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This week we celebrate Character Counts!

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as Student of the Week for their class during the week of October 13th through October 17th.

Pre-K

Jayde Harrison, Wyatt Moss

Kindergarten

Daviyana Brewington, Hailey Grissom, Landen Blackburn,
Aviona Evans, AA'Kyla Givens

First Grade

Brandon Shively, Rowan Randall, Andrew Watson,
Dylan Bass, Madison Roth, Trenton Whitfield

Second Grade

Carrina Imai, Natalie Cooper, Kodie Umphenour,
Cynara Greco, Kaelei Lynch

Third Grade

Layla Crowley, Alexa Ordaz, Braden Williams,
Lynnais Brewington, Fiona Van Fosson, Kirsten Bryant

Fourth Grade

Gwen Jones, Reyma Baird

Fifth Grade

Jacob Babcock, Hannah Sargent, Nate Buchanan, S
Brianna Pierce, Bre-Anna St. John

WILDCAT WORDS:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

“Walk in Peace”

Osceola celebrates Character Counts! Week this week and our theme is WALK IN PEACE.

Monday's focus was on spreading KINDNESS and filling buckets. Do you know what a bucket filler is? Ask your child to fill you in.

Tuesday will highlight the week with our PEACE Assembly. We are honored to have artist/storyteller Don Trousdell, presenting his WALK IN PEACE exhibit to our students. Maybe you have seen Mr. Trousdell's exhibits at the downtown visitors center, the Art Association or the MOSH in Jacksonville. His work has gained national recognition and the PEACE Exhibit he will bring to Osceola, depicts the story of how various peace signs originated.

Wednesday activities will focus on Empathy and the ability to “put yourself in someone else's shoes”.

Thursday will sum up the week with our own “Walk in Peace” as classes display banners throughout our hallways with their own thoughts and artwork about kindness and peace.

We hope that the message of kindness, peace, and empathy makes a difference for our Osceola family, and that the idea that KINDNESS is CONTAGIOUS continues to resonate in our lives.

Sincerely,

Dana Harrison
School Counselor

Osceola SAC Team News

The Osceola SAC Team (School Advisory Committee) is made up of our principal, Mrs. Waldrop along with a group of teachers, parents, support staff and community members. The SAC is responsible for decisions related to the implementation of Osceola's School Improvement Plan. SAC also discusses important items related to student achievement.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the ongoing improvement at Osceola, please join us at our next SAC meeting to be held November 3rd at 4:30.

Free childcare is provided.

All are welcome and new members are needed!

News from PTO

PTO is proud to present “Family Movie Night” on December 5, 2014! Mark your calendar!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please VOTE for the movie YOU want to watch on December 5th! You can choose between “The Nut Job,” “Rio 2,” “How to Train Your Dragon 2” and “Disney's Maleficent.” The winning movie will be played at our Family Movie Night! Vote today by visiting

<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=98KL559K>. This information is also posted on the PTO website located at <http://www.oes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/pto/>.

Voting closes on 10/31-so don't delay, VOTE TODAY!

If you are a business owner and would like to post an ad to be played before the movie begins on the big screen, please email osceolapto@gmail.com for more information.



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Project Autism

Trick-or-Treat Trolley
Old Jail Museum

Get out the costumes and goody bags for some ghostly family fun! Come to the Old Jail on October 25th, from 10:00 am until Noon. There will be many opportunities throughout the grounds for the children to fill their goody bags. There will also be tours of the Old Jail as well as trolley rides through downtown St. Augustine.

RSVP by email: Awareness@ProjectAutismSJ.org, or by phone: 904-716-6657. Old Jail Museum is located at 167 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine, FL 32084.

Come Join the Fun!

What's Happening?

Every Wednesday is Early Release~
Students Dismissed at 1:50
Every Friday is School Spirit Day~

Thurs. 10/23	First Quarter Ends Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A, 5:30-7:30 pm
Fri. 10/24	Teacher Planning Day, Student Holiday
Sat. 10/25	Make a Difference Day, 8:30 am -1:00 pm, Osceola Elementary School Grounds
Fri. 10/31	Book Character Parade, 9:00 am
Sun. 11/2	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Mon. 11/3	SAC Meeting, 4:30 pm, PTO Meeting, 5:30 pm
Thurs. 11/6	Student Picture Retakes
Tues. 11/11	Veteran's Day, Student/Teacher Holiday

ANCIENT CITY KID'S DAY

Attention Parents! Looking for something fun to do with your kids that doesn't cost a lot of money? Then the 19th Annual Ancient City Kids Day is for you! Ancient City Kids Day will be held on **Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 11am-3pm** at Francis Field on Castillo Drive. This event, coordinated by local agencies, is a day of fun-filled activities for children and families. The event is free for the public, and will include over 40 youth service agencies offering carnival style games and activities, arts and crafts, contests for the kids and free entertainment all day plus Smokey the Bear. No child will leave empty-handed as t-shirts, prizes or goodies are given out all day. Educational information on resources in our community is available for parents. The only cost to the public will be for food or drinks. Ancient City Kids Day has grown to be one of St. Augustine's biggest youth activities, and is a popular event for the whole family. Last year's event brought approximately 3,000 people out for the fun. For more information, please feel free to contact EPIC Behavioral Healthcare at 829-2273.

Father-Daughter Dance

Fathers and daughters across the First Coast are invited to attend the sixth annual FALL Daddy Daughter Dance hosted by Girls Inc. of Jacksonville. The event will be held on October 25th, 2014 from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Resort at the World Golf Village with proceeds designated to empowering girls in the community. Please visit us at: www.girlsincjax.org for more information and to register for the event.

Extended Day Program

Parents, did you know we have After School Day Care right here on the Osceola Campus? We have a great program designed to be fun, educational and age appropriate. We have openings for all grade levels, K-5. Our program is open at 7 am for Early Morning Care, every day school is open, and for After-School care, it closes daily at 5:45 pm. There are a variety of child care options to choose from. For more information please contact Betty Masse, Extended Day Coordinator at 547-3789, or Betty.Masse@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

After School Enrichment Programs

It is never too late to sign up for any of the After School Enrichment Classes for students. They are offered to **all** Osceola students, K-5, not just Extended Day students. Lego Lab, Shinsei Martial Arts (grades 1-5), Zumba for Kids and Soccer Shots will welcome any new participants. For more information about each class please contact Betty Masse at 547-3789, or email Betty.Masse@stjohns.k12.fl.us

What's for Lunch??

Students have a choice of one entrée and two fruit and/or vegetable choices. Choice of milk is served with all complete meals.

Tues. 10/21 Mini Corn Dogs, Mini Cheese Ravioli & Choice of Whole Grain Garlic Breadstick, Spinach/Romaine Salad Mix with Low Fat Salad Dressing, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Mustard, Ketchup

Wed. 10/22 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Wedge, Chicken Fajita Salad & Choice of Whole Grain Garlic Breadstick, Baby Carrot & Cucumber Dippers with Low Fat Dressing Dunk Cup, Sweet Peas, Fresh Sliced Apples

Thurs. 10/23 Hamburger, Home-style Chicken Sandwich, Crispy Baked Potato Cuts, Baked Beans, Pears, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Cup, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo

Fri. 10/24 Teacher Planning Day, Student Holiday

Mon. 10/27 Chicken Quesadilla Max, Max Cheese Sticks, Marinara Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges, Taco Sauce

Label, Label, Label!

Parents, in effort to keep our Lost and Found area from overflowing this year we strongly urge you to label, with a first and last name, all of your child's possessions that are brought to school. This includes all school supplies, backpacks, sweaters, coats, jackets, and lunch boxes. If we have a name on an item it can be easily returned to its rightful owner. Thanks!

After-School Transportation

Please make sure that your child's teacher is aware of afternoon transportation arrangements at all times. This information is requested of parents at the beginning of the school year. The teacher will abide by the information that was given by the parents unless they receive a change in writing. Teachers cannot accept a change in transportation from your child. This information must be in writing from the parent only. You may also fax or email the information to the school. **Please do not call the school with the change.** The fax number is 547-3795. The email address is Sheila.Lawshe@stjohns.k12.fl.us

VOLUNTEERS

We encourage you to volunteer. Volunteers are utilized in all areas of the school. We will teach you what you need to know to volunteer. We need volunteers in the classroom, clinic, cafeteria, office, media center, on field trips, as mentors to children, etc. **If you would like to volunteer, go to our school website and complete the application on-line.** It's called the **School Access** form. It must be completed and approved prior to becoming a volunteer, having lunch with your child, or participating in any field trips. When volunteering, log in as volunteer and wear your volunteer badge while volunteering. **Please do not enter a classroom unless the teacher has prior knowledge that you are coming to volunteer.** Doing so interrupts instructional time if the teacher has to stop teaching and talk with you. While volunteering on campus, during field trips or during school activities, children who are not enrolled in Osceola will not be allowed on campus. It is important that while volunteering for the school, you are able to give your undivided attention to the activity.

Early Checkout Procedure

As a safety precaution, students will only be released to the parent/guardian or the Emergency Contact listed on the Emergency Card. A current driver's license or state issued ID must be presented in the front office to check a student out early. **The following procedure will be strictly enforced:** NO student may be signed out after 2:20 pm every day except Wednesday. The latest early checkout on Wednesday is 1:20 pm. Parents must arrive in the front office no later than 2:20 pm (or 1:20 pm on Wednesday) in order to sign their child out early.

GUIDANCE CORNER

Making a Difference One Child at a Time: Mentor Training

Do you know someone who would like to become involved with our school by being a "Big Friend" to one of our students? Someone who can spare one lunchtime a week to meet and lend support to a special friend? Being a mentor is a wonderful way to volunteer and to make a difference. If interested, we encourage you to fill out a volunteer form (called **School Access** form) and to attend a Mentor Training on Thursday, Nov. 6th from 12:30-2:00 at Osceola. Please call Ms. Harrison, School Counselor at 547-3787, if interested, and let her know if you plan on attending.

Clothing Swap: Did you know that Osceola has a clothing closet filled with gently used clothing that is available to our families? IF you would like to donate gently used clothes, please drop them by the front office. We are hoping the closet will be open to our families by the end of the month. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the closet. Please call Ms. Harrison at 547-3787, if interested.

Vision Screening

The 5th grade vision screening will take place on Wed. 10/29. The Lions Club volunteers provide this service, to our Osceola 5th graders. Thanks You Lions Club!

Gifted Services:

Are you interested in having your child screened for Gifted Services? Parents/guardians may request that their child be screened for gifted services. The deadline for requests is Oct. 31st. All 2nd graders throughout the district are also screened. For more information, please check out the district website regarding Gifted Services, or contact Dana Harrison, School Counselor at 547-3787.