



# OCES Newsflyer

November 2014

## Principal's Message



During the month of November, we have American Education Week. This event creates a special time for our community to come together whether in presence or in thought. This week is a time for parents and caregivers to visit their child's school. It is a time for all of us to put a special focus on the value of education. Finally, American Education Week is a time to celebrate teachers, students and community.

Public Education is the catalyst for College and Career ready students. As we continue to walk through an exciting time together, the

time of transitioning into the College and Career Ready Standards, I encourage all of us to take the time to celebrate public education and to be thankful for those who are making a difference in children's lives. Teachers are the number one factor in student learning. During American Education Week, as well as every other week of the year, may we honor those individuals – teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, custodial staff, and the secretarial staff. Thanks to all for going above and beyond in teaching and molding our future leaders.

On a personal note, as we have entered the season of

cool air, football, hot chocolate, and day light savings time ending, I encourage all of us to not be discouraged with it getting dark sooner. Even though this is the season of shorter days and longer nights, it presents an opportune time to be together. Eat dinner together, play games, watch a good movie, or read together. Also, I want to wish everyone a special Thanksgiving. Enjoy time with friends and family. Remember to eat a lot!

"Today a reader,  
tomorrow a leader."  
Margaret Fuller

### Did You Know...

- **American Education Week** is November 17th-21st. Come and visit your child's classroom this week.
- The **PTA Book Fair** was a huge success. Thank you for supporting our **PTA and READING!!**
- **Library Books** are to be kept in a **Ziploc bag** in your child's backpack. Your child will tell you the book-bag is the safest

- place in the world for their books!
- **Box Tops for Education** are collected all year long. Send in those box tops with your child! It is really 'free' money for our PTA. The next collection will be sometime in February!
- **Science Fair Projects** are due **December 11th by 9:00 a.m.** Grade 1 & 2 projects will be in the hall by

the gym. Grade 3 & 4 projects will be in the Media Center.

- **Tech Fest** information was sent home October 28th. Encourage your child to try submitting a project. It's fun!

### The OCES Motto

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

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

### Dates to Remember:

- ☺ **11/13** Star Celebration Program
- ☺ **11/17-21** American Education Week
- ☺ **11/20** OC STARS perform at **Winterfest of Lights 5:30 p.m.**
- ☺ **11/25** Student of the Month Lunch
- ☺ **11/26-11/30** Thanksgiving Break
- ☺ **12/1-5** PTA Santa's Workshop
- ☺ **12/4** Berlin Christmas Parade 7:00
- ☺ **12/6** Ocean City Christmas Parade
- ☺ **12/11** Science Fair Projects due by 9:00 a.m.
- ☺ **12/11** Grade 3 Music Program 6:30
- ☺ **12/18** Mid Terms
- ☺ **12/18** Student of the Month Lunch
- ☺ **12/19** Holiday Spirit Day

## Teacher of the Year Nominations

Nominations for the 2015 Worcester County Teacher of Year will be accepted between November 17th and December 5th.

Nomination forms will be available in the front lobby during American Education Week and on through December 5th.

Filled out forms may then be returned to OCES.

## Change of Transportation

Anytime there is a need to make a change in your child's transportation, be it bus or pick up, **PLEASE take the time to fill out the Change of Transportation form at home** that is in your child's folder. Unless it is an emergency, please do not call the office to make verbal changes!

## ocelementary.weebly.com

The new OCES website has it all!

Forms, calendars, news and information, as well as links to other valuable websites may be found here. Check it out!!

Students from Mrs. Fogle's second grade class have been working on a Health Literacy Unit in which they learn about healthy and unhealthy foods. Pictured are three students working in a small group to assist one another as they check out food labels from common foods eaten by second graders.

## October Students of the Month

Congratulations to the October Students of the Month. The following students exhibited leadership and responsibility without being reminded. The lunch was sponsored by the Ocean City Worship Center. If you are interested in being a sponsor for the Student of the Month program, please contact Mrs. McGean at 410-632-5381.

**Grade 1:** Samantha Whitehead, Cooper Fowle, Brooke Cathell, Micaela Perez Ricardo, Carrie Deem, and Sophia Ferrante.

**Grade 2:** Melih Unal, Nazli Unal, Jillian Hicks, Clayton McCabe, Sully Auker, and Lily Carson.

**Grade 3:** Peyton Marohl, Gavin Solito, Kalena Ethridge, Parker Intrieri, Haley Whitehead, and Lukas Loring.

**Grade 4:** Lily Nolan, Logan Intrieri, Shelby Rosemond, Arlenni Rodriguez-Carpio, Lily Grover, Paula Magathan, and Jessica Beck.

## PTA News & Information

It's November already! Our PTA has much to be thankful for! The Hooper's Fundraiser, the Fall Book Fair, and the Harvest Festival were great fun and big successes! Thank you to those that made it all happen! The PTA is always in need of donations for our many fundraisers. Please contact Kandy Davis at 443-944-1608 if you are able to assist us or just need additional information. Note the upcoming events:

- ◆ Please keep collecting the **Box Tops for Education!**
- ◆ We will be kicking off a **Stores Give Back** program with several local stores that give cash back to the PTA. Watch for a flyer!
- ◆ The **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** is 11/19. Contact Kandy to make a dish and show support for the teachers and staff.
- ◆ **The Holiday Float** committee is hard at work! They need donations and volunteers. Contact Danielle at 443-235-4280 for more information.
- ◆ Gearing up for the **Holiday Shoppe**. We need volunteers to work shifts during Dec. 1st-5th. Contact Angela at 410-726-2137 to volunteer.



## October

### Star Citizens

Summer Vent

Lindsay Giron-Alvarado

Jordan King

Nicholas Purnell

Maizy Jerns

Talan Davis

Tobias Walas

Isabelle Huber

Gavin Solito

Bradley Gurrola-Garcia

Brooks Kendall

Nash Rogers

Brock Lawson



### Stand Up, Speak Up!



In November the *Stand Up, Speak Up* program is highlighting the positive attribute of "**Strength**." We develop **strength** when we learn and practice strategies that enable us to stand up and speak up for ourselves and others. These strategies help us deal with stressful or painful situations. When we exercise these "muscles in our minds" we learn not to let little things bother us.

The following scenario was shared with students. Ask your child what he/she would do in this situation.

*At recess, there is a line for the swings. Jed wants his turn now. He pushes Gordon out of the way. Some of the kids in line start laughing.*

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

## 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.worcester.k12.com](http://www.worcester.k12.com)

The **Worcester County Arts Council** is pleased to offer the following after school classes for children:

### CREATIVE FUN WITH ARTS & CRAFTS

Using a variety of materials, including yarn, fabric, colored pencils and tissue paper, students will create wall hangings, stained glass, jewelry and other projects inspired by the Arts and Craft movement.

Instructor: Erika Uebel. All supplies included.

Tuesdays: Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25; 4 pm - 4:45 pm (2 - 4 year old) \$6 per class

Wednesdays: Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26; 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm (5 - 13 year old) \$12 per class

### YogArt: A YOGA & ART FOR CHILDREN

This fun class combines the fine art experience with the practice of basic yoga movements and positions. Each session will include a yoga practice paired with sketching, priming a canvas, and painting in acrylics to create a finished work of art.

Mondays: Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1; 4 pm - 5 pm Fee: \$70.00 (5 sessions).

Age level: 8 - 14 years old, Instructor: Char Wederbrand  
Art supplies included. Students need to bring their own yoga mat.

To register:

CALL 410-641-0809.

Space is limited and advanced registration is required.



During Fire Safety Week, Ocean City Elementary School was visited by firefighters from the Ocean City Fire Department. Students discussed how to prevent fires at home from happening, as well as what they should do if there is a fire at their home. The two students pictured are from Mrs. Lieb's Kindergarten Class with firefighter Jordan Braniff .

## PARCC Testing Dates

Test	Grade	Date(s)
Reading	3 & 4	March 3,4
Math	3 & 4	March 5,6

Research indicates that students who test with their class in the regular classroom do better on tests than those who are tested at other times. Please put these dates on your calendar.

**Please do not plan family vacations during these testing dates. Thank You!**

### Notes from Nurse McCabe

Cold and flu season is here!

**Please:**

- Have your child wash their hands thoroughly for 10 seconds with soap and water throughout the day. If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub or sanitizer.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing and sneezing. Throw the tissue away and wash your hands. If a tissue is not available, cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Keep your children home if they are not feeling well.

- Do not send your child to school if they have a fever (100 degrees F and up), vomiting, diarrhea, chronic cough, green nasal discharge, mucus from the eyes, or a sore throat.
- Do not return your child to school until it has been at least 24 hours without a fever without the use of medications.
- Consider getting a flu vaccine for you and your child.

### Food & Toy Drive

#### November 6th-December 6th

In keeping with the spirit of the season, the students and staff of OCES will be collecting nonperishable food items and new toys to be distributed by the Worcester County Sheriff's Department during the holidays. In past years, your generosity has been overwhelming. Please support the less fortunate families in our county again this year. Do-

nations will be collected in each grade pod area.

We are encouraging students to make a sacrifice in order to help someone else. For instance, students may give up a snack at the grocery store and purchase a canned item instead, or students could forgo a trip to the movies to purchase a toy.

Students may choose to write down what they sacrificed, what they purchased, and why they chose that item. Forms are available in the grade pod areas. A few students will read their forms on the morning announcements each day. Thank you!



## Curriculum Connection

The Maryland College & Career Readiness Standards have provided opportunities for teachers to make “shifts” or changes to their Reading classroom instruction.

As a parent, you can help support your child with these reading changes at home. Below you will find a chart, explaining some of the changes in English/Language Arts and what you can do at home to best support your child.

The “Shift”	What will the students have	What can parents do to help?
Read as much non-fiction as fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read more non-fiction</li> <li>• Understand how non-fiction is written and put together</li> <li>• Enjoy and discuss details of non-fiction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply more non-fiction texts</li> <li>• Read non-fiction books aloud or with your child</li> <li>• Have fun with non-fiction in front of your child</li> </ul>
Learn about the world by reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn more about science and social studies through reading</li> <li>• Use “primary source” documents</li> <li>• Gain more knowledge through the use of text</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply series of texts on topics that interest your child</li> <li>• Find books that explain how things work and why</li> <li>• Discuss non-fiction texts and their ideas</li> </ul>
Know more vocabulary words	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn the words they will need to use in college and career</li> <li>• Expand the depth and knowledge of vocabulary words</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read often and constantly with young children</li> <li>• Read multiple books on the same topic</li> <li>• Talk to your children, read to them, listen to them, and play word games</li> </ul>

The next issue will contain more information on additional shifts in English Language Arts and mathematics. Source: Maryland State Department of Education

### Remember

The weather quickly changes at this time of year. Wear layers! If children are not dressed warmly enough at recess time, they may have to stay in.



### Lost and Found!

#### PLEASE....

mark your child’s clothing, lunch boxes/bags, and jackets with their name. Each day items are left behind and we can’t find the owner. If you are missing items, check the **Lost and Found Cabinet** in the cafeteria! Things are too expensive to be lost and replaced regularly!!

### Tech Fest 2015

It’s not too late to request Tech Fest Packets. The categories are On Paper, On Line, On Screen, and Photography. Send a note to Mrs. Nuttle and a packet will be provided. Final projects are due January 13, 2015.



# Music Matters

Students in Mr. Chapman's music classes have begun listening to the music of Jason Moran. Jason Moran is a young and much admired jazz piano player. He recently recorded an album featuring the music of a legendary jazz singer and song writer from the 1920's and 30's, Fats Waller. The students watched videos of both Moran and Waller performing and then compared the two for similarities and differences. Later in this unit, students will

read a brief biography of Fats Waller and respond to questions on an activity sheet.

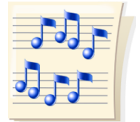
We will soon begin another set of station work in all music classes. Station work allows the students to work in small groups to perform certain musical tasks:

piano keyboard performance, rhythm performance using a variety of instruments, listening to music and answering specific questions pertaining to the music, music

games on the computer, and reading composer information and responding to questions. Four of these stations are graded assignments, which help determine the music grade for the term.

Additionally, the O.C.Stars have been working very hard during our rehearsals. We are preparing for two performances in November. Our first performance will be on November 13th at 1:30 for the first Celebration of Students assembly. One week later,

on November 20th at 5:30 p.m. we will perform for the opening ceremony of Winterfest of Lights at Northside Park in Ocean City. I am proud of our progress so far and we look forward to performing for you in November. The uniforms have been ordered and should be here by November 10th. I will distribute them at school as soon as they arrive.



## Grade 2 Principal's List

*Abu-Zaid, Sophia*

*Auker, Sullivan*

*Bunting, Holden*

*Carson, Lily*

*Cropper, Sara*

*Fernley, Jackson*

*Henderson, Dalton*

*Holland, Aurora*

*Kohut, Chloe*

*Magathan, Lucas*

*Marohl, Maggie*

*McAdams, Paige*

*Nottingham, Sarah*

*Palmisano, Savannah*

*Parypa, Sarah*

*Pruitt, Riley*

*Rankin, Ellie*

*Rittersbacher, Nicolas*

*Udzielak, Justin*

*Unal, Melih*

*Wooden, Julianna*

*Zajdel, Emma*

*Zheng, Lin*

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## *Grade 3 Principal's List*

<i>Amos, Saylor</i>	<i>Merritt, Cameron</i>
<i>Beck, Matthew</i>	<i>Ogelbsy, Evan</i>
<i>Consigli, Jamie</i>	<i>Plumley, Logan</i>
<i>Engh, Shamus</i>	<i>Rocco, Kayla</i>
<i>Gooch, Jasmine</i>	<i>Smith, Connor</i>
<i>Hammel-Naylor, Hannah</i>	<i>Smith, Hailey</i>
<i>Hargrove, Layla</i>	<i>VanDornick, Dane</i>
<i>Houck, Rylee</i>	<i>Vazquez, Antonio</i>
<i>Huber, Isabelle</i>	<i>Vent, Summer</i>
<i>Intrieri, Parker</i>	<i>Vick, Sauna</i>
<i>Janney, David</i>	<i>Walas, Tobias</i>
<i>Karcheuski, Daniel</i>	<i>Williams, Caitlin</i>
<i>Leakan, Kaylee</i>	<i>Williamson, Mya</i>
<i>Lynch, Lauren</i>	<i>Wilkins, Rowan</i>
<i>Marohl, Peyton</i>	<i>Wood, Alizabeth</i>
<i>Mehilli, Esi</i>	<i>Woroniecki, Macy</i>

## *Grade 4 Principal's List*

<i>Banks, Summer</i>	<i>Krasner, Sophia</i>
<i>Bean, Meghan</i>	<i>Johnston, Julianna</i>
<i>Beck, Jessica</i>	<i>McCabe, Savannah</i>
<i>Brady, Kayla</i>	<i>McLendon, Bennett</i>
<i>Brenner, Summer</i>	<i>Moyer, Riley</i>
<i>Bunting, Collin</i>	<i>Pawlowska, Sandra</i>
<i>Bunting, Dalton</i>	<i>Rodriguez-Carpio, Arlenni</i>
<i>Catrino, Keeley</i>	<i>Rohlfing, Leah</i>
<i>Gates, Carlie</i>	<i>Rosemond, Shelby</i>
<i>Fohner, Renee</i>	<i>Sampson, Stephanie</i>
<i>Greenwood, Jack</i>	<i>Savage, Parker</i>
<i>Grover, Lily</i>	<i>Truitt, Elle-Belle</i>
<i>Hinkle, Ava</i>	<i>Vorsteg, Tatum</i>

## *Grade 2 Honor Roll*

*Barzilay-West, Niko*

*Bennett, Eli*

*Buxbaum, Frankie*

*Cantine, Michael*

*Cavall, Emma*

*Cheung, Jackson*

*Clarke, Ashton*

*Clarke, Cooper*

*Corbin, Berlin*

*Cruz, Christopher Flores*

*David, Solomon*

*DiGristine, Dominick*

*Drakos, Ksenia*

*Dudley, Finian*

*Fluckey, Addisyn*

*Gannon, Riley*

*Grim, Delaney*

*Halbig, Jack*

*Hall, Brandon*

*Hastings, Walker*

*Hearne, Marissa*

*Henson, Meyer*

*Herbert, Brian*

*Hill, Damira*

*Hinojosa, Juan*

*Kerrigan, Mallory*

*Kiser, Nicole*

*Klimins, Aleksey*

*Lawson, Taylor*

*Leffew, Luke*

*Maldonado, Kathie*

*McAdams, Lauren*

*McCabe, Clayton*

*Milewski, Kazia*

*Morse, Mariabella*

*Paddack, Chloe*

*Phillips, Reid*

*Piela, Clarice*

*Plumley, Daniel*

*Resnick, Chloe*

*Robins, Brynn*

*Robles, Sophia*

*Savage, Keith*

*Scott, Avery*

*Shockley, Serenity*

*Snyder, Peter*

*Todd, Evan*

*Unal, Nazli*

*Wolf, Tristyn*



## *Grade 3 Honor Roll*

*Barry, Ava*

*Berry, Amanda*

*Braica, Eric*

*Campbell, Cole*

*Campbell, Hannah*

*Castanares, Mason*

*Ciorrocco, Nicolas*

*Cuenca Batres, William*

*Davis, Talan*

*Deem, Devlin*

*Ethridge, Kalena*

*Fannin, Carter*

*Farih, Kenza*

*Flannery, Shaylahfaye*

*Greenwood, Charlie*

*Henning, Evan*

*Hernandez-Lara, Nicholas*

*Hicks, Jacob*

*Holland, Madison*

*Johnson, Emma*

*Katna, Ella*

*Kennell, Chase*

*Key, Ava*

*Koch, Zane*

*Kramer, Colt*

*Lackner, Kacy*

*Law, Sophia*

*Loring, Lukas*

*Lovitt, Mia*

*Main, Ashton*

*Mitchell, Katie*

*Nguyen, Aiden*

*Parsons, Jake*

*Quach, Brian*

*Rodriguez Carpio, Rogelio*

*Rose, Molly*

*Solito, Gavin*

*Tcheremissine, Andrey*

*Tirado Cano, Derek*

*Trejo-Valencia, Carolin*

*Vazquez, Natasha*

*Walas, Gabe*

*Weilenmann, Anastacia*

*Welsh, Stephanie*

*Westman, Evelyn*

*Whitehead, Haley*

*Wilhelm, Zachary*

*Wyatt, Aubrie*

# Grade 4 Honor Roll

*Bevard, Jessie*  
*Bundick, Haylie*  
*Canfield, Lily*  
*Cathell, Mackenzie*  
*Doerzbach, Nate*  
*Domingo, Joseph*  
*Dyer, Lucian*  
*Harris, Kameron*  
*Herr, Connor*  
*Hoffman, Lauren*  
*Intrieri, Logan*  
*Jung, Dylan*  
*Kendall, Brooks*  
*Kilian, Grayce*  
*King, Jordan*

*Leonard, Rife*  
*Littleton, Cadie*  
*Lynch, Cole*  
*Moreno, Nick*  
*Mumford, Audrey*  
*Novelli, Carolina*  
*Novelli, Willa*  
*Omar, Anas*  
*Patrick, Sydney*  
*Purnell, Eva*  
*Rankin, Matthew*  
*Robins, Reese*  
*Suttka-Leggour, Claire*  
*Wallace, Jonathan*  
*Wilkins, Dylan*

## BoxTops for Education Collection

The first collection of BoxTops for Education was a big success! Thank you for supporting this PTA effort!

The first collection netted \$1,624.00. The top male collector was Trevor Lehman in Pre-K with 621 boxtops. The top female collector was Leslie Hernandez in 4th grade with 300 boxtops.

The top winning classroom was Mrs. Herr's 1st grade class with 833 boxtops! WOW!

Keep collecting and sending them in! The next collection will be in February!

## Accelerated Reader Update

Number of Students Gr. 1-4:  
**461**

Book Tests Passed Successfully:  
**8,005**

Points Earned for the AR Store:  
**7,818**

Schoolwide Reading Comprehension: **84.7%**

Words Read:  
**41,867,811**

% of Books Independently Read:  
**60%**

% of Fiction Read: **90%**

% of NonFiction Read: **10%**

**Keep Up The Great Work!**