



# OCES Newsflyer

## Principal's Message



This is some of what I see as I walk through classrooms at our fabulous school. At the end of each paragraph there is a word or phrase that captures the "big picture" of how and what children are learning. Read on and have a look inside classrooms...

In a fourth grade classroom, students are using iPads to explore fractions. The students click and drag their responses, they work with number lines to represent fractions, and they practice the Math facts using a feature called Fact Smart.

### (Technology)

A group of first grade children read "Little Red Riding Hood." After reading, the students are involved in building structures that can withstand the Big Bad Wolf

(a hair dryer). They are using Math and problem solving skills to build (engineer) a strong structure.

### (STEM)

Third graders are working in groups. The teacher encourages the students to share what they know and want to learn about Martin Luther King. The groups are instructed to create a timeline of what they have learned about Martin Luther King.

### (Collaboration)

Second grade students are using their **Reading** skills to understand information about their **Health**. They use an oximeter to get their oxygen level. Then they use their **Math** skills to construct a graph in order to chart oxygen levels of second graders.

### (Integrated Learning)

In a pre-school class, students are using plastic bears to help them solve addition and subtraction problems.

### (Hands on Learning)

Kindergarten children are parading around the school singing a song about standing up for others. A little boy sees me and immediately says, "Mrs. Rogers, look (as he pulls his lower lip down so far that it touched his chin) I lost two teef!" Now, everybody has their priorities and losing two teeth is pretty big stuff in the eyes of a 5 year old!

### (JUST BEING A KID! – LOVE IT!)

## It's Almost Spring!



### The OCES Motto

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

## March 2014

Mrs. Dawn Rogers,  
Principal  
Mrs. Karen Marx,  
Asst. Principal  
Mrs. Linda McGean,  
School Counselor  
OCES Phone:  
410-632-5370

### Dates to Remember:

- ☺ **3/12-18** Book Fair 8:30-4:00 daily
- ☺ **3/13** OCES PTA Conference Night 6:00-8:00
- ☺ **3/13** Book Fair open 8:30-4, 5:00-5:50, then after the PTA meeting until 8:30
- ☺ **3/17** Lucky Green Spirit Day—St. Patrick's Day—wear green, or school colors/apparel
- ☺ **3/18** Grade 3 Music Program—6:30 pm
- ☺ **3/27** "Heavenly Hats Day" a \$1.00 donation by faculty/staff/students will allow the wearing of a favorite hat
- ☺ **3/28** School Closed for Professional Day
- ☺ **4/4** Report cards issued

## 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.**

Please mark you calendar with this new change.



## 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.

## **LAST PTA CONFERENCE NIGHT THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH 6:00-8:00**

Make time on Thursday, the 13th, to meet with your child's teacher. School is a team effort! We want your child to be their very best, as you do too!

Stop by the Book Fair as you wait to meet with your child's teacher!

## **BOOK FAIR - Date Change!!**

**March 12 - March 18  
in the Media Center**

**8:30-4:00 Daily**

**Open before the PTA Meeting on March 13th from 5-5:50 and after until 8:30.**

**A great time to stock up for  
summer reading!!**

**See you at the PTA Meeting**

**If you can't make it to the Fair, you can  
order online at:**

**<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/oceancityelementaryschool>**

**Proceeds will still benefit OCES, and  
books are shipped to the school at no  
charge!**

## Curriculum Connection

As we prepare our students for college and careers, there has been a shift in writing requirements for our students. Local organizations help to support this shift in writing by hosting different essay contests for our students to participate in. Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3 – 12. The essays are scored using a rubric that includes the students' verbal language, content, creativity, language usage including correct punctuation and spelling. This year's theme of the essay contest was **"How can I show my pride in being an American?"** We had twenty one 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in this essay contest and we are pleased to announce the winners. This year's winners of the American Legion Post 116 Americanism Essay Contest are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Makayla Brown in Dr. Biscoe's class**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Hanna Zajdel in Mrs. Murray's class**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jake Gillespie in Dr. Biscoe's class**

The winners of the American Legion Post 116 Americanism Essay contest will be honored at a luncheon on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. Winners will also receive a cash prize, a medal, and a certificate at the luncheon. We are very proud of these students and wish them the best of luck as they enter the national competition.



**2014 Americanism Essay Winners. Congratulations!**

### **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 March the *Stand Up, Speak Up* anti-bullying program is highlighting the positive attribute of "leadership." Leadership is being able and willing to influence or guide others. Positive leaders are responsible, trustworthy, and respectful. They are role models for others. We show positive leadership when we make the smart choice, even in a difficult situation.

The following scenario was shared with students. *"Edgar walks in the classroom with a new haircut. Several kids in the classroom begin to giggle. One of them sarcastically says, "Nice haircut!" A few other students chime in.*

***"What would YOU do?"***

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

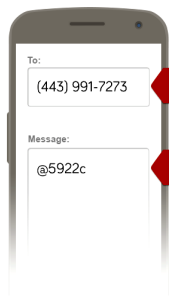
### The Longest Chain Race!

The Longest Chain Race is on in the Dream Box Lab! First through fourth grade students are competing for the longest chain in each grade level. This year, in place of percentages, we are looking for lessons completed. Two to three lessons completed earns 1 star or a green chain during the race. During the Chain Race, 4 to 9 lessons earns an orange chain and 2 stars. Ten or more lessons completed during the Chain Race earns a pink chain. Students that have earned 5 stars take a visit to the prize table. The class in each grade level with the longest chain earns an Ice Cream Sundae Party!

***"May the stars and chains be with you!"***

#### Reminder about Remind 101

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Enter this number

Text this message

## 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)

## February Students of the Month

Congratulations to the February Students of the Month. These students exhibited leadership and responsibility without being reminded. The lunch for these students was sponsored by the Ocean City Worship Center.

**Grade 1:** Ksenia Drakos, Jake Raymond, Evan Todd, Ethan Bradshaw, Michael Hoos, and Sully Auker.

**Grade 2:** Jake Parsons, David Janney, Hailey Smith, Derek Tirado-Cano, Ashton Main, Cross Muller, and Dane VanDornick (last month).

**Grade 3:** Lauren Hoffman, Leslie Hernandez, Summer Banks, Brock Lawson, Connor Herr, and Dylan Kutchev.

**Grade 4:** Kassidy Ford, Milena Olerta, Rachel Peretz, Laurie Michael, Matthew Burns, and Sierra McCaleb.

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

### • **March 11: West Ocean City**

Chipotle's OCES Family Spirit Night from 4-8. Chipotle will donate 50% of sales back to the PTA!!!

• **March 13:** The last PTA Conference Night from 6:00 to 8:00.

• **March 21:** Teacher Appreciation Lunch. If you are interested in contributing to this luncheon, please call 443-944-1608 (Kandy Davis).

• **Coming Soon:** OCES Golf Tournament information will be forthcoming later this month.

• **Success:** The Chick Fil A spirit night was a great night with a terrific turnout! Thank you to all of the participants!

## Snowman Contest Winners

The winners of the Media Center Snowman Count will receive a \$10.00 gift certificate to the March Book Fair. Most of the snowmen have 'melted' but there were 347 in and about the media center. The winners were:

**Pre-K:** Allison Baig-Gallegos

**Kindergarten:** Maizy Jerns

**Grade 1:** Brian Herbert

**Grade 2:** Eric Braica

**Grade 3:** Donnie Rivera-Gaunter

**Grade 4:** Saige Figgs

The students will receive their certificate when the Book Fair arrives. The Book Fair will be March 12-18 in the Media Center.

## Accelerated Reader Update

As of March 7th the following data reflects the success of the AR Reading Program.

Number of Students Gr. 1-4:  
471

Book Tests Passed Successfully:  
17,344

Points Earned for the AR Store:  
18,541

Schoolwide Reading  
Comprehension:  
86.2%

Words Read:  
101,992,783

% of Books Independently Read:  
70%

% of Fiction Read: 87%

% of NonFiction Read: 13%

## OCES Yearbook Sale

OCES Yearbooks are on sale now until **March 25th** for **\$25.00**.

**After the 25th**, 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!!**

**Yearbooks provide great memories!**

## Worcester County Tech Fest Award Winners

The following students submitted projects for the Worcester County Tech Fest and were awarded ribbons for their work on February 13, 2014 at the Worcester Technical High School.

**Keeley Catrino:** 2 Gold, 3 Silver

**Riley Stephen:** 2 Gold, 2 Silver

**Mason D'Aleo:** 1 Gold, 2 Silver

**Morgan Echols:** 2 Gold, 2 Silver

**Parker Intrieri:** 1 Gold

**Addisyn Fluckey:** 1 Gold, 2 Silver

**Jacob Bauer:** 1 Silver

**Rife Leonard:** 1 Gold, 2 Silver

**Brooks Kendall:** 2 Silver

**Brody Kendall:** 1 Silver

**Anthony DiGristine:** 3 Silver

**Dominick DiGristine:** 1 Silver

**Riley Moyer:** 1 Silver

**Holden Bunting:** 1Gold, 2 Silver

**Dalton Bunting:** 2 Gold, 2 Silver



Congratulations! We look forward to next year and the fine projects that will be submitted from OCES!

Mrs. Betty Washington, a member of the Worcester County Retired Teachers Association, visited our 4th graders for a 'Read In' to help celebrate Black History Month.

Mrs. Washington shared the story Goin' Someplace Special, by Patricia McKissack. Thank you to the Retired Teachers Association for this opportunity, and a special thank you to Mrs. Washington!



OCES students created Valentines for our local veterans. Pictured are three students from Mrs. Gee's third grade class.

# 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.**

Kindergarten registration will occur on **March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**.

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. The grand total earned was \$2,890.00. A little less than last year, but still a great amount!

Thank you all!

The Top Winning female was Rowan Wilkins with 1,558 box tops. The Top Winning male was Logan Intrieri with 646 box tops.

Congratulations to the following classes for their collection. **1st Place:** Mrs. Piern, **2nd Place:** Mrs. Gee, and **3rd Place:** Mrs. Purcell.

Keep collecting those Box Tops and bring them in at the beginning of the new school year.

Great job by all!

## Star Citizens

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

Hunter Bilbrough, Thomas Paddack, Lauren McAdams, Shamir Sampson, Hannah Richie, Sasha Yonyak, Reid Phillips, Sage Myers, Eliza Myers, Jasmi Zavala, Lauren Lynch, Marissa Hearne, Eric Braica, Jocelyn Navarette, Mason Farr, Chase Kennell, Mario Vasquez-Perez, Ayla Yonker, Megan Kiser, Zoe Hinkle, Jackson Fernley, Miley Cabello-Vargas, Michael Cantine, Cameron Andrews, Caleb Buxbaum, Samantha Whitehead, Angelina Zheng, and Emma Carey.



## 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!

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# 2014-2015 School Year Calendar

(Note that school will begin after Labor Day. September 2nd will be the first day of school!)

## WORCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2014-2015 School Year Calendar

JULY 2014						
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- August**
- 13 New Student Registration
  - 18 - 21 New Teacher Orientation
  - 25 Teacher Preparation Day
  - 26 County/School Inservice
  - 27 - 28 School-Based Activities

- September**
- 1 Closed: Labor Day
  - 2 First Day of School for Students

- October**
- 17 Closed: MSEA Convention
  - 31 End of 1st Marking Period (43 Days)

- November**
- 3 Closed for Students: Professional Day
  - 4 Closed for Students: Countywide Professional Day and General Election Day
  - 26 - 28 Closed: Thanksgiving Break

- December**
- 22 - 31 Closed: Winter Break

- January**
- 1 - 2 Closed: Winter Break
  - 19 Closed: Dr. Martin Luther King Day
  - 22 - 23 High School Exams (Half Days for High School Students)
  - 23 Half Day for All Students and End of 2nd Marking Period (44 Days)
  - 26 Closed for Students: Professional Day

- February**
- 16 Closed: Presidents Day

- March**
- April**
- 1 End of 3rd Marking Period (46 Days)
  - 2 Closed for Students: Professional Day
  - 3 - 6 Closed: Spring Break

- May**
- 25 Closed: Memorial Day

- June**
- 15 - 16 High School Exams and Half Days for All Students
  - 16 End of 4th Marking Period (50 Days)
  - 16 Half Day and Last Day for All Students
- (Note: Three inclement weather days have been built into the end of the calendar and will be subtracted if not used.)

### Key to Calendar Symbols

- Holiday/Special Event: Schools Closed
- First and Last Day for Students
- Last Day of the Marking Period
- Professional Day: Schools Closed for Students
- Half Day for All Students
- New Teacher Orientation
- New Student Registration
- General Election Day

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