Parent-Teacher conferences will be emailed to families Destination Imagination Information Session, 5:00 PM, Media Center
Wednesday, 10/25	Grade K Field Trip, Gaver Farm Chorus, 8:00-8:45 Chess Club, 4:00-5:00
Monday, 10/30	ELO Begins (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays)
Tuesday, 10/31	ELO Fall Festival Parties
Wednesday, 11/1	ELO Chess Club, 4:00-5:00
Thursday, 11/2	ELO

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