



# OCES Newsflyer

April 2014

## Principal's Message



I want to be a pilot when I grow up! I want to be a teacher! I want to build roads! I want to be a police officer, a nurse, a doctor, a dancer, a baseball player! These are some of the responses I got when I began asking children at OCES what they wanted to be when they grew up.

It is exciting and motivating for children to talk about what they want to do one day. As adults in their lives, we want these children to be able to pursue their dreams. This is where college and career readiness comes in.

What does "College and Career Ready" mean? It means that when students graduate from high school, they have the academic

skills (e.g. reading, writing, math) needed in order to be accepted into a college and/or enter a career. Education also prepares students to enjoy the sweetness of life reflected in things like art and music. College and Career Ready students are learners who develop strong communication skills, work well with others, and like to solve problems. They are motivated to work hard and achieve their highest potential.

College and Career Ready students are prepared to be life-long learners and happy people. At OCES, it is our role to help children grow into thriving students, healthy individuals and productive citizens. That is why we have College and

Career Ready standards for every grade level; policies and procedures for attendance and behavior; rules that promote respect for others; and the ACES program (All Children Exercise Simultaneously). This approach to wellness in every area of a student's life is reflected in the OCES motto: *I have a curious mind, a caring heart and the courage to never give up!*

The kind of student we hope to grow at OCES is a continuous learner, an appreciator of the arts, and a giver of their personal gifts. These children are our pilots, nurses, dancers, police officers and baseball players (go O's!) of the future.

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Principal  
Mrs. Karen Marx,  
Asst. Principal  
Mrs. Linda McGean,  
School Counselor  
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410-632-5370

### Dates to Remember:

- **4/4** PTA Family Bingo Night 5:00-7:00
- **4/8** Gr. 1 Music Program 6:30 pm
- **4/9, 10** PreK Application Day
- **4/11** Term 3 Awards Program
- **4/11** PTA 5 Below Fundraiser
- **4/15** County Fine Arts Festival at Pocomoke H.S., 6:00 pm (OC Stars perform)
- **4/16** "Heavenly Hats Day" with a \$1.00 donation students/staff maywear favorite hat
- **4/17** 1:00 dismissal begins Easter/Spring Break through **4/21**
- **4/23** Administrative Professional Day
- **4/24** Spring Picture Day
- **4/25** PTA Dine Around Town-Marina Deck Restaurant
- **4/25** Shorebirds Hit the Books Night for OCES
- **4/30** Student of the Month Lunch
- **5/7-9** Mother's Day Plant Sale

## 1/2 Day for Students Thursday, April 17— 1:00 Dismissal

There has been a calendar change for the Easter/Spring break. Thursday, April 17 is now a 1/2 day with dismissal for **all students at 1:00 pm.**

**School will reopen  
Tuesday, April 22nd.**



**The OCES Motto**  
I have a **Curious** Mind,  
A **Caring** Heart,  
and the  
**Courage** to never give  
up!



## Missing Something?

Please check the **Lost and Found Closet**

in the cafeteria. It is overflowing with hats, coats, sweaters, lunchboxes, etc. If not claimed by the end of the year, all items will be donated to charity!

As a reminder, please mark your child's belongings with his/her name.

## BOOK FAIR SUCCESS!

Thank you for making the OCES spring book fair a HUGE SUCCESS, even in the middle of a snow storm!

A special thank you to the many volunteers that manned the fair and to Mrs. Purnell for lining up those folks.

The proceeds of the fair have allowed us to order some much needed books and materials for the children, including 2 iPads!

Again, thank you for your support of reading and OCES!

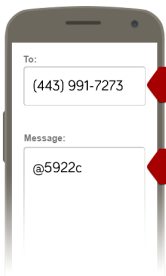
## Heavenly Hats Day 4/16

For a \$1.00 donation to Heavenly Hats, students, faculty and staff may wear their favorite hat on April 11. Heavenly Hats is an organization that provides hats to patients with cancer.

What a fun way to support those in need!

## Reminder about Remind 101

All you need to do to sign up to receive text messages from us is text the message @5922c to (443) 991-7273. Yes, it's that simple!



Enter this number

Text this message

## Curriculum Connection

In a kindergarten classroom, children's learning is focused around two important areas, numbers and what they represent and addition and subtraction. Students are also learning to identify and work with shapes. Some activities your kindergartener has done this year include: counting how many objects in a group, comparing quantities in two groups, and representing addition and subtraction word problems using objects, pictures, and/or models. Children in kindergarten classrooms use lots of math manipulatives to build a deep understanding of these math concepts.

You can help your kindergartener outside of school by using everyday objects to allow your child to count and group a collection of objects. Encourage your child to construct numbers in multiple ways. For example, what are some ways that you can make 10? Have your child create story problems to represent addition and subtraction of small numbers. Encourage your child to stick with it whenever a problem seems difficult. This will reinforce our school motto of having the courage to never give up.

In a first grade classroom, children's learning is focused around whole numbers and place value including grouping numbers into tens and ones as they learn to add and subtract up through 20. If you were to visit your child's classroom during a math lesson, you might see your child determining whether  $6 + 8 < 10 + 5$  is true or false statement. They may use base ten blocks to assist them with this problem. You will also see your child working with various word problems in which they use pictures, diagrams, or models with labels to show how they solved the problem.

You can help your first grader at home by seizing everyday opportunities to have your child do mathematics. For example, if you open a carton of eggs and take out seven, ask "How many are left in the carton?" You can also play math games with your child. For example, say "I'm thinking of a number. When I add five to it, I get 11. What is the number?" Continue to encourage your child to stick with it whenever a problem seems difficult and praise your child and celebrate when they persevere.

As always, don't be afraid to reach out to your child's teacher. You are an important role in your child's education. Look for mathematics information for grades 2 & 3 in the next issue.

For more information on helping your child learn mathematics go to <http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/math/index.html>.



The students in Mrs. Fiori's class are learning about plants and sewing seeds with Ms.

Kelly Roberts, a master gardener. The children can't wait for the peas, cucumbers, squash, beans, and tomatoes to grow!



## Worcester Northern Schools AFG Mission Statement

The mission of Worcester County Northern Schools, a diverse and growing community, is to provide a rigorous, sequential, and balanced curriculum for all students to become responsible lifelong learners.

This will be accomplished through instructional excellence in partnership with family and community in a safe, caring, and well-maintained environment.

We will recognize the uniqueness of each student's role as a productive citizen in an ever changing world.



## Stand Up, Speak Up!



In April the *Stand Up, Speak Up* anti-bullying program is highlighting the positive attribute of "assertiveness." People who are assertive show confidence, have the ability to express their thoughts, emotions and needs without disrespecting others, and are powerful in a positive way.

The following scenario was shared with students.

*"Two girls come up to one of their classmates during recess and say, "We can't play with you anymore because Matilda says she won't be our friend if we do." The girls turn and go back over to play with Matilda.*

**"What would YOU do?"**

Ask your child what he/she would do in this situation.

## Ocean City Arbor Day April 27

On Friday, April 27, the second grade classes of our school will be traveling to Northside Park at 125<sup>th</sup> Street and the Bayside to present an Arbor Day program for the Town of Ocean City. There will



be poems, skits, singing and more to entertain the guests. After the program, every student will help plant a special tree on the grounds to commemorate the day.

The Mayor and City Council and the Beautification Committee for the Town of Ocean City would like to invite all families and friends of Ocean City Elementary School to join them for the town's Arbor Day celebration.

The festivities will begin about 9:30 with light refreshments for the children and adults in the Community Room at Northside Park. After the tree planting, the OC Police Department will present a short safety program by the K-9 and Mounted Patrol as a thank you for the children. For more information or any questions, please call Donna Greenwood, Chairman of the Beautification Committee at 410-289-7060.



## Delays in School Openings for Fog, Bad Weather, or Emergency Closings

Listen to the local radio and TV stations or call the Hotline at: 410-632-5399, Access #6600 or access the Board of Education's Website at:  
[www.worcesterk12.com](http://www.worcesterk12.com)

## March Students of the Month

Congratulations to the March Students of the Month. These students exhibited leadership and responsibility without being reminded. The lunch for these students was sponsored by the Ocean City –Berlin OptiMs Club.

**Grade 1:** Reid Phillips, Kathie Maldonado, Jessica Lopez-Moreno, Paige McAdams, Peter Snyder, and Lauren McAdams.

**Grade 2:** Caroline Trejo-Valencia, Hannah Hammel-Naylor, Zachary Wilhelm, Devlin Deem, Shay Flannery, and Caitlin Williams.

**Grade 3:** Logan Intrieri, John Murphy, Kameron Harris, Ava Hinkle, Eva Purnell and Kora Ketner.

**Grade 4:** Ian Betterson, Skylar Cook, Kamilla Dymova, Andrea Stefan-Murphy, Jasmi Zavala, and Saige Figgs.

Keep up the great work!

If you are interested in being a sponsor for the Student of the Month program, please contact Mrs. McGean at 410-632-5381.

## PTA News and Information

- **April 11:** Five Below Fundraiser, an all day event, with 15% returned to the PTA.
- **April 27:** PTA Dine Around Town Fundraiser at Marina Deck. 15% of sales will return to the PTA.
- **May 7-9:** Mother's Day Plant Sale. If you would like to assist with this, please call Kandy Davis or Jen Wheeler.
- **Coming Soon:** The OCES Golf Tournament is set for **June 19th** with a noon tee time. \$100.00/player. PTA is looking for players, hole sponsors, and donations. An informational flyer is coming home soon.
- **June 18th:** Pre-Golf Tournament Kick-Off at Buxy's. More information to come soon.
- **Art to Remember:** Be on the look out for those

## Thank You, PTA

A huge thank you to the PTA from the Faculty and Staff for a delicious luncheon provided in March. This second half of the school year has been quite hectic with weather issues, testing, etc. for everyone. The lunch provided a moment of peace and relaxation! Thank you parents for taking good care of us! It is appreciated!

## AFG Kid-Friendly Mission Statement

AFG for you and me-

AFG will help us see-

We're all different, that's okay-

It helps us learn and grow each day!

We set a goal to take us far-

We work really hard to be a star.

Home, school, and community-

Cooperation is the key.

AFG will help us plan-

So we can be the best we can!!!

## Music Matters



Students in Mr. Chapman's music classes are listening to and describing the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Although many of Mozart's compositions are well known and recognized throughout the world, I have chosen 12 Variations on 'Ah, vous dirai-je, Maman'. This composition is based on the childhood song "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and is in the form of theme and variations. The theme is the most simple and basic way of performing the melody. Each variation changes the way the melody is played, while still retaining the original set of notes in some way.

During the second week of April we will be having another Performance Day in class. This is a special day on which students perform individually or in small groups demonstrating a musical skill in some way. Singing, dancing, and performing on instruments are all part of Performance Days. Some children give much thought and creativity when preparing for their performances. I try to include rhythms, keyboard exercises, and songs that have been worked on in class for students who need some ideas.

And speaking of performing, I was very proud of our 2nd graders during their concert on March 18. We had many interruptions in our rehearsals because of snow and testing, but they worked extra hard and performed beautifully. Many of these fine singers will become fantastic O.C. Stars next year.

The O.C.Stars have several performances during April and early May. We will perform on Friday, April 11 for the term three awards assembly at school. On Tuesday evening, April 15, we will travel by bus to Pocomoke High School for the annual Worcester County Fine Arts Festival. Detailed information about this performance will be sent later. Finally, we will finish the year with the Springfest opening ceremony on Thursday, May 1.



Mrs. Eng's Kindergarten Students had 13 parents/grandparents join them for a Dr. Seuss Read In in March.

Students dressed as their favorite Dr. Seuss characters and enjoyed many of his silly stories!  
Thank you to all the participants!

# 2014-2015 Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

The goal of Pre-Kindergarten in the public schools is to provide learning experiences to help young children build their skills so they are more likely to do well in school. To be eligible for the Pre-Kindergarten program, children must be **four years old on or before September 1, 2014**. In addition, they also must be from families that are economically disadvantaged or homeless. All economically disadvantaged children who apply must be enrolled first; however, if there are spaces left, other children may be enrolled.

*Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2014 **must** register for Kindergarten.*

**Children who are currently attending Pre-Kindergarten at OCES must register for Kindergarten.**

**If you have NOT called the school to schedule an appointment, please do so.**

**Pre-Kindergarten registration takes place on April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.**

The following documents **must** be brought to the registration appointment:

- Birth Certificate (**not** a birth registration notice)
- Social Security Card
- Current Immunization Record
- Proof of Residency in the Ocean City Elementary School district (deed, lease, or utility bill that lists a service area in the OCES district)
- For PreK registration only: proof of income (2013 income tax return)

## **Box Tops for Education**

The OCES PTA collection of the Box Tops for Education has come to an end for this year.

BUT....

***keep collecting and sending them in with your child's name.***

***Credit will be given students towards next year's collection.***

Please check the expiration date on the BoxTop. If it expires before the next school year, please do not send them in.

In advance, the Olerta Family thanks you for participating in this OCES PTA year round fundraiser! And thank you, Olertas, for taking on this project!



## **Star Citizens**

The following students have been selected as Star Citizens for showing compassion and caring towards others.

Ben Davis, Caitlin Williams, Noah Olguin, Megan Wheeler, Nicolas Rittersbacher, Anthony DiGristine, Richie Moisa, Isabella Sodomini, Trystan Wolf, Autum Tunnell, Jessica Shoemaker, Hayden Elsner, Jamie Consigli, Rylee Houck, Stephanie Flores Cruz, Christian Mueller, Chloe Mahan, Carolina Novelli, Karijah Fosque, Brant Skipper, Angelina Zheng, Hailey Elliott, Jake Gillespie, Talan Davis, Keith Marousek, Samantha Ruppert and Damira Hill.

**Congratulations, boys and girls!**



## **Parking Issue**

Please **Do Not** park on the stones at the edge of the parking lot. This is a drain field, and **NOT** parking spaces.

Thank You!

## **OCES Yearbook Sale**

### **EXTENDED!**

OCES Yearbooks are on sale now until **April 8th** for **\$25.00**. After April 8th, the price will *increase* to \$35.00. Be sure to fill out the order form that has been sent home and get that order in before the price goes up!!



Artwork by Kaliyah Corbin, Gr. 3, PES

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**2014 Fine Arts Festival**

*Celebrating the Arts*

with

*Worcester County Public Schools*

*Tuesday, April 15, 2014*

*5:00 p.m.*

at

**O.C. Stars will perform! *Pocomoke High School***

### **Shorebirds “Hit the Books” Game Night is April 25th**

April 25th has been designated as the OCES night at the Shorebirds Stadium. Your child will be receiving 2 free tickets to that game *if he/she turned in* the completed bookmark stub upon completion of reading 4 books by the due date of 2/28. Tickets should arrive at OCES the 2nd week of April, so watch for a letter and tickets soon! Thank you for **“Getting into the Game and Hitting the Books!”**

### **Accelerated Reader Update**

We have amazing readers! Students have read and tested on over **20,078** books, earned over **22,137 points**, that are spent at the AR store, and read over **122,457,000 words**. (Yes, words!) The children are being encouraged to read more non fiction books. Of course, they are rising to the occasion and have read and tested on over **2,710 non fiction** books! Your support of reading at home is very much appreciated. We want our children to be ready for the future, and reading is the key!

### **BIS Orchestra Class**

Recently, the Berlin Intermediate School’s 6th grade Festival Orchestra, directed by music teacher Mrs. Lisa Adams, performed at the Eastern Shore Orchestra Directors District Festival in Salisbury. They received a “superior rating” for their performance. All student at BIS are invited to enroll in orchestra class for the 2014-15 school year. We are especially looking for viola, cello, and double bass players. Please be looking for sign up forms this spring or contact Mrs. Adams at 410-632-5320 or email Mrs. Adams at: LTAdams@mail.worcester.k12.md.us

### **Don’t Forget!**

**1:00 Dismissal for ALL students**

**Thursday, April 17th.**

**This is a calendar change!**

**Schools are closed**

**April 17th (1:00) –21st for our**

**Easter/Spring Break.**

**Schools reopen**

**Tuesday, April 22nd.**

