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Welcome Back  
Osceola  
Elementary  
2025-2026



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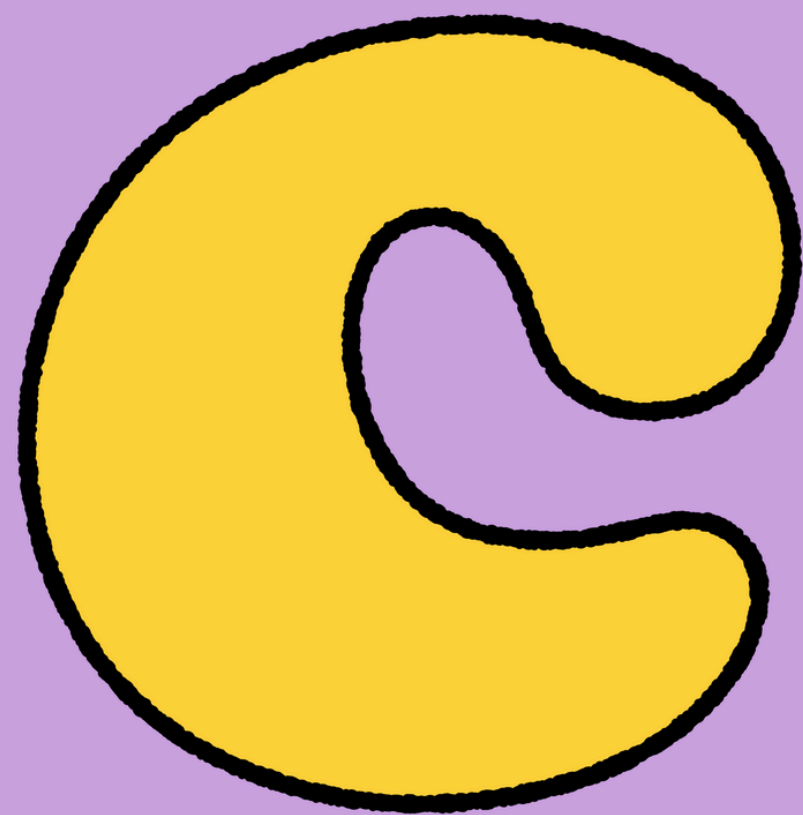
## What Parents Should Know About AVID

- AVID = Advancement Via Individual Determination – a college and career readiness program.
- Builds key skills: organization, critical thinking, writing, and teamwork.
- Supports students in becoming confident, goal-driven, and college or career ready.
- Designed for students who are motivated but need guidance to reach their full potential.
- Promotes family involvement and student accountability.
- Students will use binders and planners to stay organized — parents should check them daily.



is for **BIRTHDAYS**

We love to celebrate student birthdays. Students may bring in store bought items enough for all students in the class. Teachers will distribute during lunch. Please refrain from homemade items so that we are mindful of those students with food allergies.



is for  
**CAFÉ**



## **CAFÉ Manager – Sue Grasso**

- Each student has an ID used to purchase café items.
- Teachers and staff are on hand to assist students in the café.
- Ice Cream is available for purchase on Fridays (1st–5th).
- Free breakfast and lunch for all students.
- PayPams is the online payment system used by St. Johns County. You can deposit money and view purchased items on their website.
- Menus will be available on our website.



# PLEASE CONSIDER...

- Items in lunchbox should be easy for students to open without support
- Begin practicing with students now if they will be bringing a lunch from home
- We will make sure every student has the support they need
- Please note we are a “nut aware” school.

## Dear Parents

(of elementary school aged kids)

When your kids come to school we will have to help them open LOTS of the things you pack for lunch.

**PLEASE HAVE THEM PRACTICE OPENING THINGS BY THEMSELVES.**

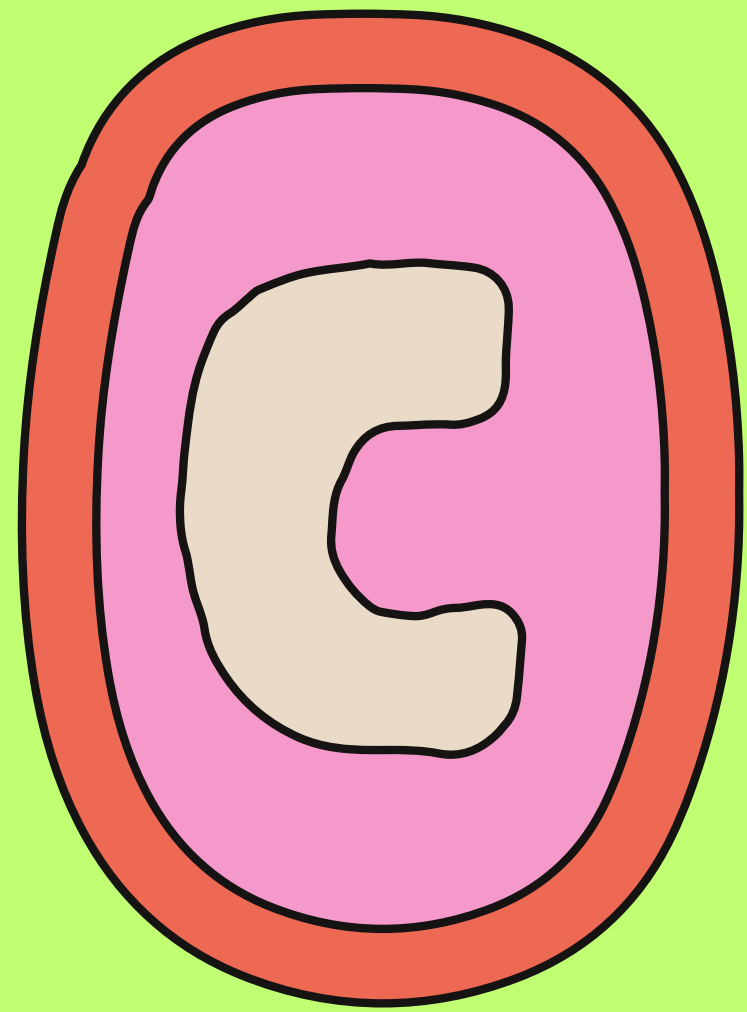
These are EASIER to open. If I help them open it, I won't be putting my hands on parts that will go in their mouth.



These are HARDER to open. If you send these PLEASE have them PRACTICE opening it. If I help them open it, I will be putting my hands on parts that will go in their mouth.



If your kiddo can open everything in their lunch, it means less time waiting with their hand up, more time eating and less germs!! (even though we are washing our hands and disinfecting)



is also  
for  
**Character  
Counts**



## CHARACTER COUNTS! at Osceola

St. Johns County is a CHARACTER COUNTS! district.

At Osceola, we teach and celebrate the Six Pillars of Character:

◆ Trustworthiness

◆ Respect

◆ Responsibility

◆ Fairness

◆ Caring

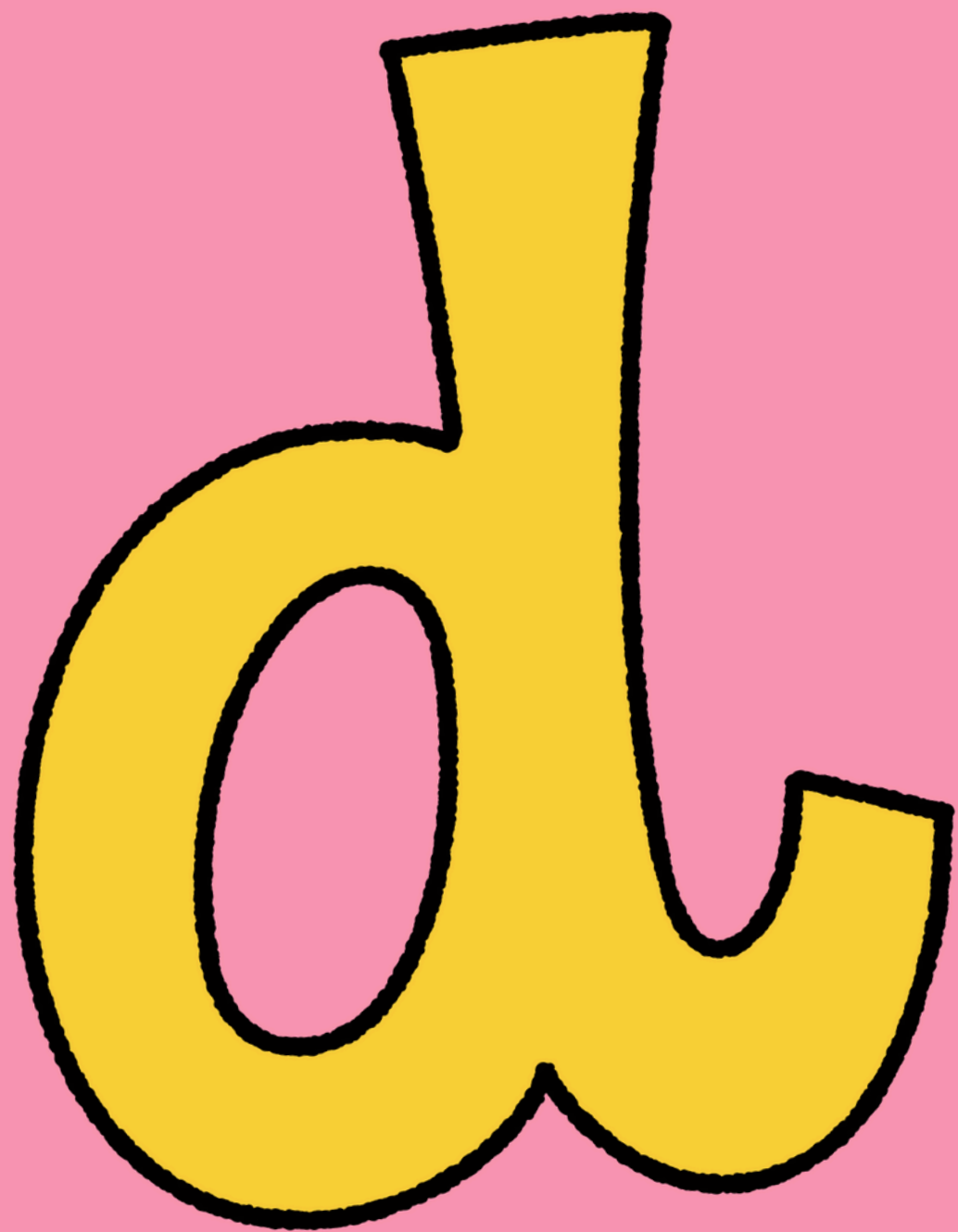
◆ Citizenship

- Each month, we focus on one pillar through lessons and activities.

- 🎉 First Tuesday of every month is CHARACTER COUNTS! Day—wear the color of the month's pillar!

- We believe in individual worth and hold high expectations for all students.





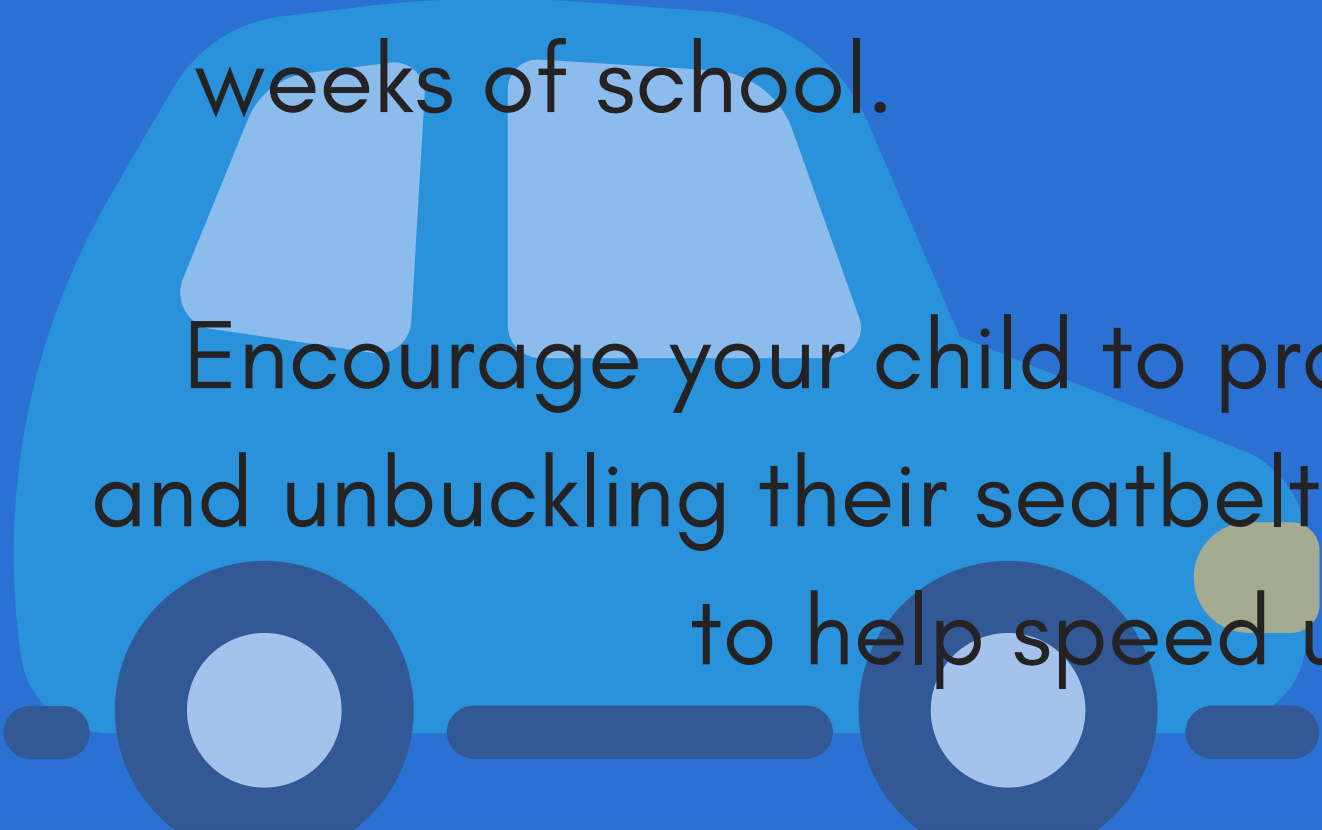
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is for  
**Dismissal**

## Parent Pick-Up (PPU) Procedures

- 2:30 PM – Gate opens for Pre-K pick-up only
  - Green Tag required
  - No older siblings allowed at this time
- 2:45 PM – Pick-up begins for all remaining students (Pre-K to 5th grade)
- Please be patient when using Parent Pick-Up, especially during the first few weeks of school.

### **A helpful tip:**



Encourage your child to practice buckling and unbuckling their seatbelt independently to help speed up the process.

# Important Dismissal Reminders

**Critical Reminders** - With increased traffic and safety updates, it is important that we work together to ensure the safety of our students.

- We ask that parents/families remain in their vehicles at **ALL TIMES** during dismissal. Please have your ***car tag displayed***
- Anyone picking up your child must be listed on the student information form. Those without a tag will be asked to park and show ID in the office
- Parents/Families SHOULD NOT** park and walk up to the sidewalks. Students will not be released from this area
- Early Release Wednesday** - All students are dismissed at 1:45 on Wednesday .







is for  
**Email &  
Communication**

## **Stay Connected with OES**



### Teacher Emails

- Teachers will share their email addresses.
- Expect replies within 24 hours—often much sooner!
- Reach out anytime with questions or concerns.



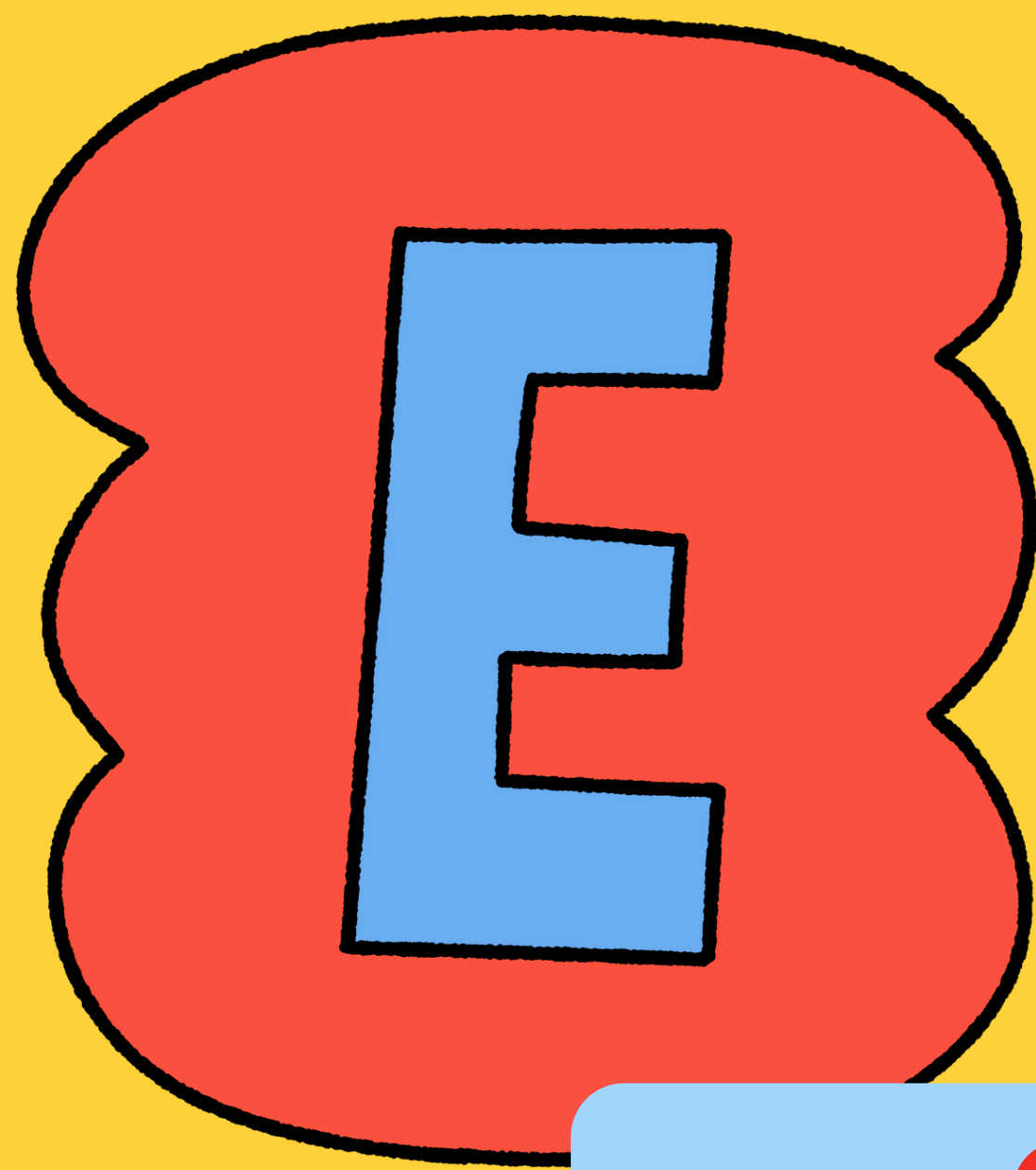
### ClassDojo

- Get class updates, messages, and photos directly from your child's teacher.



### OES Website

- Visit our site for news, calendars, and resources.



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Communication**



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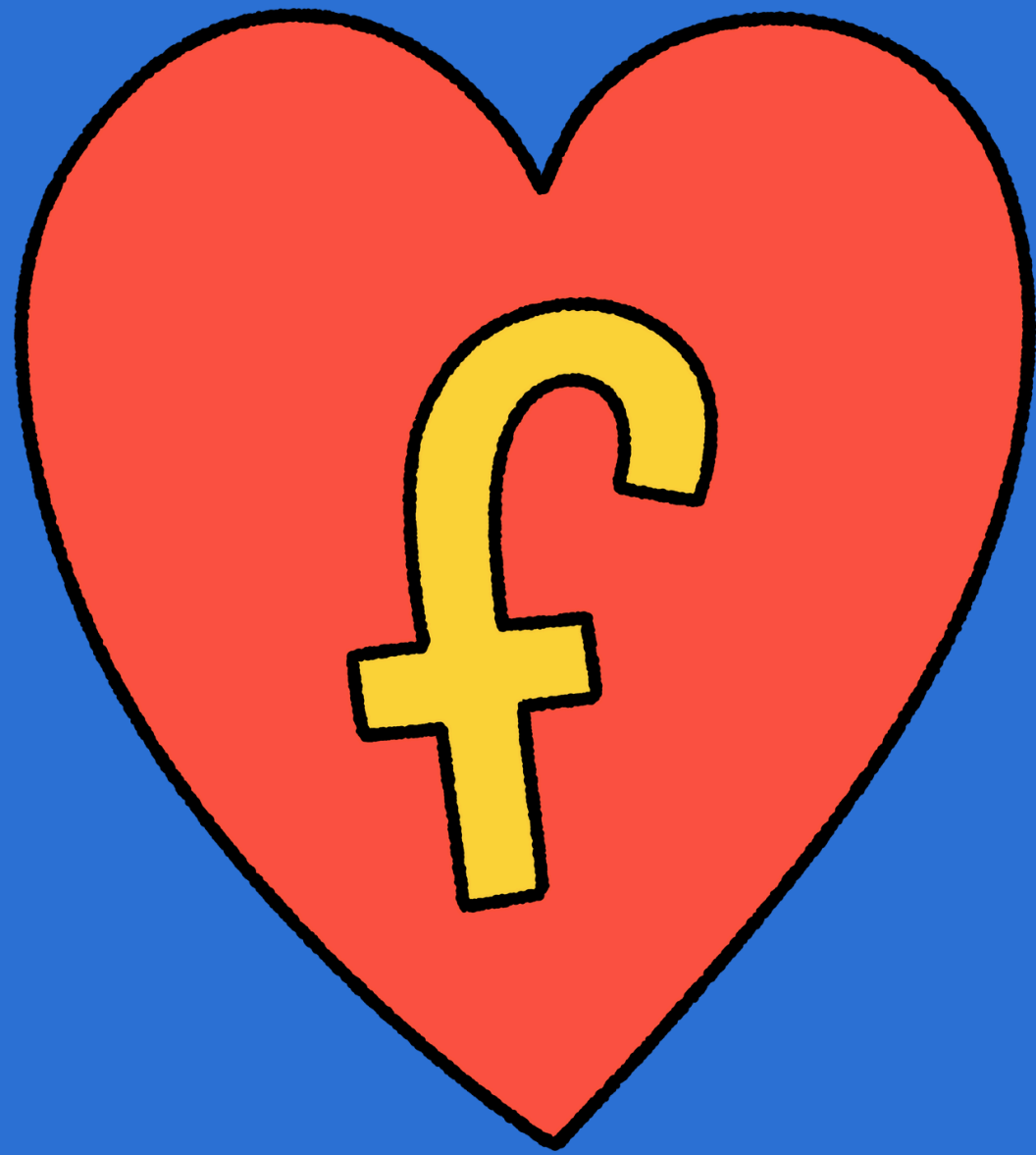
### Monthly Newsletter

- Sent each month with key updates and upcoming events.



### School Messenger/Parent Square

- Important messages sent via email, phone, and text.
- Keep your contact info up to date to stay informed.



is for  
**Field  
Studies**



# Grade-Level Learning Activities

- **Enrichment Opportunities:** Grade levels will plan special activities to enhance student learning.
- **Permission Slips:** Please return all permission slips promptly to avoid delays.
- **Tickets:** If tickets are required, details will be provided in advance.
- **Chaperones:** All chaperones must be district-approved before attending.
- **No Siblings:** For safety and supervision reasons, siblings may not attend field trips or school-sponsored activities.



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**Grades**



## Academic Expectations & Support

- **Grading Scales:** Teachers will use standard grading scales to assess student progress. Details will be shared at the start of the year.

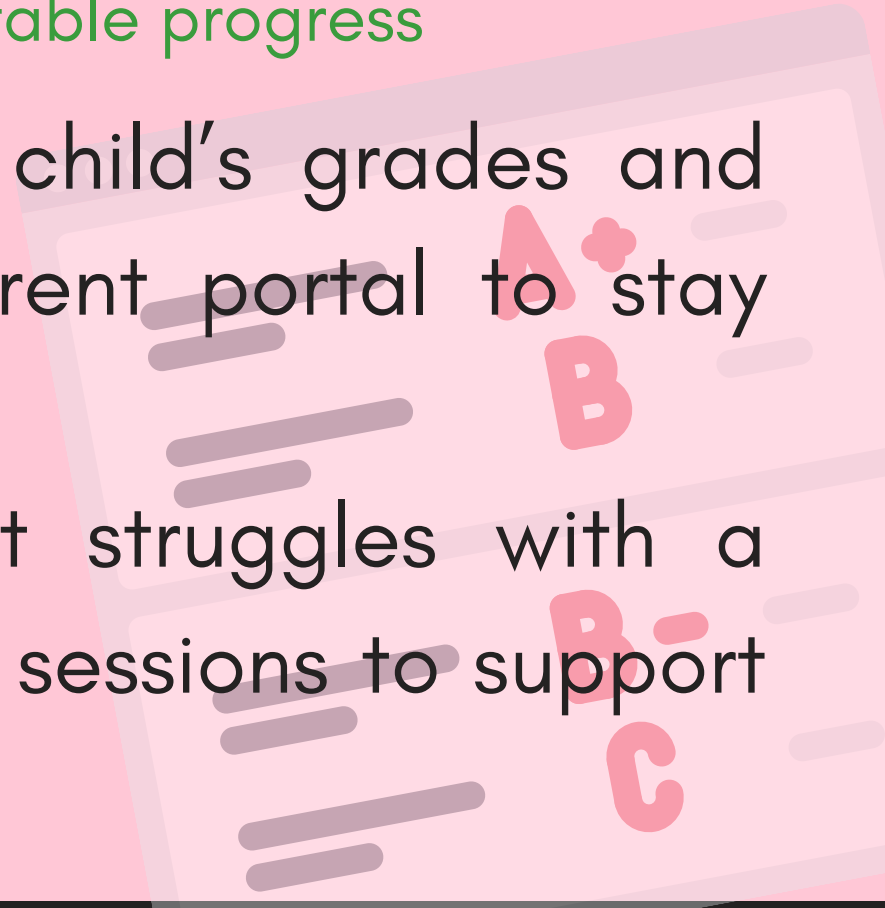
### K-2nd Grade

- M** – Meeting FL Standards
- P** – Progressing Toward FL Standards
- I** – Improvement needed

### 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- A – 90-100** – Outstanding progress
- B – 80-89** – Above Average
- C – 70-79** Average progress
- D – 60-69** – Lowest Acceptable progress
- F – 59 and below** – Unacceptable progress

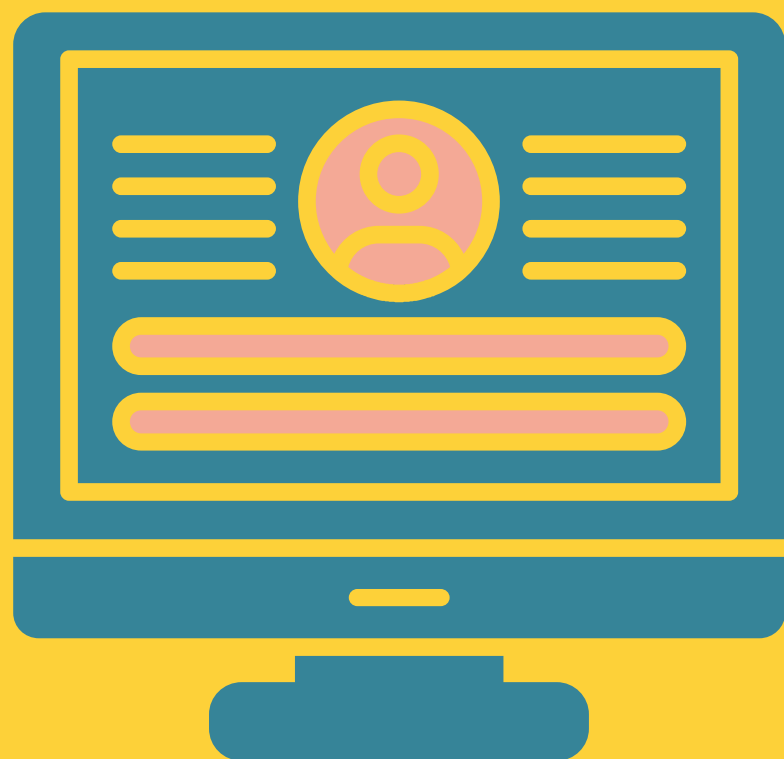
- **Frequent Logins:** Please check your child's grades and assignments regularly through the parent portal to stay informed.
- **Reteach Opportunities:** If a student struggles with a concept, teachers will provide reteach sessions to support mastery.










is for **HAC**



## ➡ **Home Access Center (HAC)**

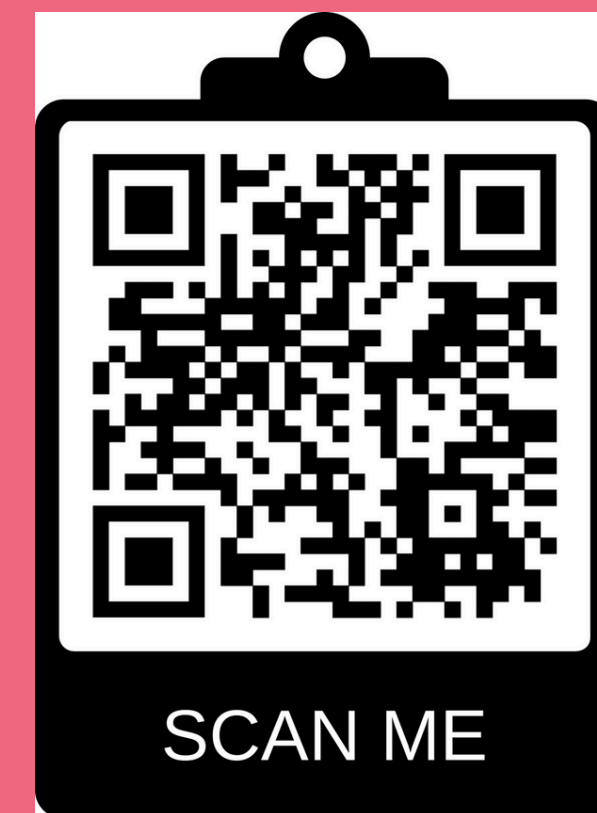
HAC lets you view your child's grades & attendance securely online or through the mobile app.

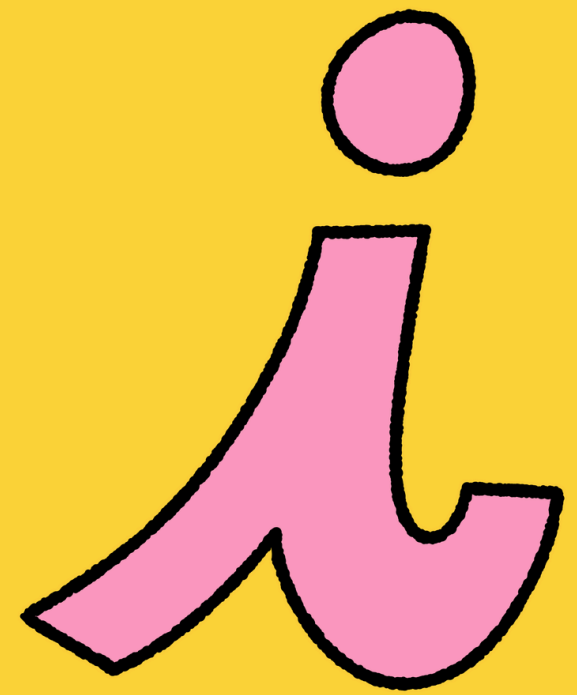
- Available on  web,  Android, and  iPhone.
- Students use their Office365 login (provided by their teacher).
- Parents can register at Open House, other school events, or by visiting the office with a photo ID



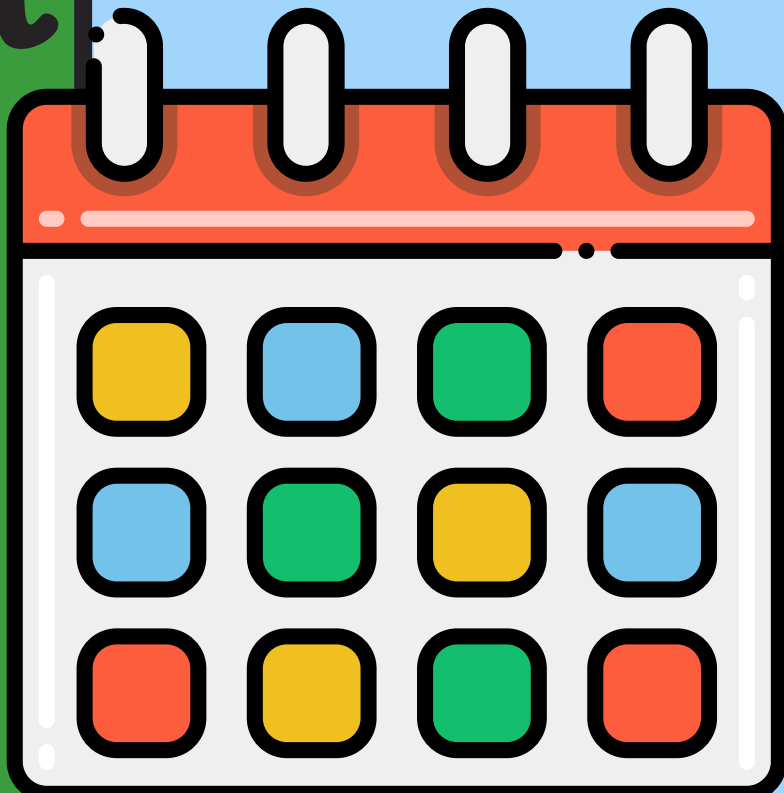
**Learn more &  
register:**

**Home Access Center**





is for  
**Important  
Dates**



# **“Mark those days and make them count”**

- **Aug. 7** – Meet the Teacher
- **Aug. 11** – First Day of School
- **Sept. 1** – No School – Labor Day
- **Sept. 19**– No School – Inservice
- **Oct. 10** – END of Quarter 1
- **Oct. 13** – No School– Teacher Planning
- **Nov. 11** – No School – Veteran’s Day
- **Nov. 24 – Nov.28** – Fall Break
- **Dec. 19** – END of Quarter 2
- **Dec. 22 – Jan. 1** – Winter Break



## Join a Club or Team!

Clubs & Activities Include:

- Kindness Krew, Cheer Cats, Safety Patrol, Flag Patrol, Girls on the Run
- Drama, Chess, STEM
- Backyard Rules (Baseball), Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, Golf, and more!

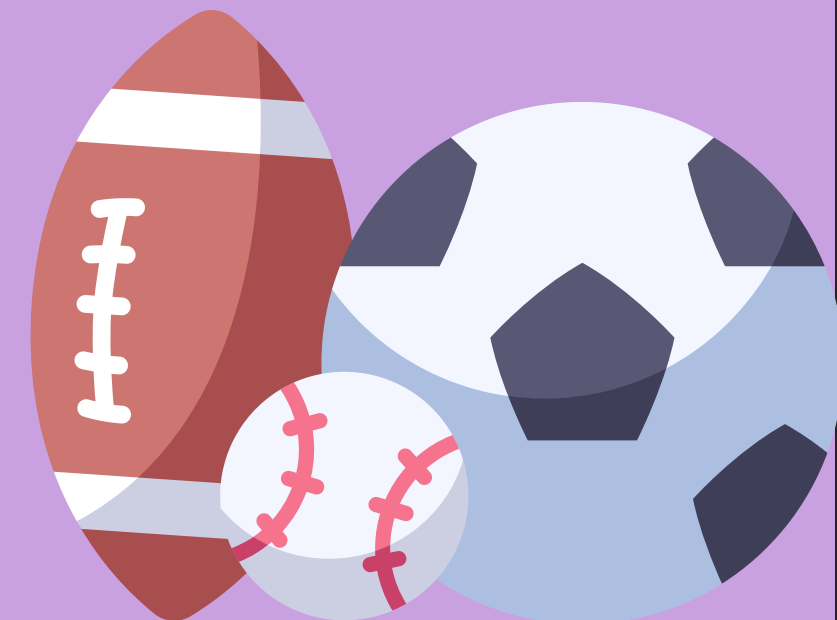
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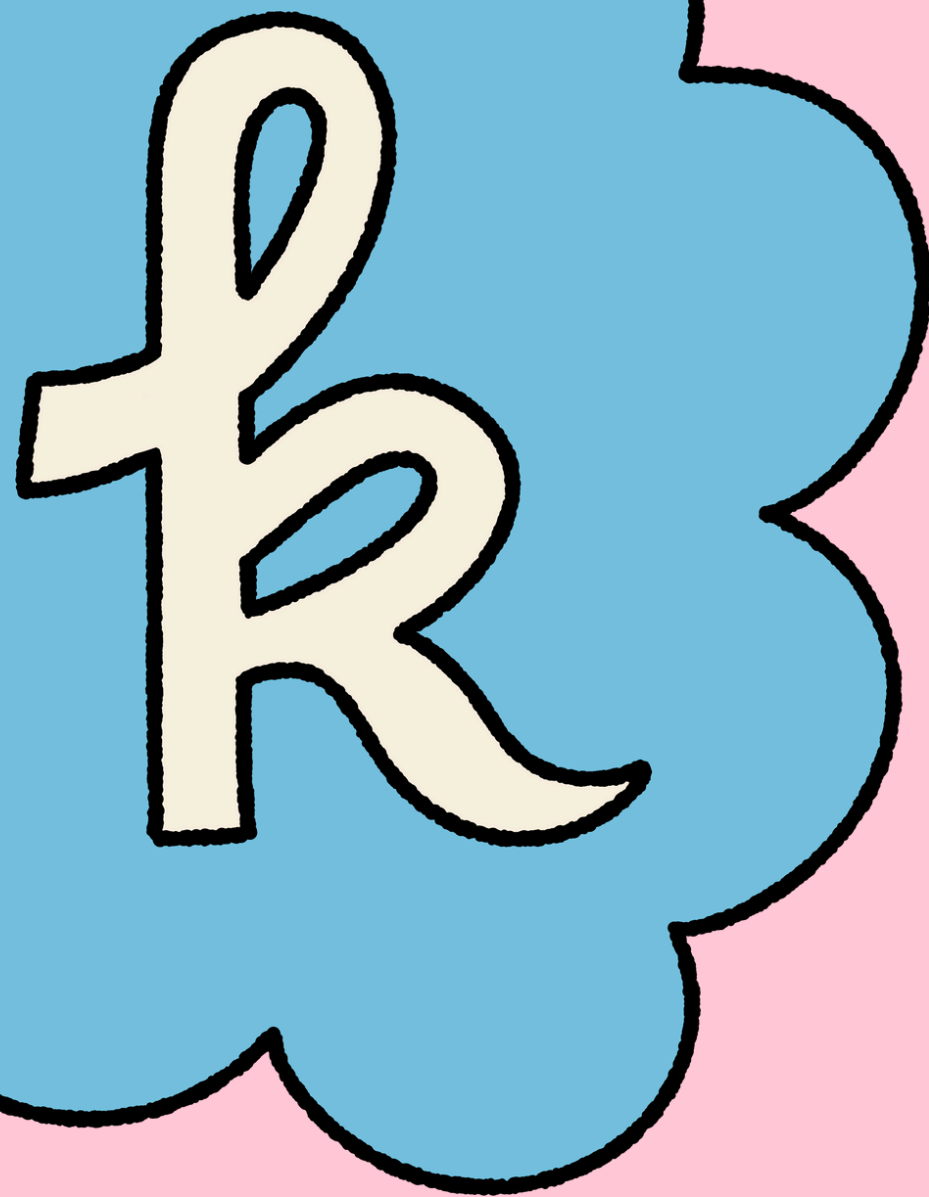


Visit booths at Meet the Teacher



Flyers/info will be sent home



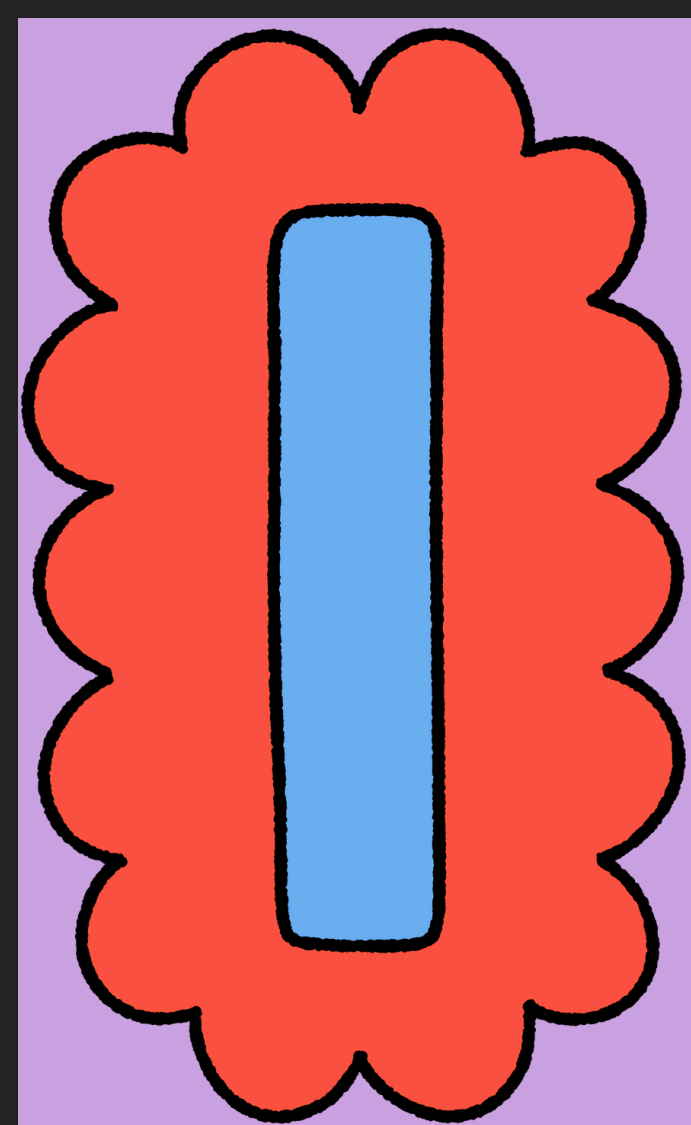


is for  
**Kindness**

## ♥ Kindness Counts at Osceola!

- We believe in modeling kindness and compassion every day.
- 🤝 Together, we build a healthy, supportive Wildcat community.
- ✨ Kindness Day is the 1st Thursday of every month — let's celebrate with acts of kindness!
- 🌟 Led by our amazing Kindness Krew!





is for  
**Label**











Label jackets, water bottles and lunch boxes. The lost and found will be located in the cafeteria. After each marking period we donate unclaimed items.





**Morning  
Drop-off**

## **Reminders**

-  Gate opens at 7:55 AM – please keep students in the car until staff arrives at 8:00 AM.
-  Students should exit from the curbside door – arrange car seats accordingly.
-  Pull forward behind the car in front of you.
-  Cross only at the yellow lines when directed by staff.
-  Exit right only during drop-off and pick-up hours.
-  No cell phone use in the car line.
-  No drop-off in the bus loop unless directed or after 8:25 AM.
-  After 8:25 AM, students are tardy – park and walk them to the front office.


# n

is for  
**Nurse**

### Contact Info:

  Krystle Kelley, LPN

 (904) 547-3788




 (904) 547-3791

 Email:



krystle.kelley@stjohns.k12.fl.us



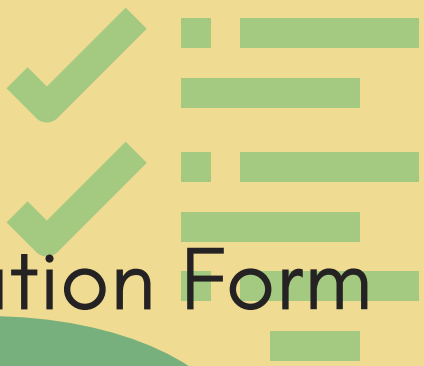
## Osceola Clinic Info

- The clinic provides a vital service for our students.
-  Nurse Krystle Kelley has an open-door policy for students, parents, and staff.
-  Clinic Hours: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday–Friday
-  Questions? Call or email — Nurse Kelley is happy to help!

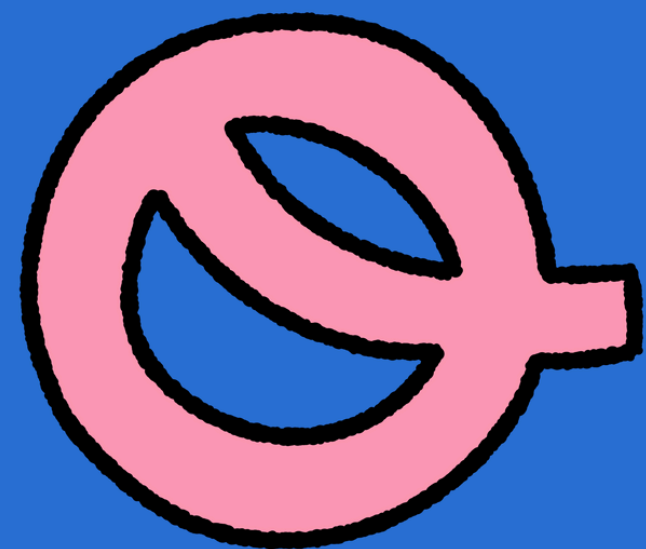
### Medication Guidelines

- Nurse Kelley can administer medications during school hours.
-  No stock medicine is kept in the clinic.
-  You may bring over-the-counter meds (e.g., ChapStick, sunscreen, cough drops, Tylenol, etc.)
  - ➤ Must be in the original container
  - ➤ Must include a signed Medication Authorization Form (by parent & doctor)

 Find the form in the FORMS section of the clinic webpage.







# Our is for Leadership Team



JESSICA MEAD  
Principal

ADRIANA ORTA  
K-2  
Asst. Principal



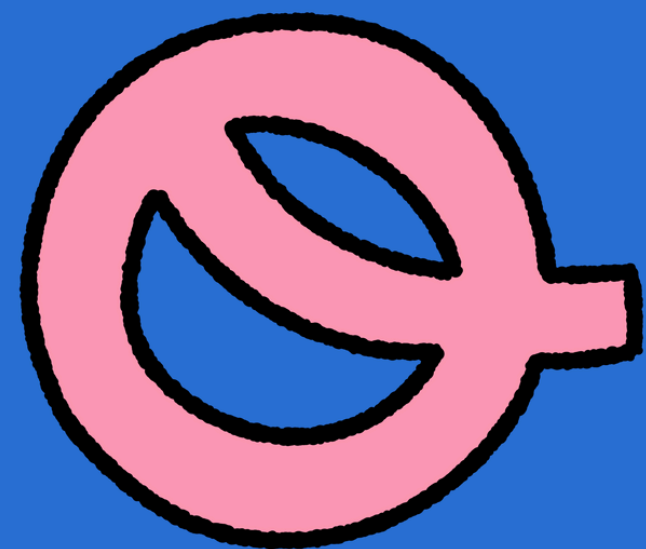
BJ ESGUERRA  
3-5  
Asst. Principal

KERI CORTEZ  
Counserlor



FAYE JENKINS  
Behavior  
Interventionist





# Our is for Leadership Team



MARGOT DOWNIE  
Math Coach



AMY MATTHEWS  
Computer  
Operator



SUSAN LYNCH  
Secretary

CINDY SMEALAND  
Literacy  
Coach



KRYSTLE KELLEY  
Nurse





# ♥ Get Involved with Our PTO!

- Our amazing PTO supports students, staff, and school improvements.
- 🌐 Visit:  
[osceolapto.membershiptoolkit.com](https://osceolapto.membershiptoolkit.com)
- ➤ Join PTO, buy spirit wear, and explore fun family events!
- 👍 Follow us on Facebook for updates and event info.
- 🙌 We'd love your help — we need YOU to make a difference!



is also  
for  
**PBIS**



## **PBIS & P.A.W.S. at Osceola**

PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports):

- A school-wide system that promotes positive behavior
- Helps all students succeed in classrooms and common areas
- Focuses on teaching expectations, not just correcting behavior
- Students learn to take responsibility, reflect, and grow

P.A.W.S. Core Values:

**P - PERSONAL BEST**

**A - ACT RESPONSIBLY**

**W - WORK & PLAY SAFELY**

**S - SHOW RESPECT**



Students are recognized for showing these values every day!



For more details, see the St. Johns County District Conduct Code



is for  
**Quality  
Education**



# At-Home Learning with Clever

Clever Badges will be sent home for easy login.

Visit: [\[clever.com/in/stjohns\]](https://clever.com/in/stjohns)



## Reading Programs

- Lexia Core5 (All students)
- Reading Eggs & Imagine Learning (ELL students)
- 🕒 Goal: 60 mins/week total



## Math Program

- IXL Math
- 🎯 Goal: 3-5 lessons/week



## Parent Tips

- Set a weekly routine
- Use a timer (15-20 mins)
- Ask your child to show you what they're learning





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**Resource  
Classes**



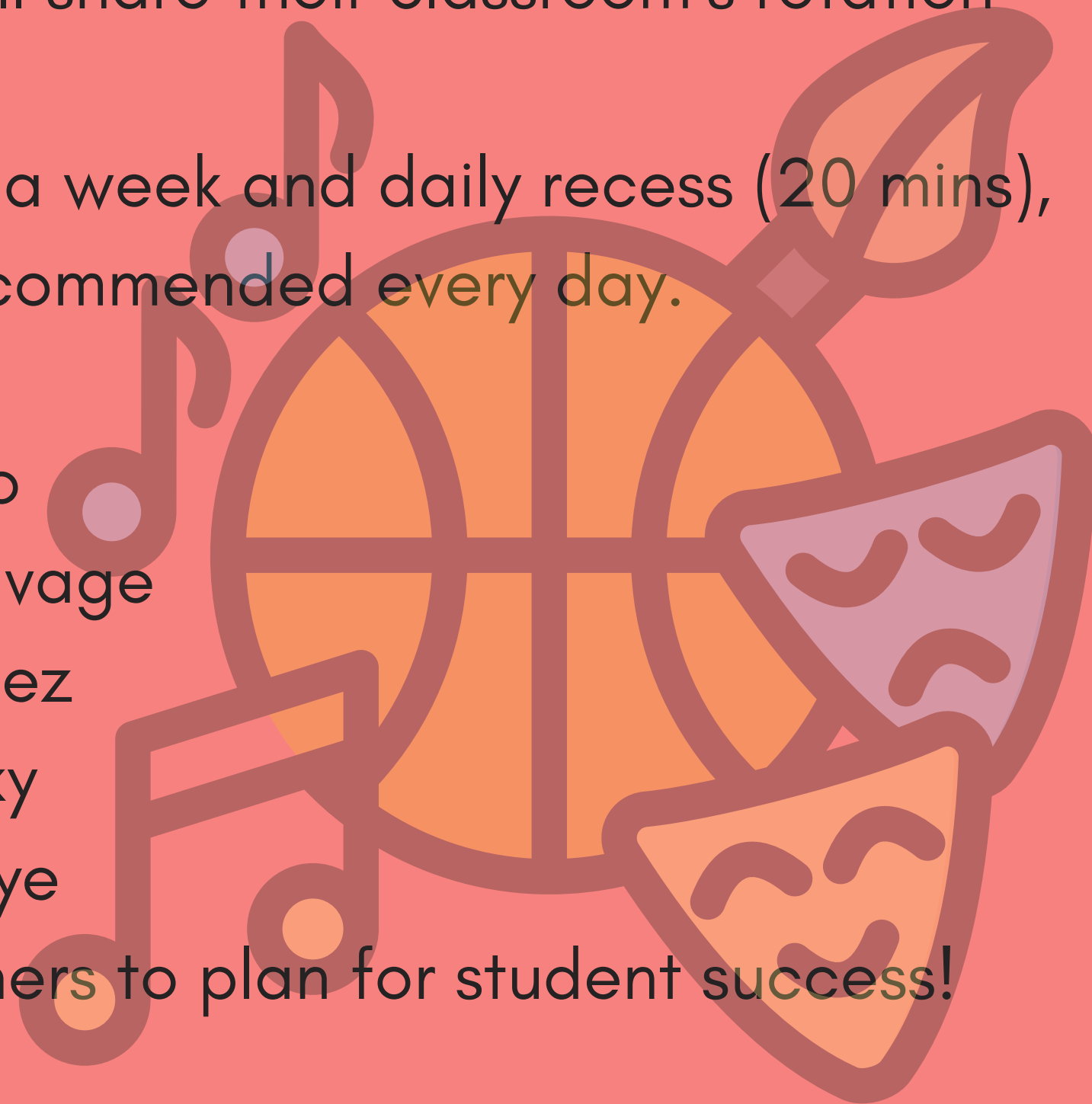
## Resource Rotation

- Students rotate daily through Resource (electives):
- Media, Art, PE, Music, and more!
- Your child's teacher will share their classroom's rotation schedule.
- With PE multiple times a week and daily recess (20 mins),
- 🏃 Tennis shoes are recommended every day.

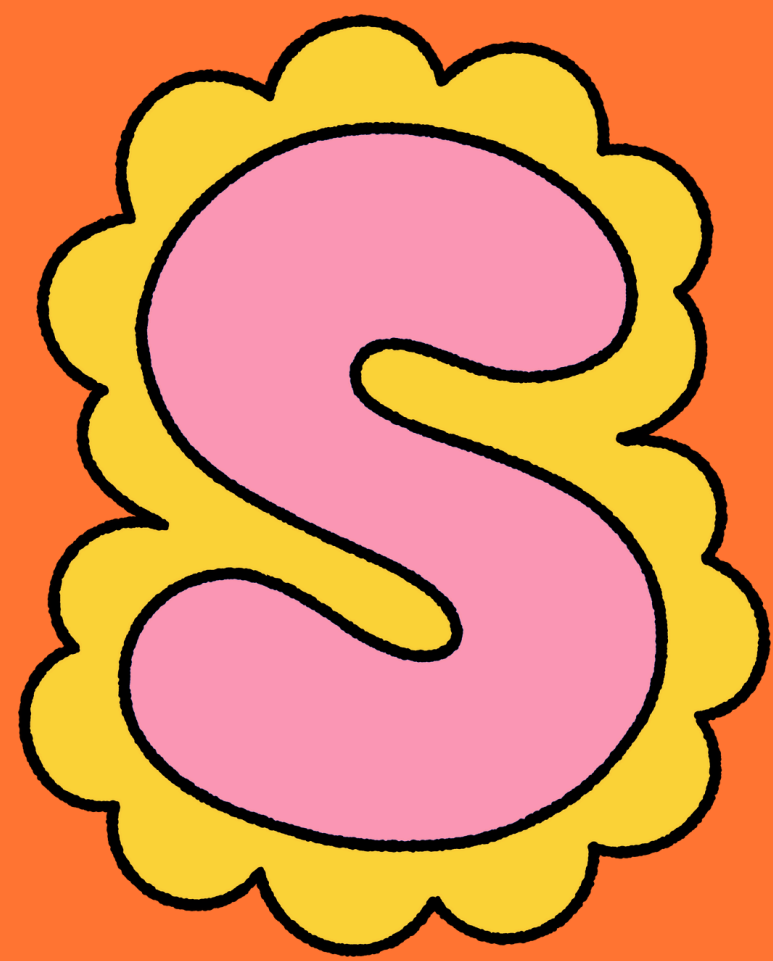
### Resource Teachers:

- 📖 Media: Kellie Blanco
  - Para: Karen Muscavage
- 🎨 Art: Nariah Fernandez
- 🏃 PE: Angela Marcusky
- 🎵 Music: Gavin Rapelye

This time also allows teachers to plan for student success!







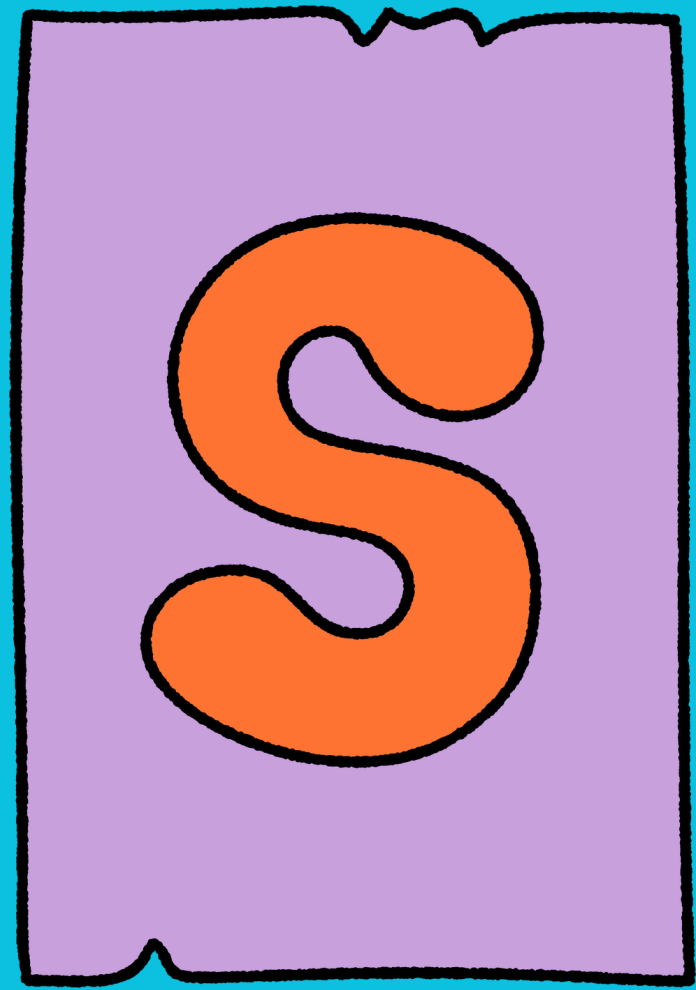


is for  
**Spirit  
Days**



# Spirit Days at Osceola



-  Wildcat Wednesdays
  - Wear your Osceola gear every Wednesday to show your school spirit!
  -  T-shirts available at Meet the Teacher, Open House, PTO events, or the front office.
-  AVID Fridays (1st Friday of each month)
  - Celebrate our AVID journey with fun monthly themes to build school pride and unity!



is also  
for  
**Student  
Code of  
Conduct**



# Student Handbook Access

- Grades K–2: Inside student planners
- Grades 3–5: Inside AVID Binders
-  Also available on the school website
-  Please review the handbook with your child and keep it handy for reference.



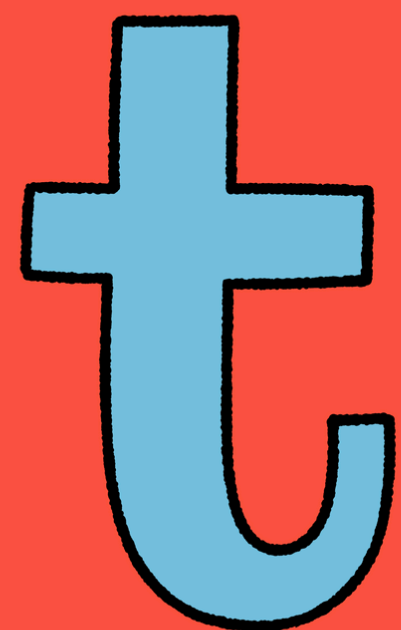
## Cell Phone Policy

Elementary & Middle School Students

- May possess a phone, but
- Cannot use it during the instructional day  
Based on HB 1105






Parents are encouraged to review these rules with students before the school year begins.




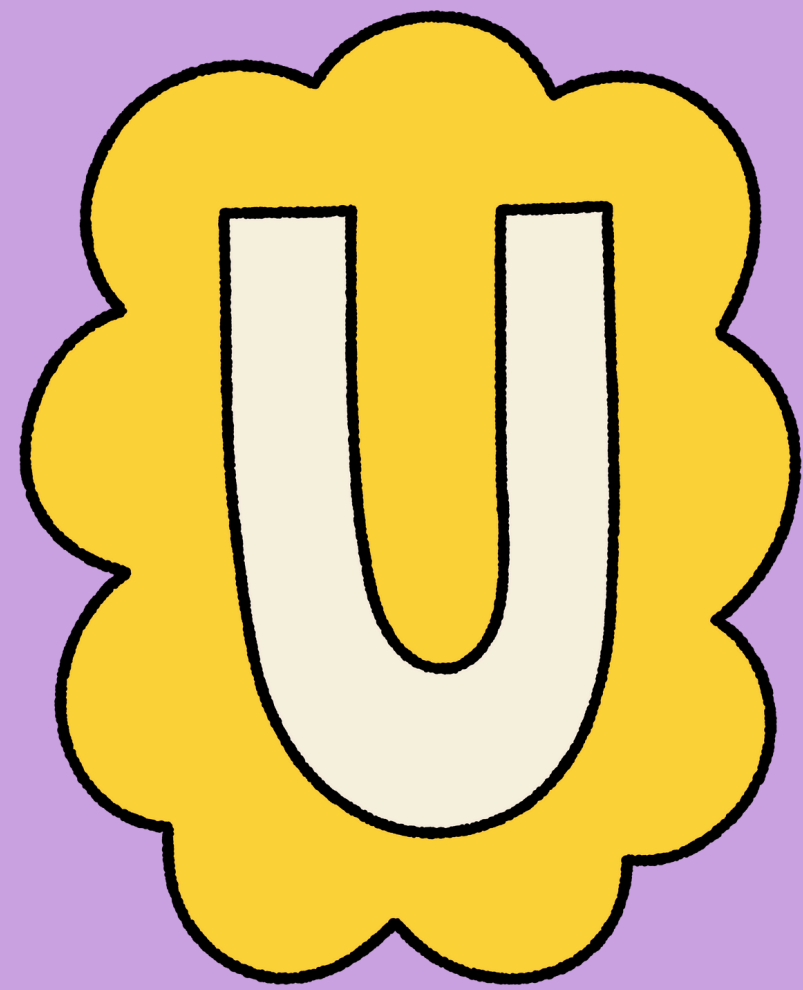
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## **Dismissal Changes New Protocol**

-  2:00 PM on Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri
-  1:00 PM on Wednesdays
-  No phone calls for dismissal changes — Form only, please.

- To ensure student safety and accurate communication,
- all dismissal changes must now be submitted using our online form.
-  Parents, please complete the form here:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/x3iXnVNipw>



is for  
**Unique  
Needs**

## ☀️ **Celebrating What Makes Us Unique**

- At Osceola, every student learns that they are special and unique.
- Children explore what makes them similar and different from others.
- Through these experiences, we learn to respect, appreciate, and celebrate one another.

## 📁 **Support Contacts for Student Services**

### **504 & ELL Students:**

✉️ Questions? Contact Mrs. Keri Cortez

### **Students with IEPs – Contact Your Case Manager:**

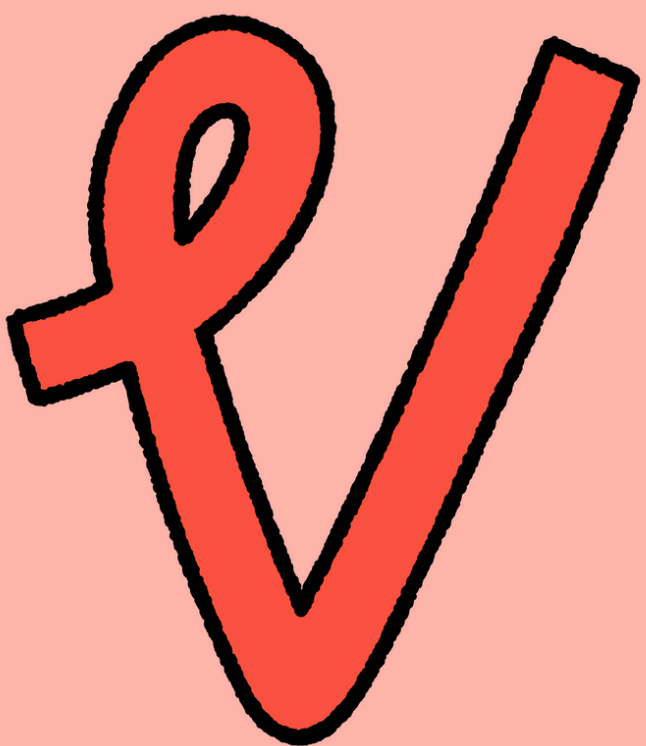
- **Grades K-1:** Jamie Garcia & Paula Davis
- **Grades 2-3:** Misty Lake & Melissa Kurdyla
- **Grades 4-5:** Jennifer Twine & Julie Johnson

### **Academic Questions?**

Always reach out to your child's homeroom teacher first!







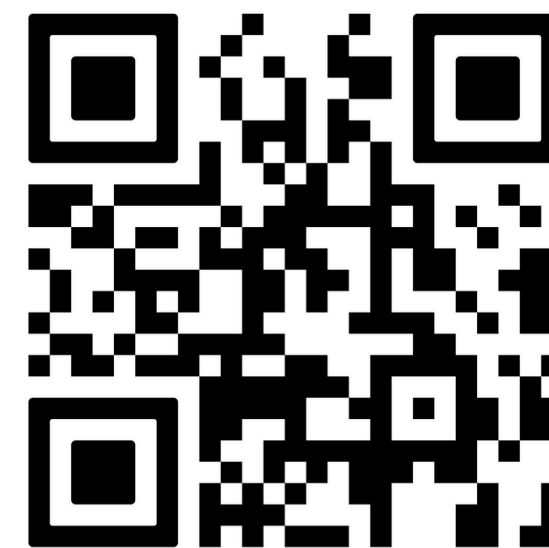
is for  
**Volunteers**

**sign up:**

<https://osceolapto.membershiptoolkit.com/Volunteer>

## Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in the classroom, clinic, cafeteria, office, media center, or as a mentor/chaperone.
- Complete the School Access Form on the district website.
- ⏳ Allow 2-4 weeks for approval.
- Sign in as a “volunteer” via Raptor and wear your badge.
- Coordinate visits in advance with the teacher — no drop-ins, please.
- Only enrolled Osceola students allowed during volunteer time.
- Give your full attention while volunteering — we appreciate you!

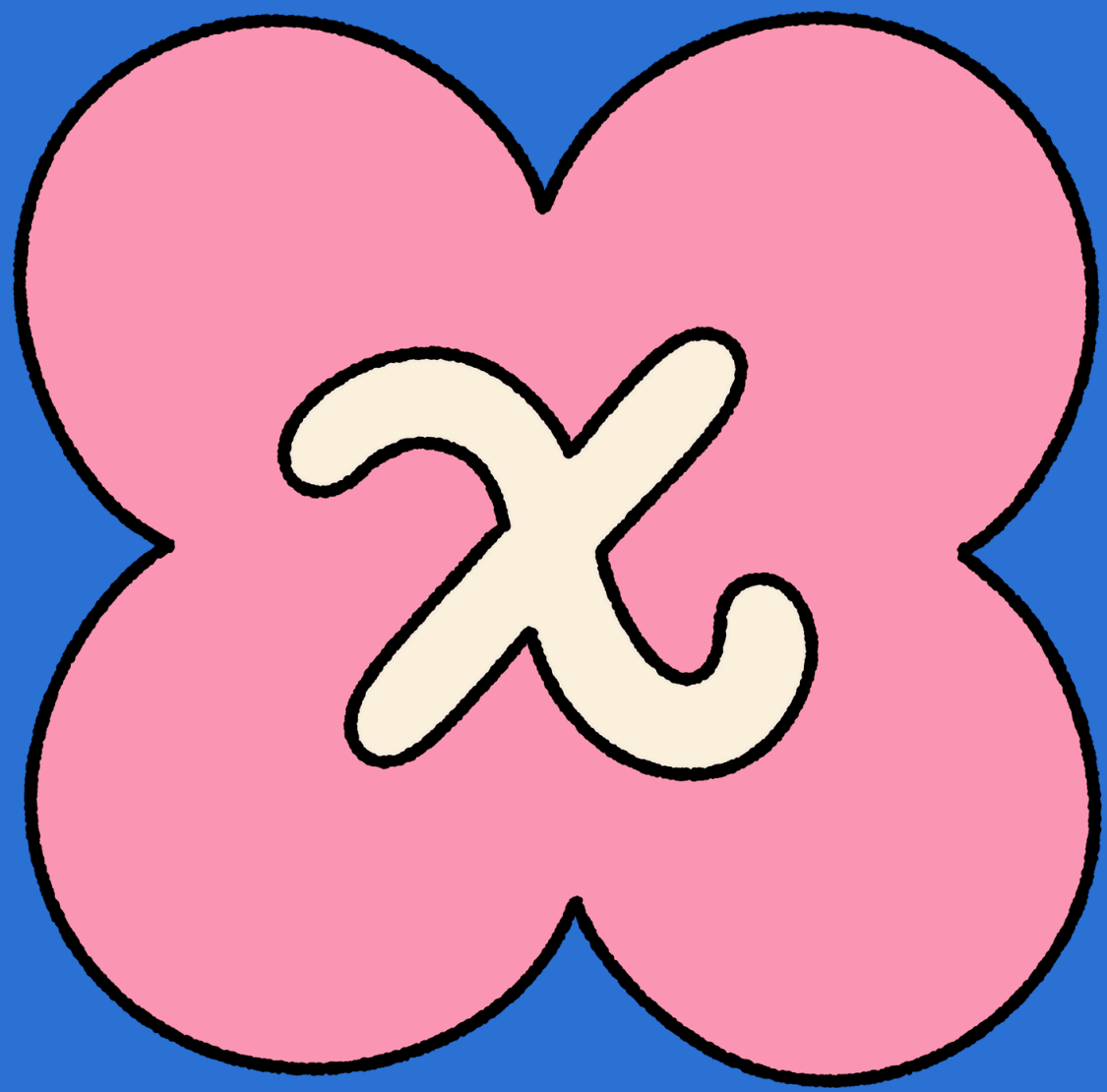




is for  
**early release**  
**WEDNESDAY**

- SJCSD have early-release on Wednesday.
- Osceola dismisses at 1:45 PM every Wednesday.





is for  
**eXcellent  
year**

 **Wishing You an eXcellent Year!**


We're excited to partner with you for a year  
full of:

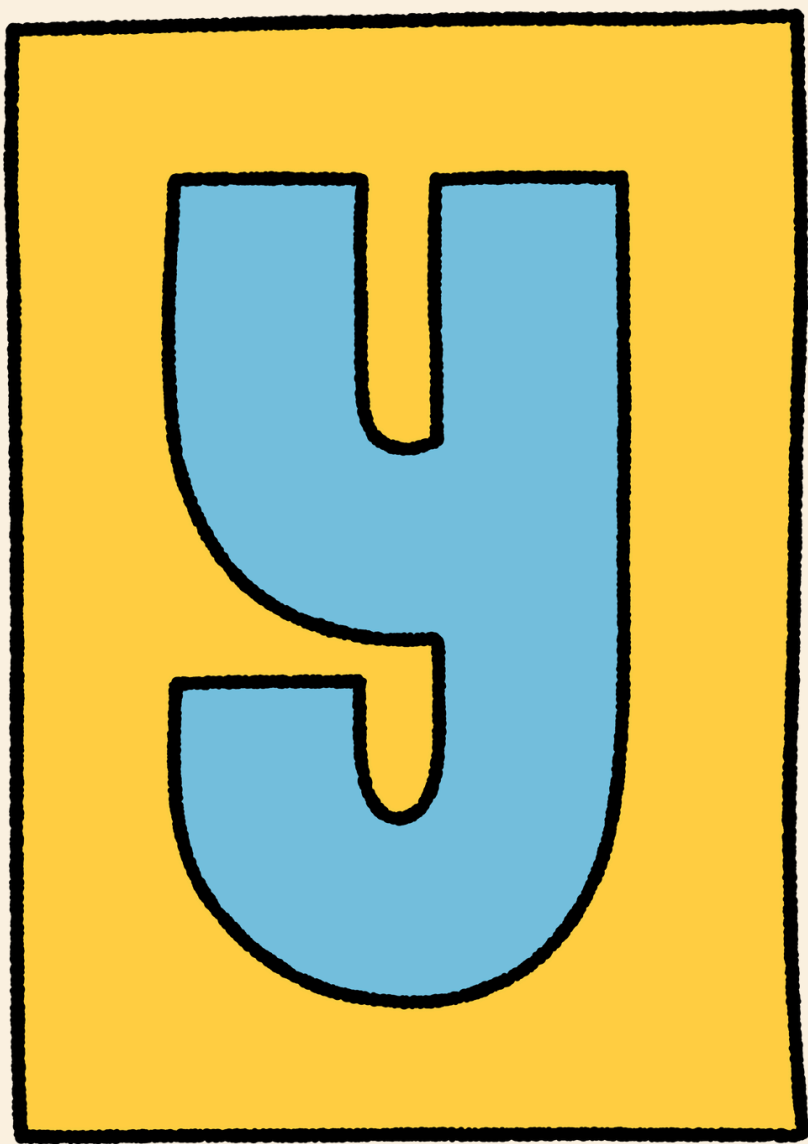
 Learning

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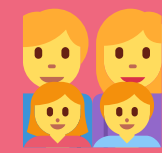
 Wildcat Pride

 Growth

Let's make it an eXceptional year together at  
Osceola! 



is for  
**YOU**



## Parent Leadership Matters

You are a vital part of your child's success at  
OES! ❤️

- 📧 Stay connected with teachers and staff
- 💬 Talk daily with your child about school
- ✅ Support school rules and expectations
- 🤝 Show respect to all — staff, students, and fellow parents
- ✨ Set high expectations for behavior and academics

Better Never Quits! 🐾





is for  
**ZZZs**

Please make  
sure your  
child is  
well-rested  
every day.

