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Welcome Back
Osceola
Elementary
2026-2027



is for
ATTENDANCE

Attendance

At our school, we are **Wild About Growth** in attendance! By working together with families and encouraging students to be at school every day, we increased daily attendance, reduced absences, and built stronger attendance habits. This growth helps ensure that more students are present, engaged, and ready to learn each day. 🌿🐾

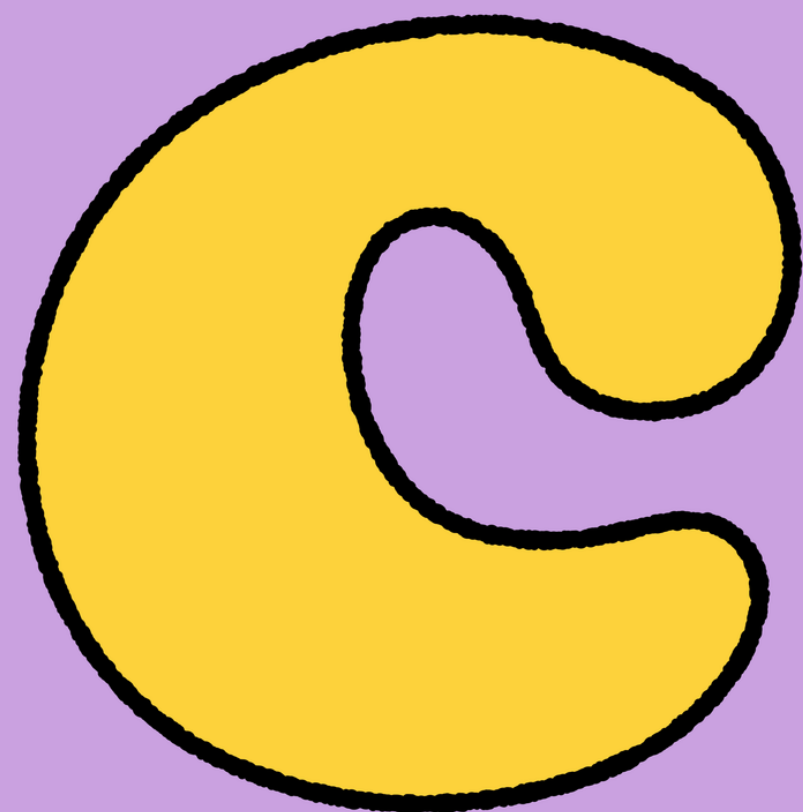
District Attendance Policy

stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/attendance



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.

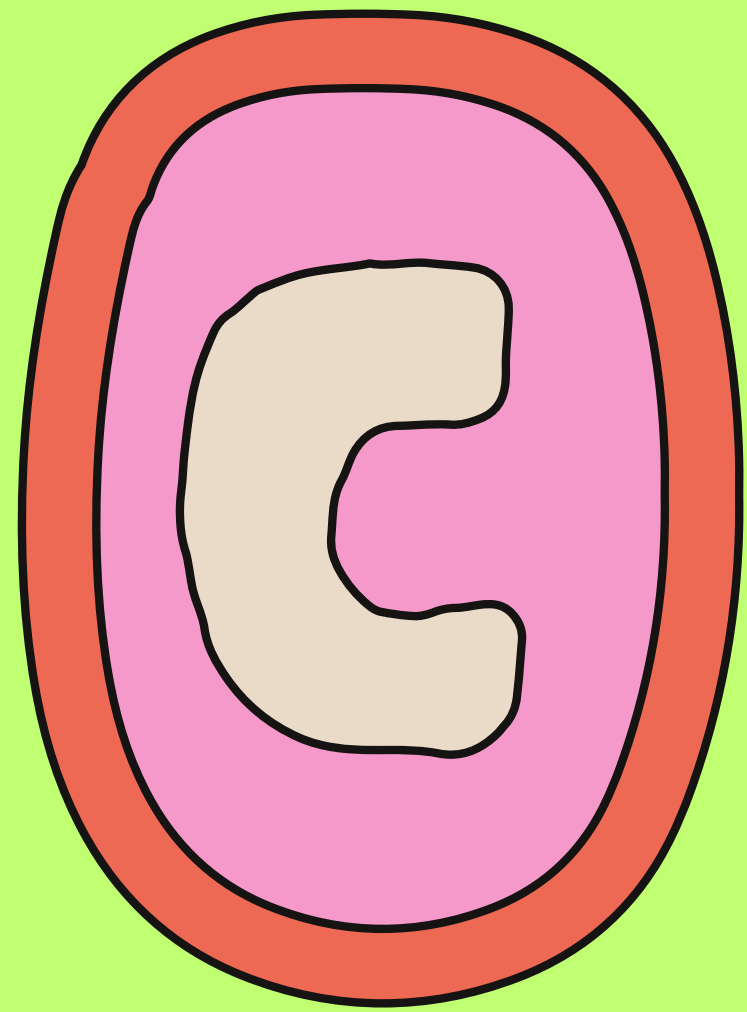
These are EASIER to open. If I help them open it, I won't be putting my hands on parts that will go in their mouth.



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)



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**CHARACTER
COUNTS**

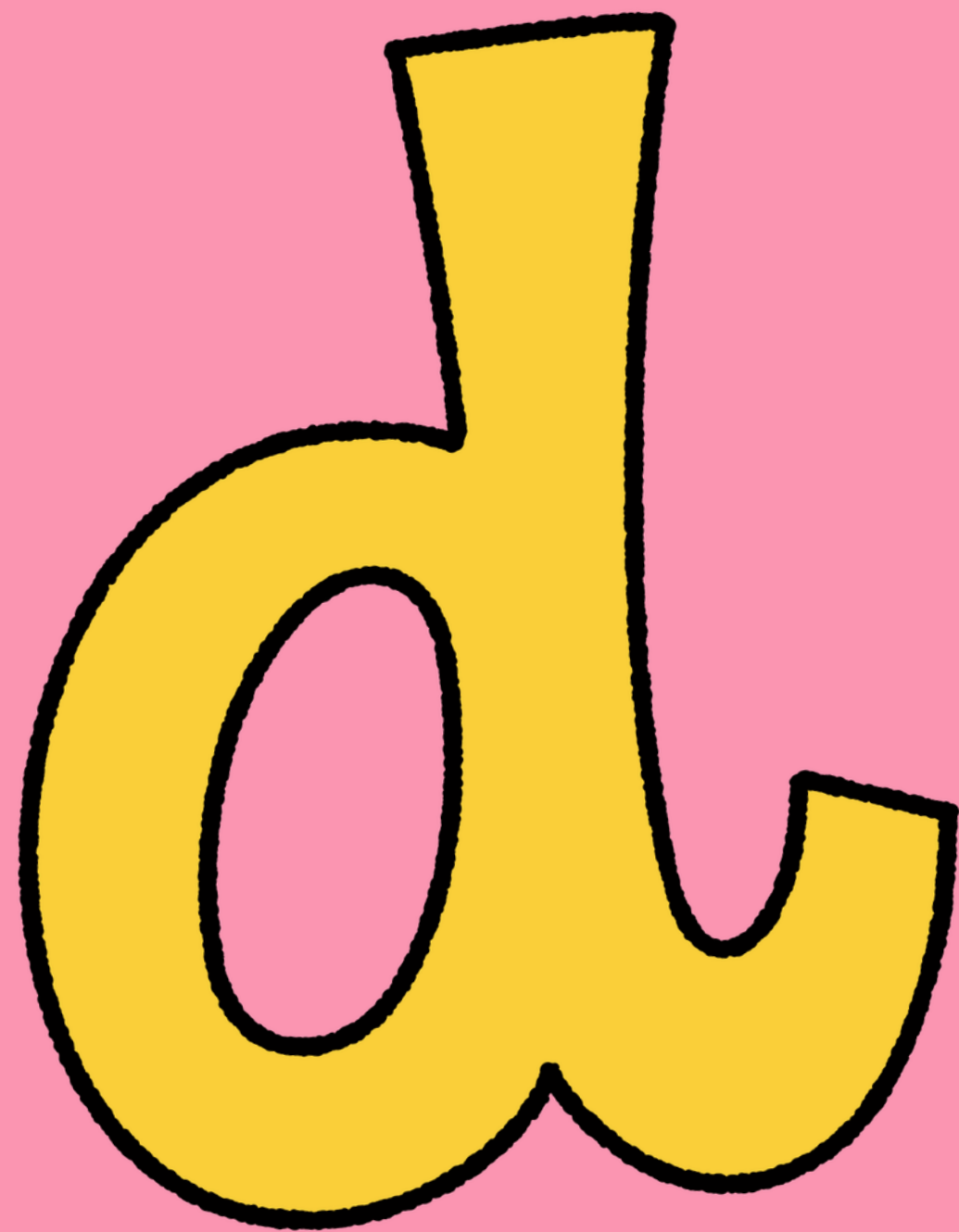


CHARACTER COUNTS! at Osceola

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.



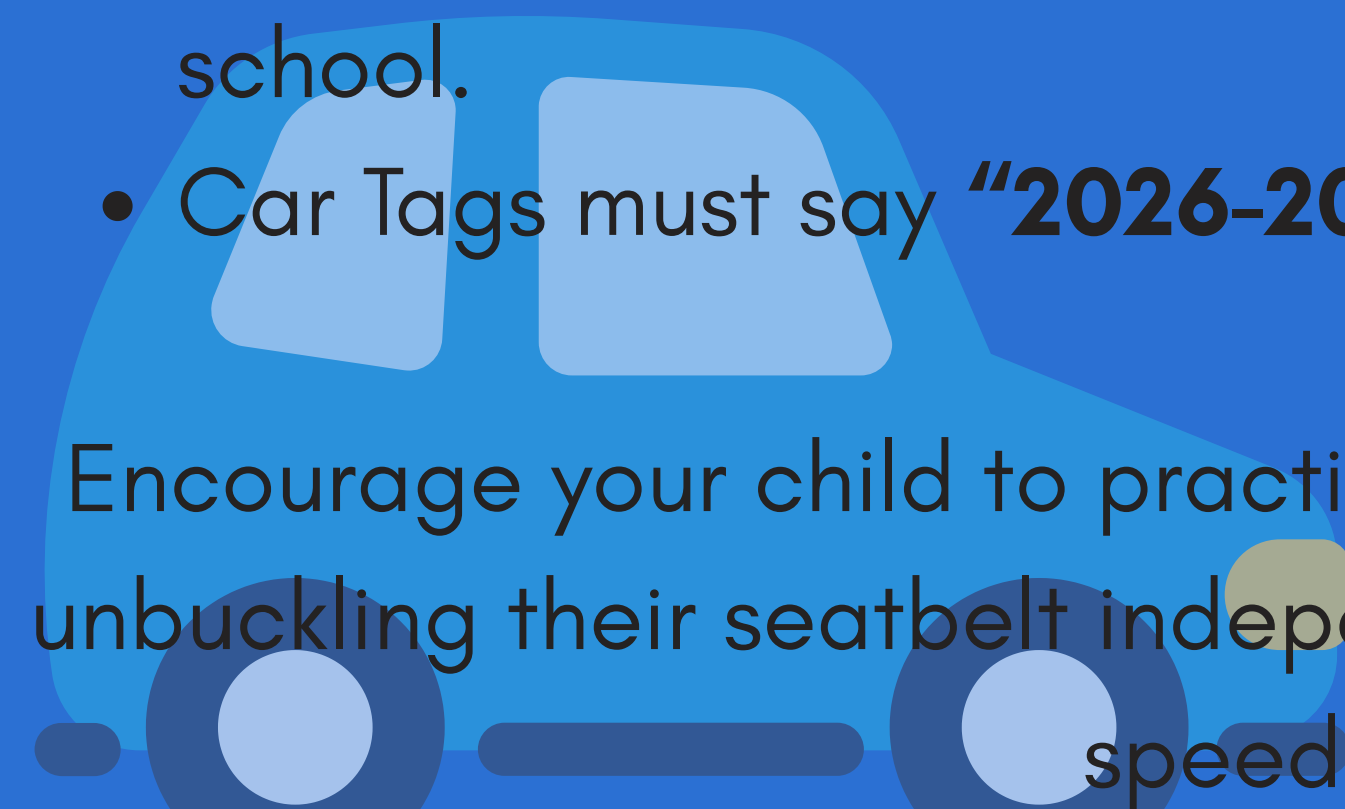
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is for
DISMISSAL

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.
- Car Tags must say **"2026-2027"**

A helpful tip:



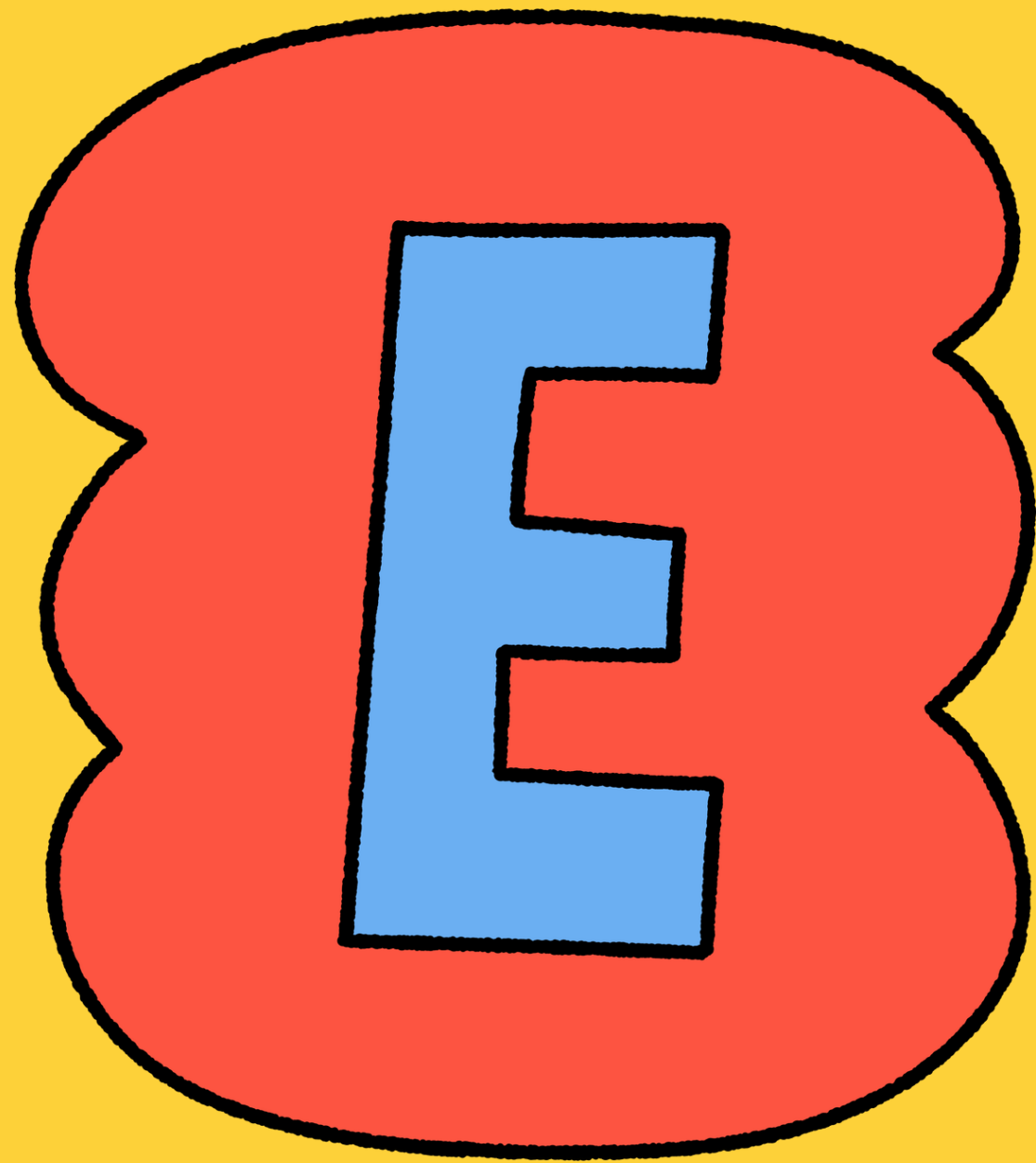
Encourage your child to practice buckling and unbuckling their seatbelt independently to help speed up the process.

Important Dismissal Reminders

Critical Reminders:

- Remain in the vehicle at **ALL TIMES** during dismissal, 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 show ID.
- **DO NOT** park and walk up to the dismissal area.
- **REFRAIN** from making U-turns on Osceola School Rd. to join the car pickup line
- **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.



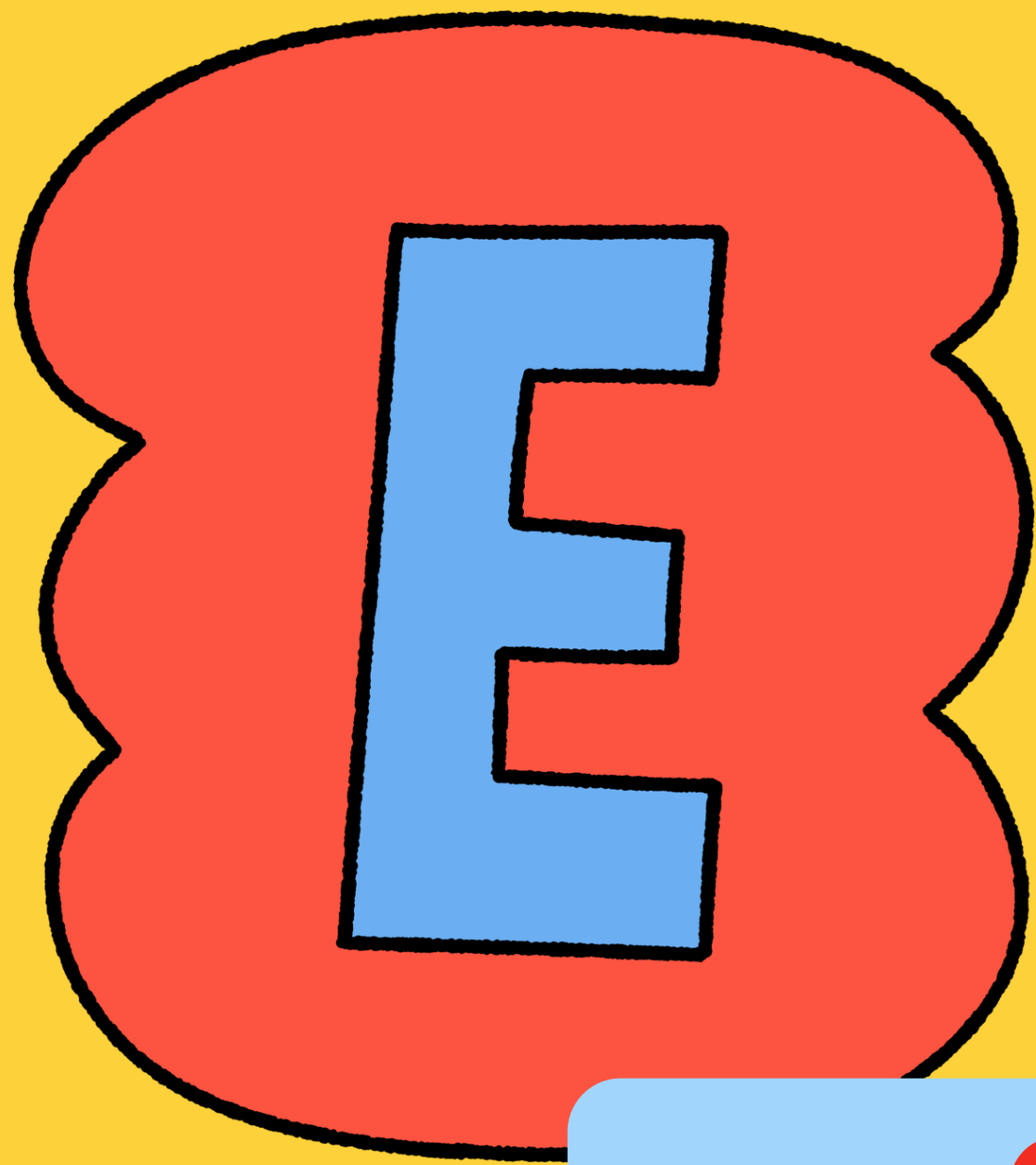
Parent Square

- 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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Stay Connected with OES CONT.



Monthly Newsletter

- Sent each month with key updates and upcoming events.

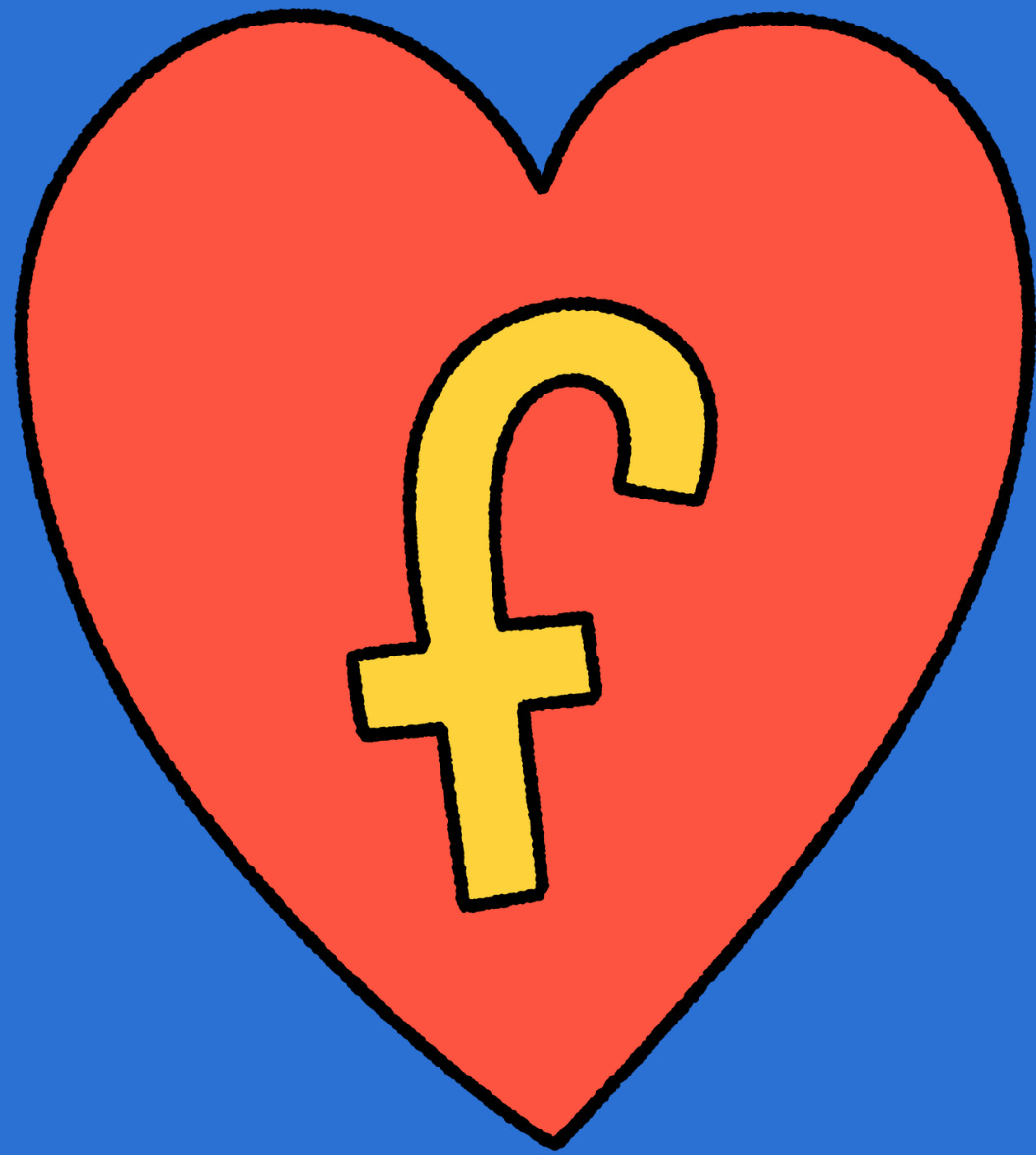


Parent Square

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

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.



is for
**FIELD
STUDIES**





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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.

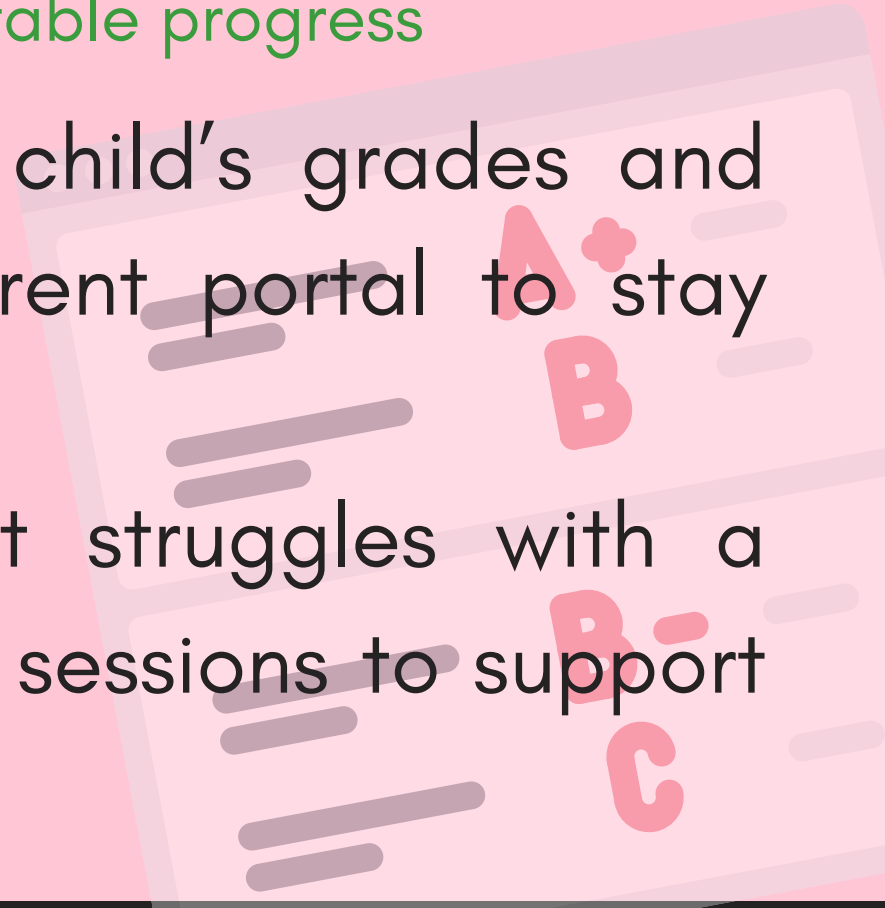
K-2nd Grade

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

3rd – 5th Grade

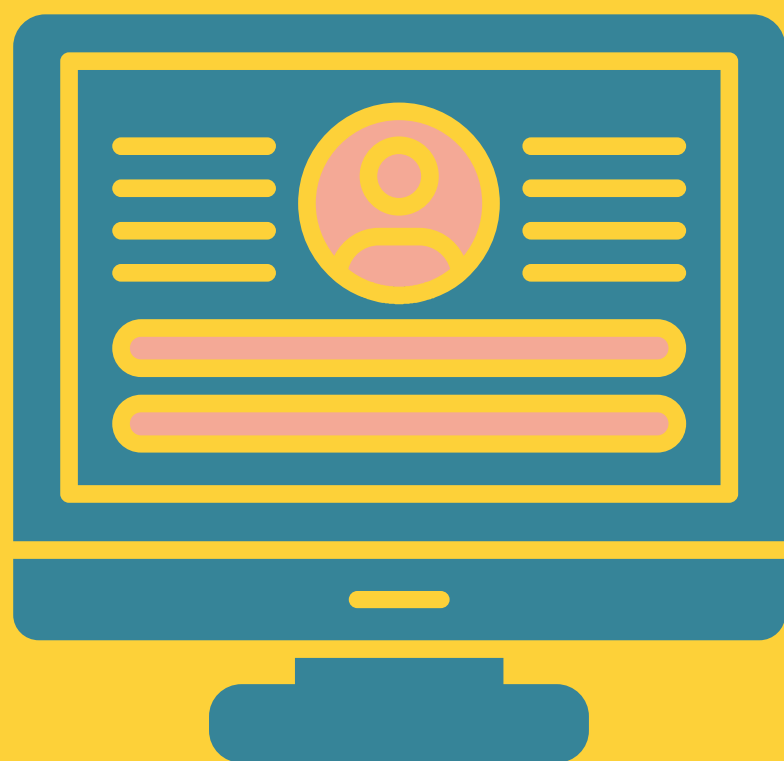
- A – 90-100** – Outstanding progress
- B – 80-89** – Above Average
- C – 70-79** Average progress
- D – 60-69** – Lowest Acceptable progress
- F – 59 and below** – Unacceptable progress

- **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.

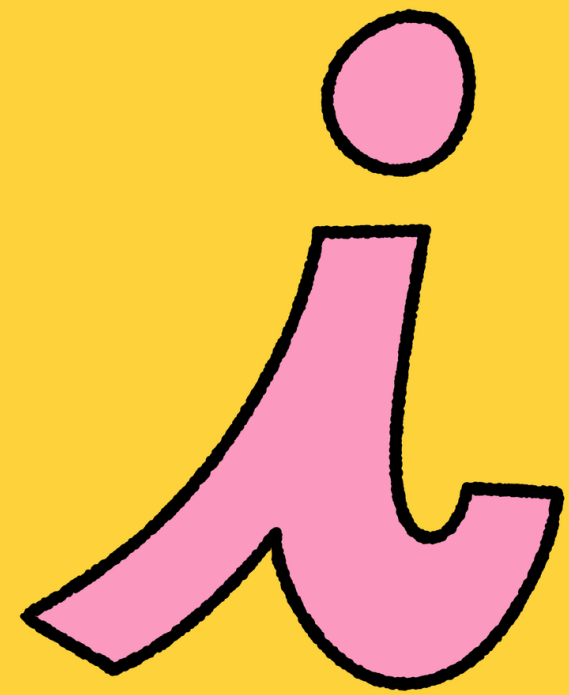
- Available on  web,  Android, and  iPhone.
- Students use their Office365 login (provided by their teacher).
- Parents can register at Open House, other school events, or by visiting the office with a photo ID



**Learn more &
register:**

Home Access Center





is for
**IMPORTANT
DATES**



“Mark those days and make them count”

- **Jul. 29** - Prep and Play
- **Aug. 6** - Meet the Teacher
- **Aug. 10** - First Day of School
- **Sept. 7** - No School - Labor Day
- **Sept. 25** - No School - Inservice
- **Oct. 9** - END of Quarter 1
- **Oct. 12** - No School- Teacher Planning
 - **Nov. 11** - No School - Veteran's Day
 - **Nov. 23 - Nov. 27** - Fall Break
 - **Dec. 18** - END of Quarter 2
 - **Dec. 21 - 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!

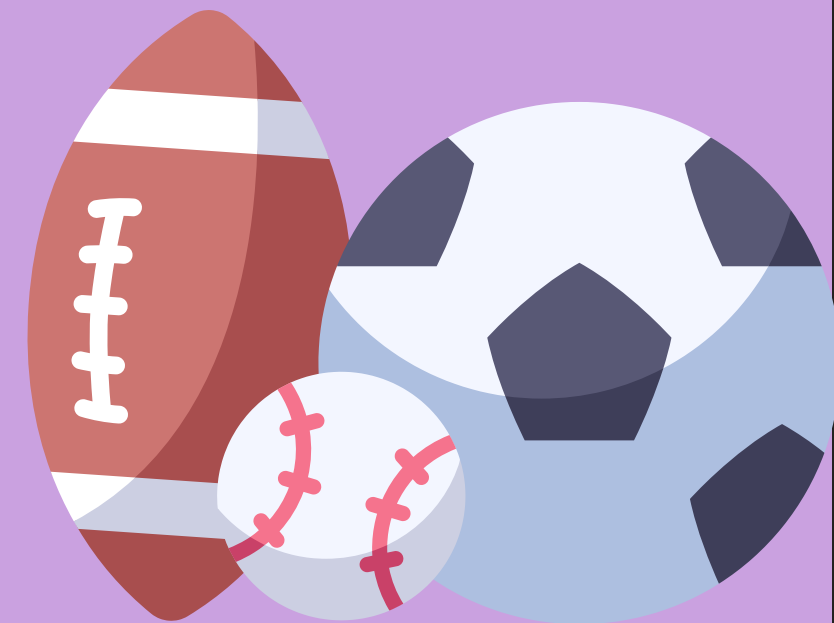
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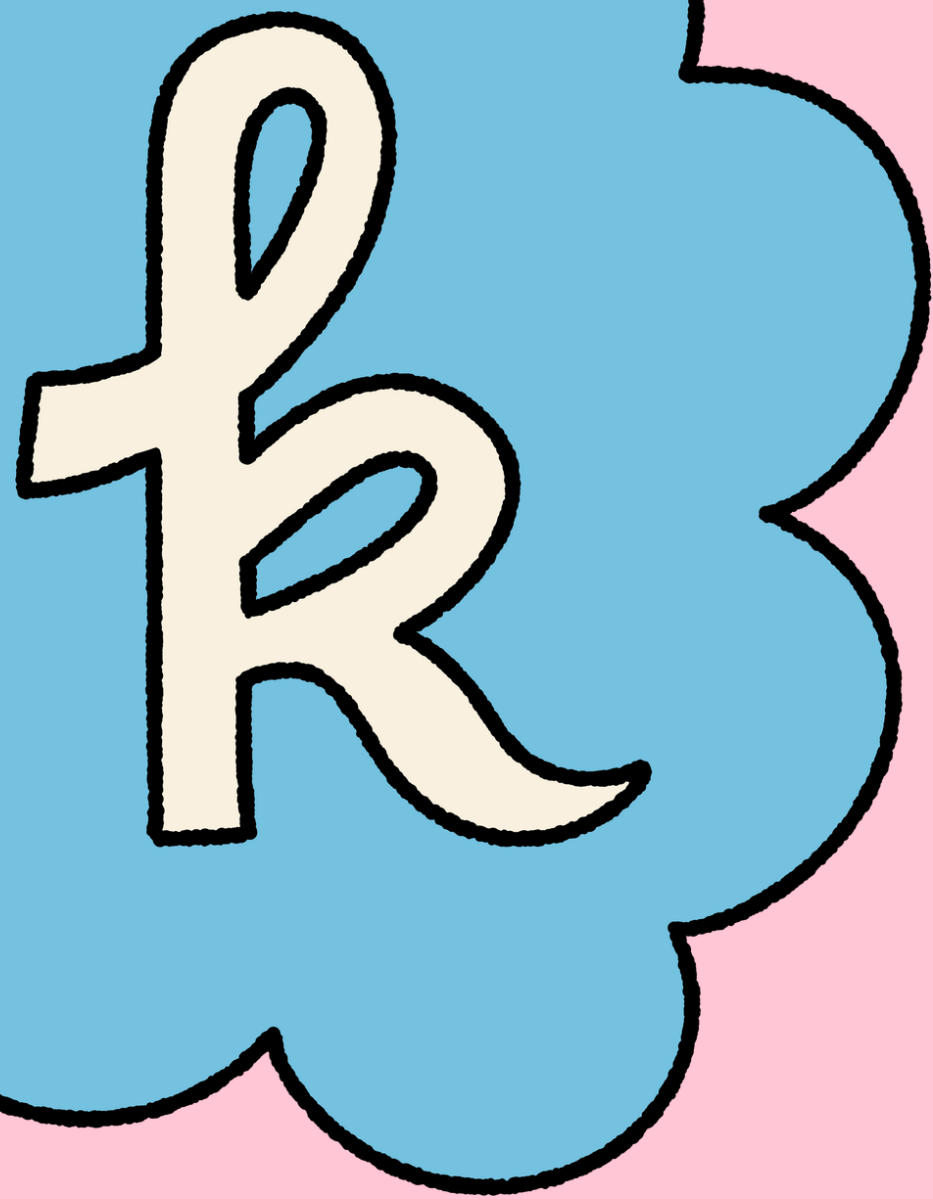


Visit booths at Meet the Teacher



Flyers/info will be sent home

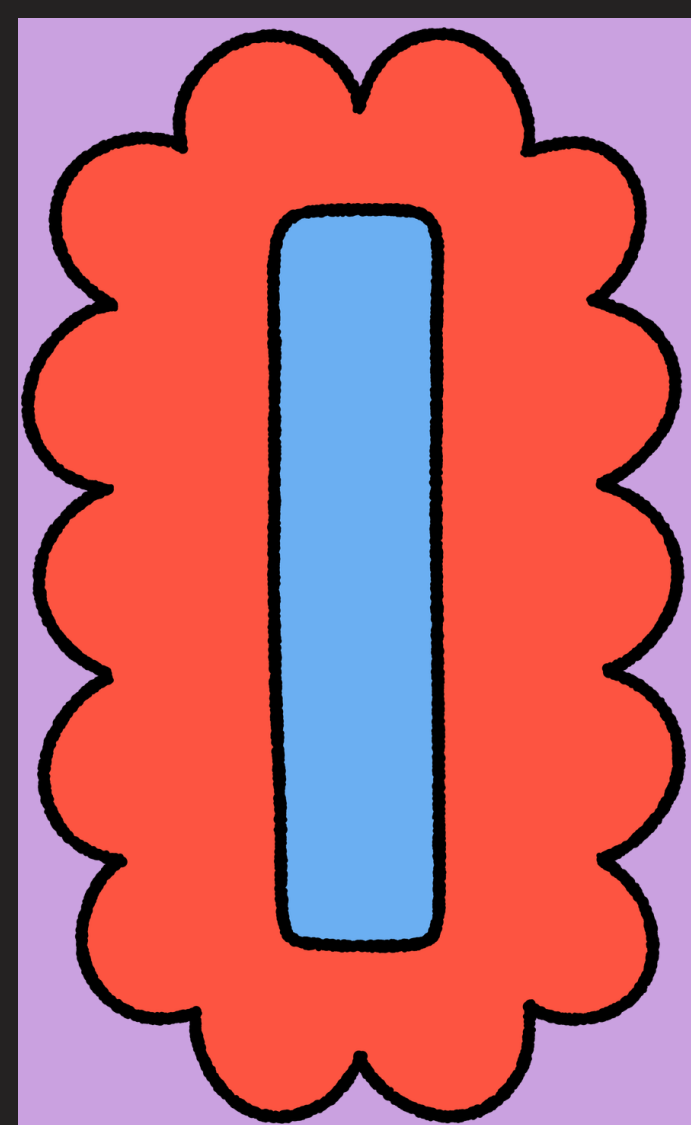




is for
KINDNESS

💛 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 2nd Tuesday 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.



is for **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.

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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!

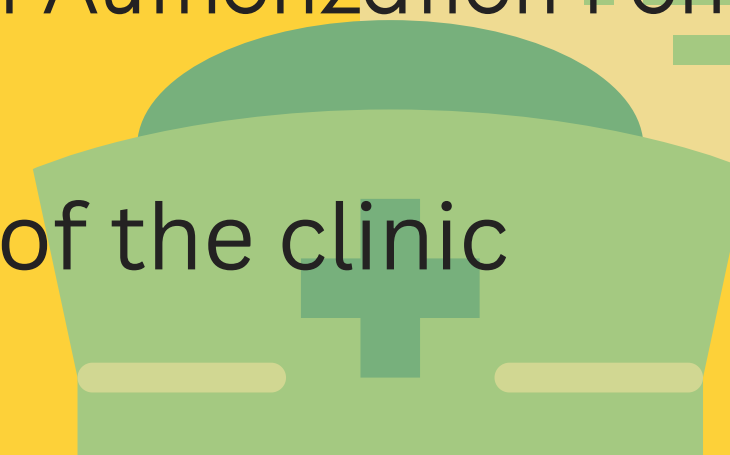
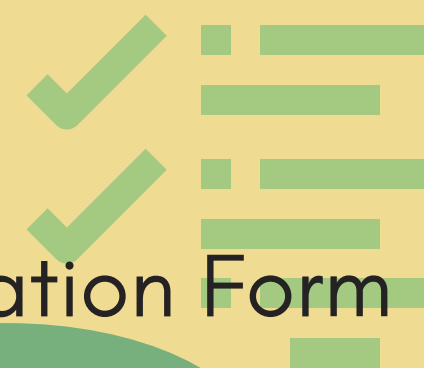


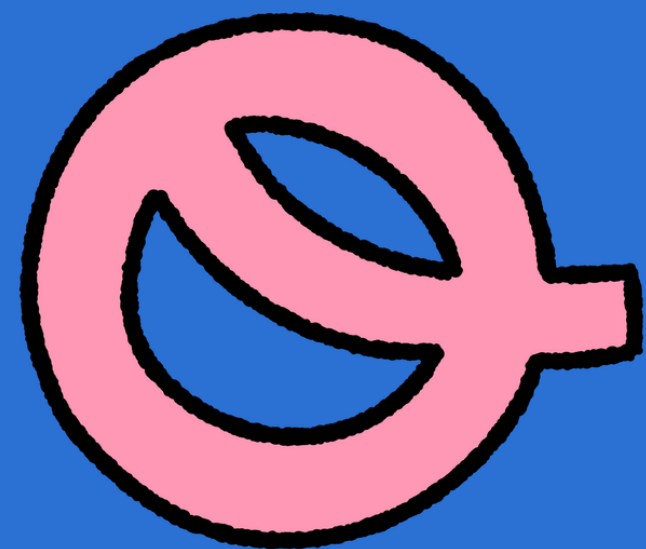
Medication Guidelines

- 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.





is for **OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM**



BJ ESGUERRA
Asst. Principal



KERI CORTEZ
Counserlor



MARGOT DOWNIE
Curriculum
Resource
Teacher



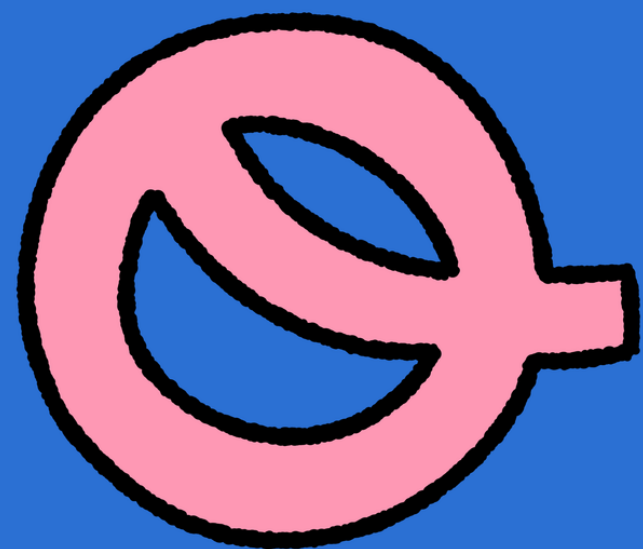
JESSICA MEAD
Principal



SUSAN LYNCH
Secretary

FAYE JENKINS
Behavior
Interventionist





OUR is for **LEADERSHIP TEAM**



HEATHER BLANTON
Math Coach



AMY MATTHEWS
Computer
Operator



MAKI GARCIA
Academic
Interventionist

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
- ➤ 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**



Optional At-Home Learning with Clever

Clever Badges will be sent home for easy login.

Visit: [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**



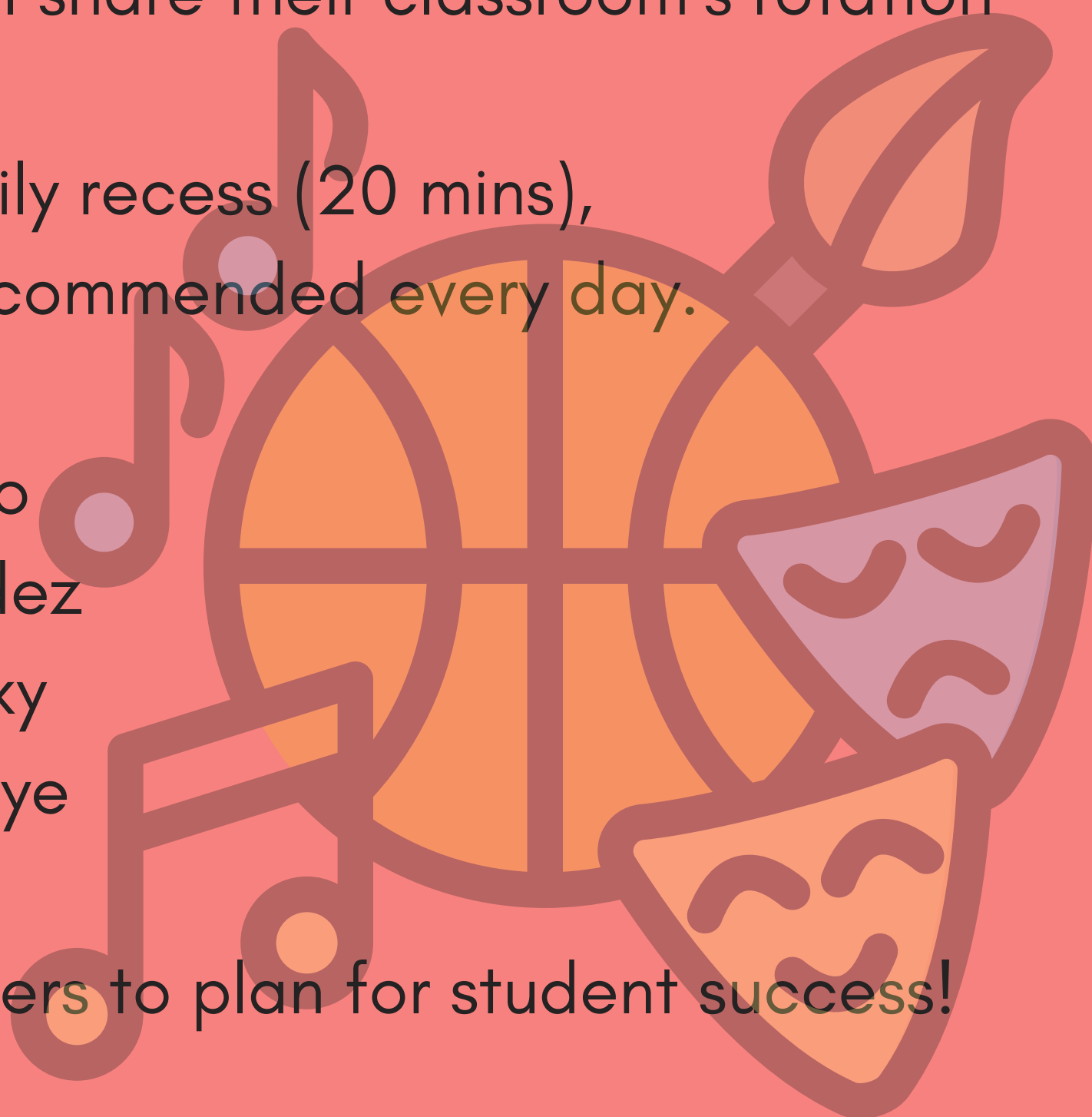
Resource Rotation

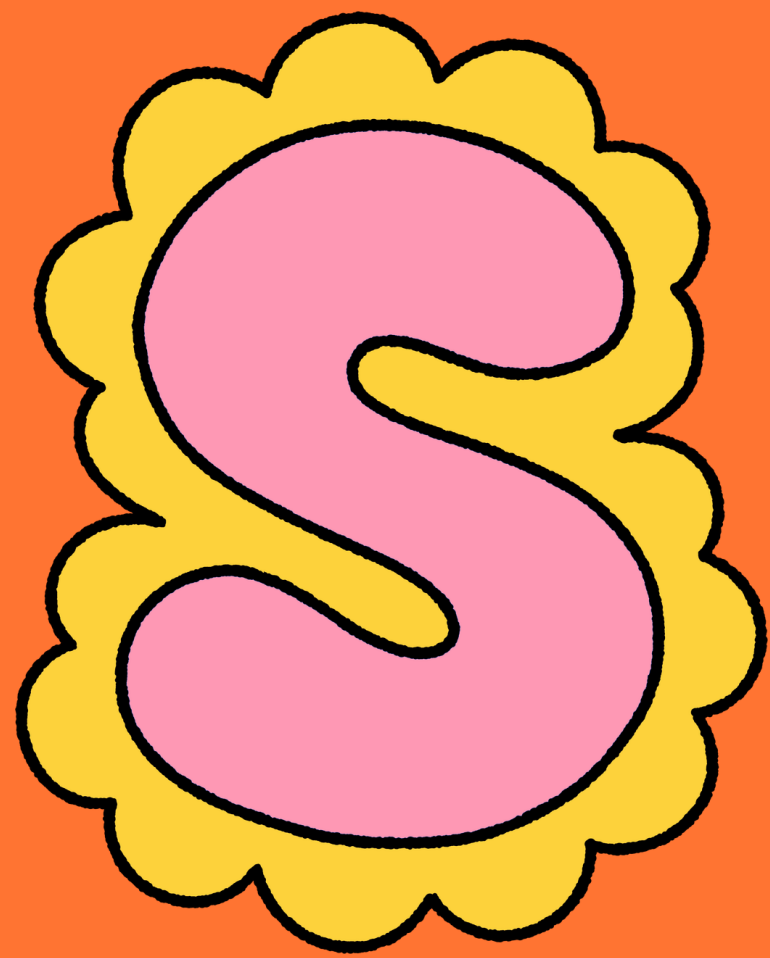
- Students rotate daily through Resource (electives):
- Media, Art, PE, Music, and STEM
- Your child's teacher will share their classroom's rotation schedule.
- With PE weekly and daily recess (20 mins),
- 🏃 Tennis shoes are recommended every day.

Resource Teachers:

- 📚 Media: Kellie Blanco
- 🎨 Art: Nariah Fernandez
- 🏃 PE: Angela Marcusky
- 🎵 Music: Gavin Rapelye
- STEM: TBD

This time also allows teachers to plan for student success!



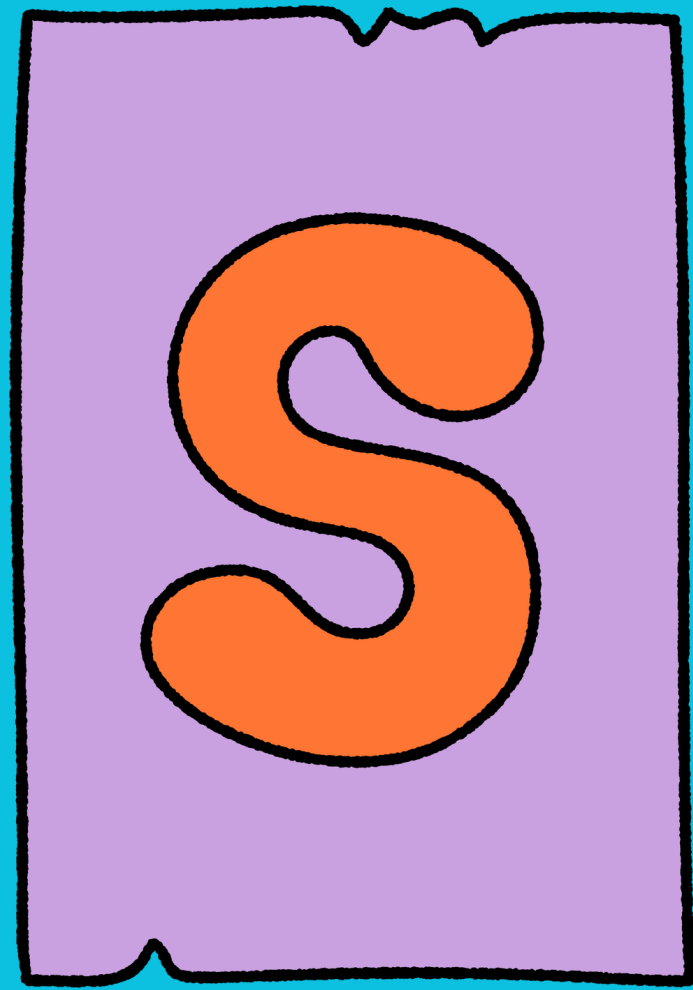


is for
**SPIRIT
DAYS**



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.
-  Kindness Krew (2nd Tuesday of each month)
- Character Counts (1st Tuesday of each month)



is also
for
**STUDENT
CODE OF
CONDUCT**



Student Handbook Access

- Grades K-2: Inside student planners
- Grades 3-5: Inside Binders
-  Also available on the school website
-  Please review the handbook with your child and keep it handy for reference. [All handbooks will be in student binders]



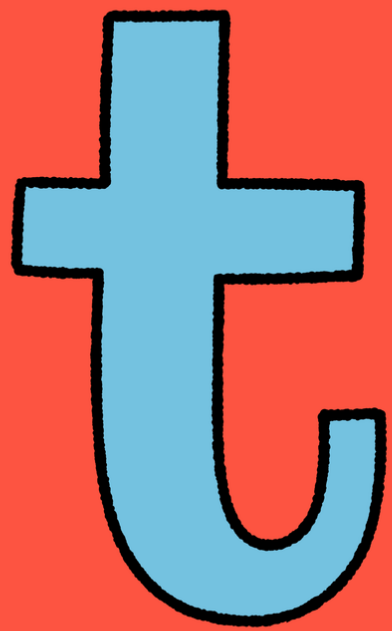
Cell Phone Policy

Elementary & Middle School Students

- Phones and other cellular devices, should be off and in backpacks.
- 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.



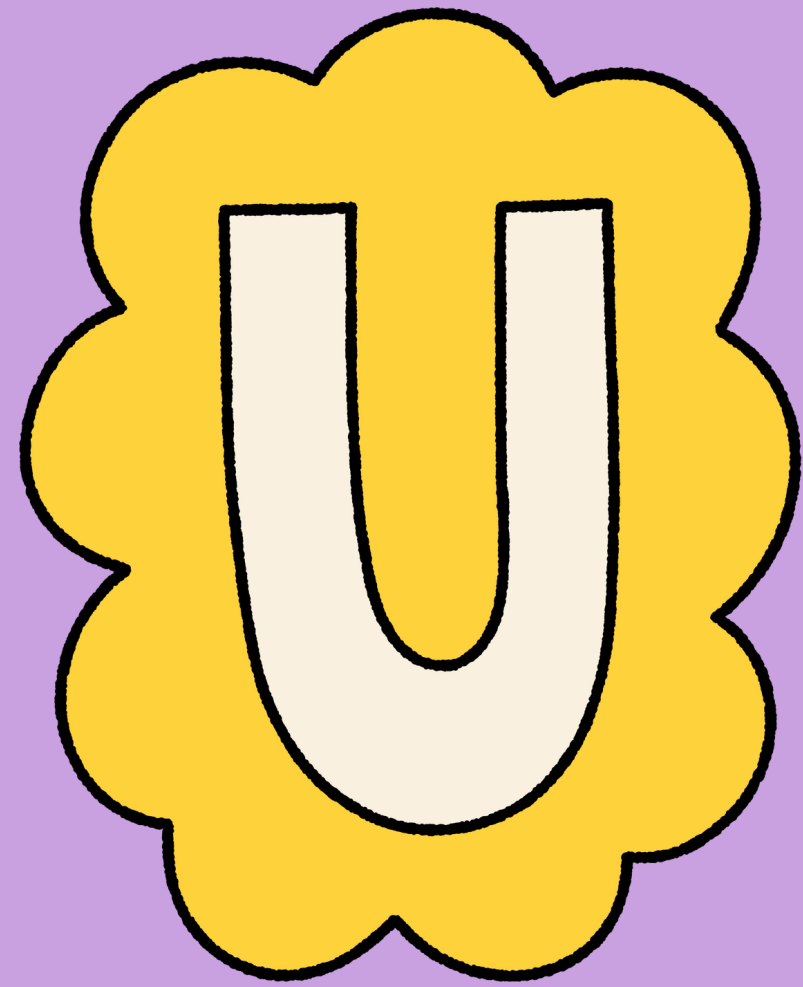
is for **TRANSPORTATION CHANGES**



Dismissal Changes

- 🕒 2:10 PM on Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri
- 🕒 1:10 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

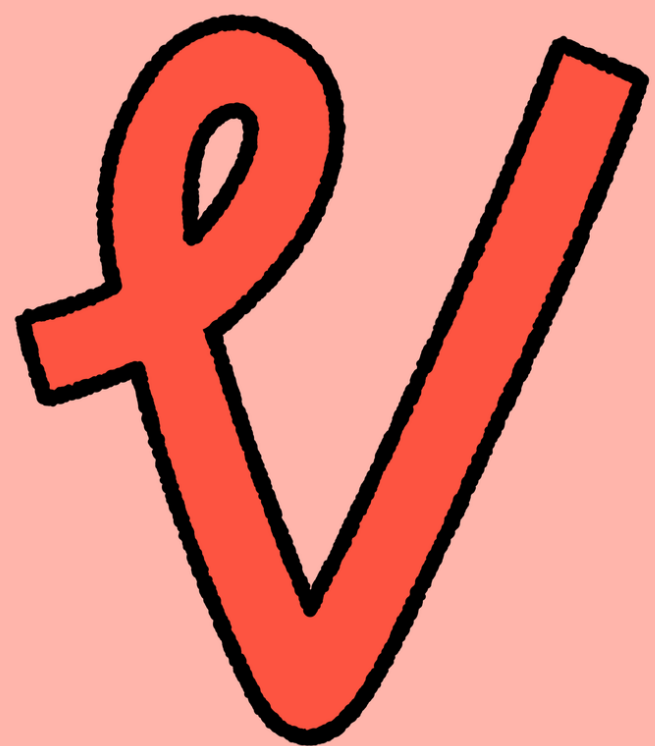
Students with IEPs – Contact Your Case Manager:

- **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!





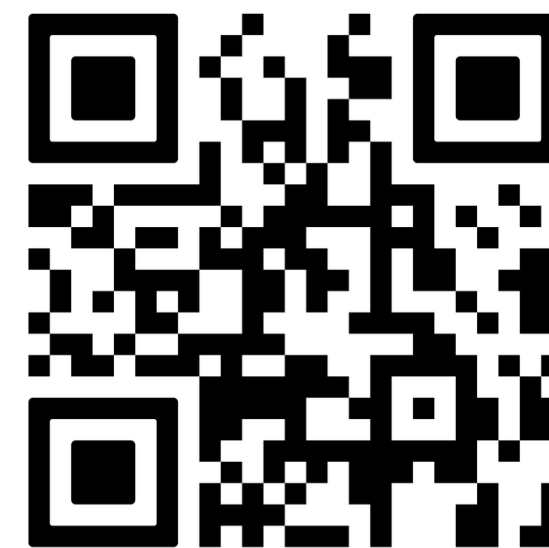
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VOLUNTEERS

sign up:

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

Volunteer Opportunities

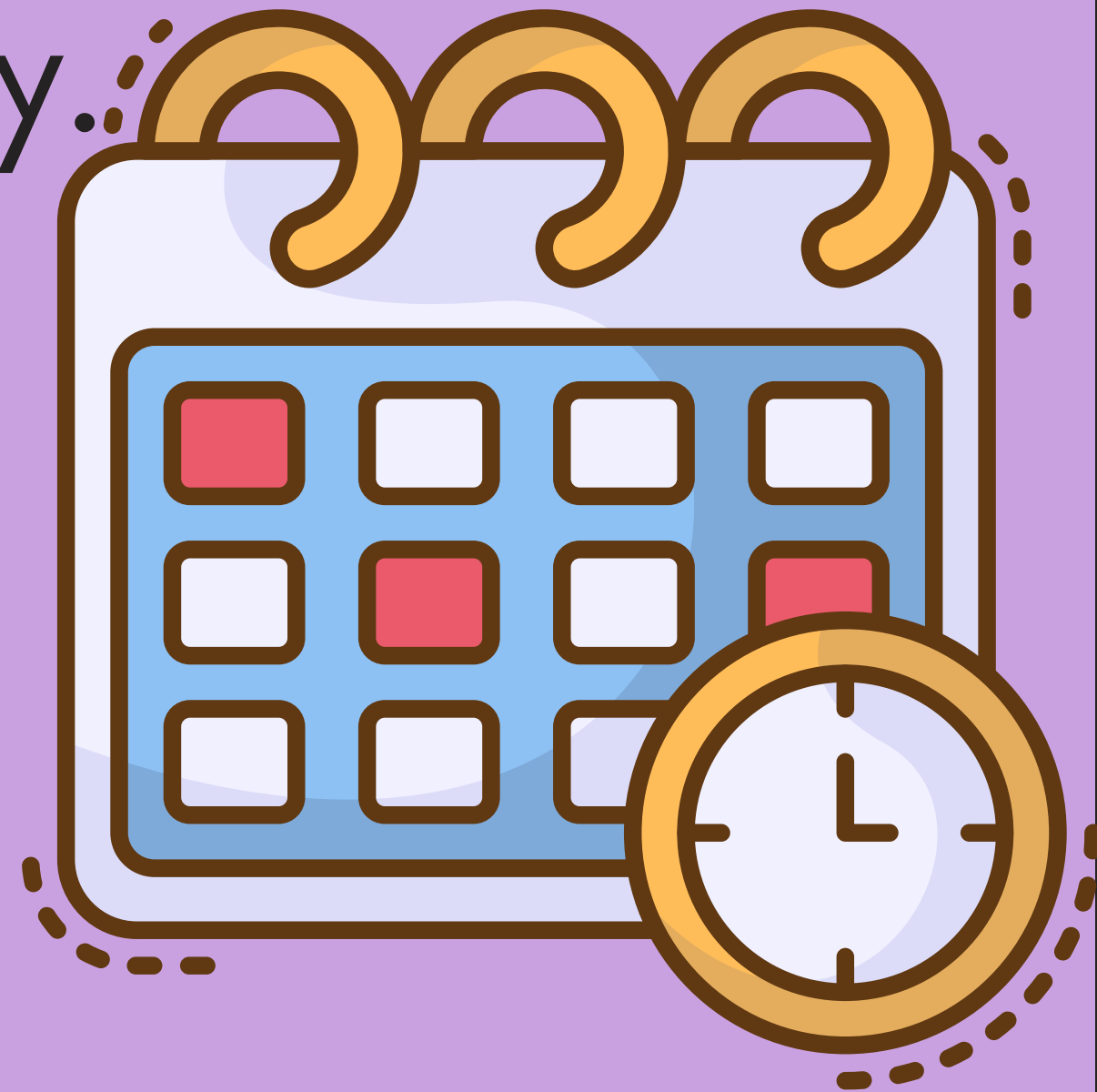
- Help in the classroom, clinic, cafeteria, office, media center, or as a mentor/chaperone.
- Complete the School Access Form on the district website.
- ⌚ Allow 2-4 weeks for approval.
- Sign in as a “volunteer” via Raptor and wear your badge.
- Coordinate visits in advance with the teacher — no drop-ins,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

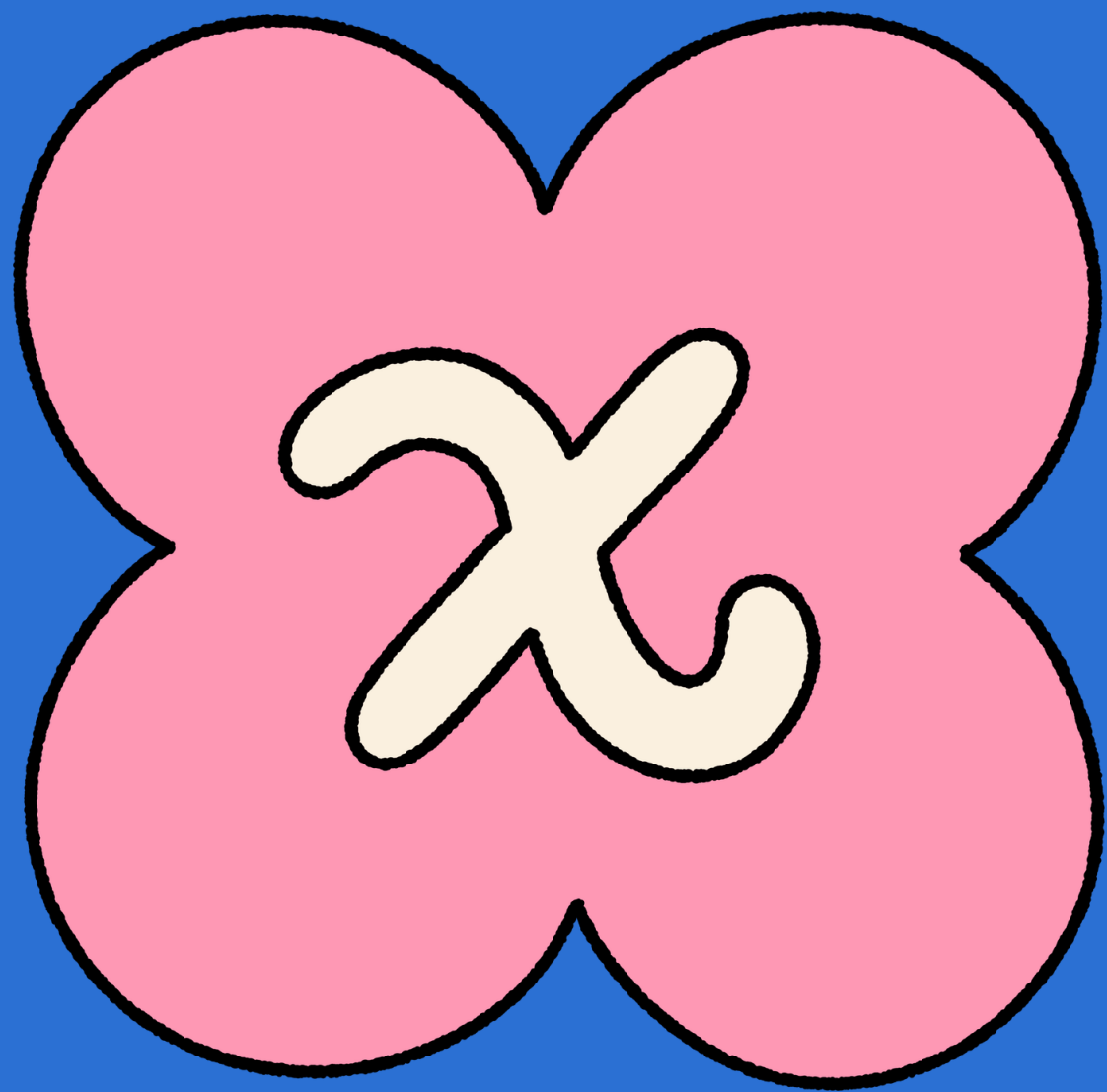




is for
**EARLY RELEASE
WEDNESDAY**

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





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**EXCELLENT
YEAR**

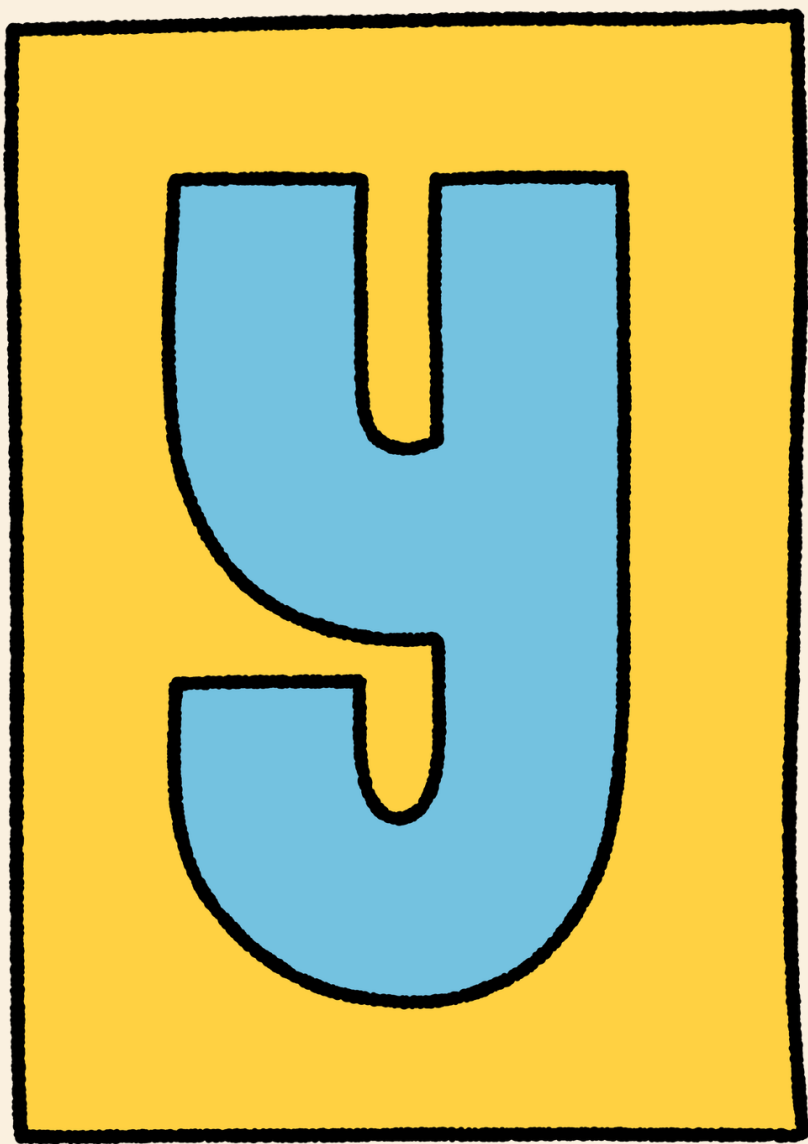


Wishing You an eXcellent Year!

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

- Planting Kindness
- Growing Confidence
- Blooming Together

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.

