



# OWL NEWS

April 6, 2017

Calendar of Events	
Date	Event
4/7	Spring Pictures
4/10	Character Counts Luncheon Cultural Arts Program
4/11	Spring Band/Strings Concert, 2:15 PM
4/12	Report Cards Issued
4/13	Last Day of ELO
4/14 - 4/21	Schools Closed for Students
4/24	PARCC Testing Window Opens
4/25	Kindergarten Field Trip to Maryland Zoo
4/28	Spirit Day- Go Green
5/2	PTA Meeting, 4:15, Media Center
5/3	Honors Chorus Performance, Weinberg Center for the Arts, 7:00 PM
5/4	Grade 3 Field Trip to Maryland Symphony Orchestra Concert at Maryland Theatre
5/10	Spring Concert for Community, 6:30 PM
5/12	Spring Concert for Students/Staff, 9:45 AM
5/13	Great Frederick Discovery Race, 2:00 PM
5/15	Kindergarten Spring Sing, 3:00 PM
5/16	Character Counts Luncheon
5/17	Grade 5 Panoramic Picture
5/19	5th Grade Move-Up Day to TJMS and OMS Clubs (moved from May 6th due to PARCC) Hootenanny (Spring Carnival)
5/30	PTA Meeting, 4:15, Media Center

Destination Imagination

We are proud of the Oakdale Omega Squad's performance at Destination Imagination's state competition last weekend. Desmond Grimm, Ashlyn Gussio, Emma Lachewitz, Mason Miller, McKenzie Mollica, Andrew Smith, and Megan Walker took sixth place out of sixteen teams in the elementary engineering challenge. Congratulations on their commitment and perseverance through challenging tasks; we couldn't be more proud of their performance!

### **Calling all Nominations**

Dedicated teachers, staff, and parents help make Oakdale Elementary a great school! Join us – it's rewarding, it's important, it's even fun! Please consider nominating yourself or someone else to serve in the role of PTA President, Vice President, Vice President 2, Secretary and/or Treasurer. **All nominations must be submitted by April 12.**

You may complete the electronic form below to submit a nomination and/or contact the nominating committee: Stephanie Ramachandran [stephaniebrothers@comcast.net](mailto:stephaniebrothers@comcast.net), April Graham [aprilgraham@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilgraham@yahoo.com) or Kim Clifford [kimberly.clifford@fcps.org](mailto:kimberly.clifford@fcps.org).

**[Click here to nominate yourself or someone else for one of the Executive Board offices!](#)**

### **Wear Blue Day April 7**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and April 7 is **Wear Blue Friday**. The Child Advocacy Center of Frederick County invites all FCPS staff to participate and help bring attention to the importance of protecting children and providing them with the safe, stable, nurturing environments that help them thrive. There is further information included in the following flyer:

<https://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/frederick/upload/0/6409.pdf>

Also on Friday, April 7, the Mayor of the City of Frederick and County Executive Gardner will join the public at 11 AM to read a proclamation at the Healing Garden at Bonita Maas Park (7 West 2nd Street, Frederick). They encourage public support in showing your blue and declaring support for the children in our communities. Our staff will be participating by wearing blue on April 7th; you may feel free to encourage your children to wear blue as well!

### **Counselor's Corner**

Welcome to spring! As I write this we are beginning our last week of term 3 – unbelievable! Even though it's raining outside right now, there is warmer weather, sunshine, and so many great things to look forward to!

- Small groups for Term 3 have almost all wrapped up, and term 4 groups will be starting up the week of April 3<sup>rd</sup>. \*If you have received a permission slip for your child to attend, please either return it to me ASAP or contact me with any questions you may have.
- Classroom lessons are complete for Term 3. Lessons for term 4 will be beginning after spring break when I visit kindergarten classrooms and talk with them about listening skills. Details will be included in the next issue of the Counselor's Corner regarding upcoming lessons for other grades.
- Thank you to our OES staff, families, and bus drivers for your support of our recent "School on Wheels" classroom lesson. All of our teachers presented to their classes an important reminder that our school buses truly are the beginning and end of the school day for many of our students, and even for those who do not use a school bus for daily transportation, school buses are still used for things like field trips as well. It is vital that we all recognize the importance of school bus safety and respect for the rules on the bus that keep us all safe. An extra thank you to our very own OES bus drivers who took the time to share their input and fill out a

questionnaire regarding what they see as the most important rules to accomplish this goal. As a review, these rules are:

- Use inside voices (no yelling) and use appropriate language
- Stay in your seat and face forward while the bus is moving
- Keep hands and feet to yourself and out of the aisle
- When exiting, stay seated until the bus comes to a complete stop
- No food, drinks, candy, gum, or personal electronic devices on the bus
- Our Hope 4 Kids weekend snacks in a backpack program is still operating and will be in place through the last week of the school year. If your children could benefit from some extra healthy food for weekends at home just call or email me (contact information below).
- Even though the OES Hootenanny is still more than a month away, help is here for any family that wants to attend this community-favorite event. Please contact me if you need any assistance purchasing tickets.

\*Regarding all of the above outreach/support programs: please understand that all information shared with me when asking for any kind of assistance is strictly confidential. If you have any questions, please contact me at [chuck.gill@fcps.org](mailto:chuck.gill@fcps.org) or 240-236-3309.

### **Summer Camp**

The FCPS World Language Department is hosting the "We Are the World" Summer Camp for next year's 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders (school year 2017-2018) from July 10-13 and July 17-19. Language camp will be held from 8:30-12 at Crestwood Middle School. If interested, please register at <https://goo.gl/6gU4uc>. Registration deadline is Friday, May 12th. For more information please call DeWayne Cash at 301-644-5264 or email [DeWayne.Cash@fcps.org](mailto:DeWayne.Cash@fcps.org).

### **Yearbook Orders Reminder**

The Oakdale Elementary School 2016-17 yearbook is on sale now. Yearbooks can be purchased through the Lifetouch website only. We are not accepting orders for yearbooks at the school. The cost of a yearbook is \$24.00. **The deadline for ordering a yearbook is April 16th.** Yearbooks should arrive in early June. Please follow this link to order a yearbook:

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/LookupJob?jobnumber=4330017>

### **Kindergarten and Pre-K Registration Reminder**

**Tell your friends and neighbors to register now for kindergarten and priority based Pre-K with Mrs. Sherman! Registration for the special education inclusive pre-kindergarten is now closed and families will be notified of lottery selections by April 28.**

### **School Spirit Dates Reminder**

**April 28- Go Green Day**

May 19- OES Spirit Day

June 9- Beach Day (No bathing suits please!)

## **Great Frederick Discovery Race**

A Hip and Historic Downtown Frederick  
Benefit Fundraiser for the FCPS Young Scholars Program

**Saturday, May 13**

**2 PM**

Prepare to have fun, match wits and discover  
little-known secrets about the City of Clustered Spires.

Perfect on your own, with your family or a team of friends, classmates or co-workers!

Early Bird Registration Offers Discounts through Saturday, April 15

Find out more and register now:

<http://tinyurl.com/GreatFDRace>

See the news release:

[http://www.fcps.org/news/Young-Scholars-Sponsor-Great-Frederick-Discovery-Race.cfm?grp\\_id=19385](http://www.fcps.org/news/Young-Scholars-Sponsor-Great-Frederick-Discovery-Race.cfm?grp_id=19385)

Prizes!

FUN for All Ages!

Character + Community + Commitment = Successful Learners

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