

THE OSPREY NEWS

Oak Hammock Middle School "The Relentless Pursuit of High Expectations"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



David Howdyshell,
Principal

Osprey Families:

To enhance the safety and security of our campus, on April 2nd, 2024, we started using the OPENGATE weapons detection system at Oak Hammock. OPENGATE is designed for the automatic screening of people with backpacks and bags for Threat Detection. It also identifies other contraband items that are not allowed on school property. Students should prepare to pass through the OPENGATE system by removing their Chromebooks from their backpacks. We recommend students come to school with plastic water bottles as metal containers may cause an OPENGATE alert. We recommend visitors leave unnecessary bags or purses in their car if they wish to avoid a secondary search when entering the school. Your identification is only required entering the school. You can view a video demonstration of how OPENGATE will work at this [link](#). Parents also be mindful of our upcoming testing dates:

“Action is the foundational key to success at the Oak!”



- Grade 8 Science: Tuesday, May 9th
- Grade 7 Civics: Tuesday, May 9th
- FAST Reading: Tuesday, May 16th
- FAST Math: Wednesday, May 17th
- Algebra: Wednesday, May 17th

The Oak Celebrates



Carl Falk
AP Curriculum



Jinellie Morales
AP Discipline
A - Lopez



Dennis Quisenberry III
AP Discipline
Lopez - Z



Osprey

Administrators



Janel Stoughton

6th Grade K thru Z
7th Grade

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6th Grade A thru J
8th Grade

Brittanybr@leeschools.net

DEVELOP A SLEEP ROUTINE

REASONS WHY ENOUGH SLEEP IS IMPORTANT

- Getting enough sleep is critical for a child to be successful in school. Children who do not get enough sleep have difficulty concentrating and learning as well as they can.
- Set a consistent bedtime for your child and stick with it every night. Having a bedtime routine that is consistent will help your child settle down and fall asleep. Components of a calming pre-bedtime routine may involve a bath/shower, having them read, listening to calming music, journaling, or meditating.
- Have your child turn off electronic devices at least an hour before bedtime.
- Try to have the home as quiet and calm as possible when younger children are trying to fall asleep.
- Insufficient sleep is associated with lower academic achievement in middle school, high school and college, as well as higher rates of absenteeism and tardiness. The optimal amount of sleep for most younger children is 10-12 hours per night and for adolescents (13-18 year of age) is in the range of 8-10 hours per night.

IB CORNER



Learner Profile Trait for April

Principled

They act with integrity and honesty, and a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them.

Activities for parents:

- Involve your child in deciding on the rules for a game or activity and then ensure that they stick to the ones that have been decided upon.
- Encourage your child to play games that involve teams. Discuss with your child the qualities of a team player. What sort of person would they want on their team?
- When your child wins a game insist that he or she is a well-mannered winner. They might thank their opponent or shake hands with them if it's appropriate.
- When playing a game, don't change the rules or let your child win. Being a gracious loser is just as important as being a good winner.



Corner

AVID Coordinator,
Jessica Boisbel

Upcoming Events for AVID

April 23	PSAT for AVID (8th Grade)
April 26	AVID Culture Feast
May 1	National School Principal Day
May 3	AVID Lock In
May 4	End of the Year Celebration
May 6 - 10	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8	National School Nurse Day
May 18	Speech Pathologist Day
May 24	Quarter 4 Community Service Due

Parent Involvement Matters

By Magaly Gonzalez



Attention Parents:

As we enter the 4th quarter of the school year, make sure students attend school each day. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance.

IB Learner Profile trait for May “Reflective”



Reflective students consider the world and their own ideas and experience. They work to understand their strengths and weaknesses in order to support their learning and personal development.

Polo color: Gray

Celebration Date: May 24th



Oak Hammock Cell Phone Policy

Parents, please make sure that you talk with your students about turning off their cell phones and keeping them in their backpack during the entire school day. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the school at 239-693-0469.



It STARTS With the ARTS

ARTS CORNER

Lead Magnet Teacher, John Hardman

This year the OHMS Art Departments will be putting together our end of year All Arts Showcase! All Art programs will be represented and celebrated during this event, Dance, Theater, Music Production, TV and Film Production, Orchestra, Band, Visual Arts, and Choir will be participating! **The showcase is scheduled for May 22nd. So Save the Date!**

Save
THE
Date

The Oak Hammock Middle School Arts Department Presents

A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

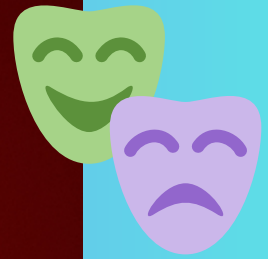
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MAY | PM
OHMS GYM

ART | BAND | CHOIR | DANCE | ORCHESTRA | THEATRE |
TV & MUSIC PRODUCTION

FEATURING ACTS WITH
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN
MOANA
THE FAULT IN OUR STARS
THE PURGE

ART, TV, & MUSIC PRODUCTION ORIGINALS

...AND MANY MORE!



FORTIFYFL
Suspicious Activity
Reporting App

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

Click on the image to the left to report.



Sports at the Oak

Athletic Director, Michael Harney

Track and Field

Please congratulate our boys track and field teams as they represented Oak Hammock very well placing third out of 12 teams (Trafalgar, Diplomat, Oak Hammock, Oasis etc) at their regional meet. The boys will be advancing to the championships on April 16th at Dunbar H.S. The athletes include the following students:

- Otis Giles- 100/200
- Sharod Morse- 100/200
- Zayvion Norton- 100/ LJ
- Camrian Tension- 100
- Eddy Tomas- 1600/800- Regional Champion
- Caleb Preciado- 1600/800- Regional Champion
- 7th grade 4x100
- Wade Townsend- 400
- Dylan Tiedeman- 800
- Lardarrious Scott- 200
- 6th Grade 4x400
- 7th Grade 4x400
- Ted Lubin
- Clayton Graves

**PLEASE COME
OUT AN
SUPPORT OUR
ATHLETES!**



8th Grade Dates

May 10th

8th Grade BBQ / Afternoon / Courtyard and Building 2



May 17th

8th Grade GradVenture / leave 1:00 PM / Universal



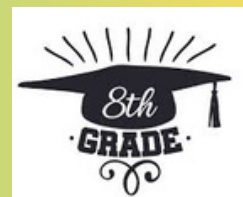
May 24th

8th Grade Dance / Afterschool / Gym



May 29th

8th Grade End Of Year Awards / Evening / Gym



Out-of-Field Teachers

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. As of 08.10.21 the following teachers at Oak Hammock Middle School are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation:

SPAR report http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/year1617/nclb1617.cfm?dist_schl=36_382
Report Card report:
https://www.leeschools.net/our_schools/school_report_cards?SchoolNumber=382

J. Boisbel
C. Ferguson
C. Palmer

A. Bugg
O. Fils
J. Winn

H. Ear
S. Galatz
C. Woolverton

C. Faust
K. Lora



SAC Meeting	April 23
PSAT for AVID (8th Grade)	April 23
AVID Culture Feast	April 26
Latinos in Action Conference (FGCU)	April 29
Lee County Film and Television Awards	May 2
8th Grade BBQ	May 10
8th Grade GradVenture	May 17



Student of the Month

March

6th Grade

Abbigail Conroy

Reagan Parker

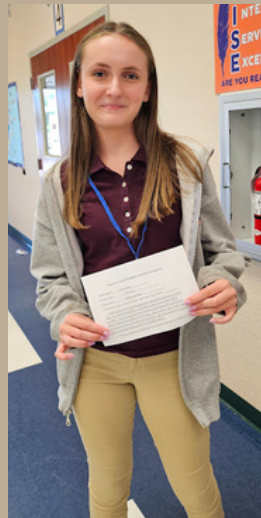
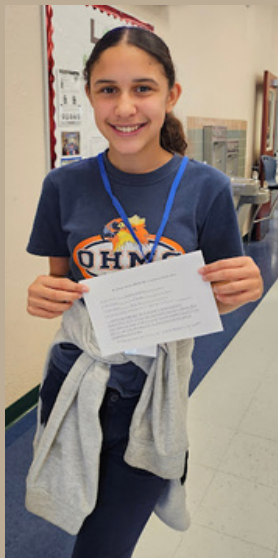
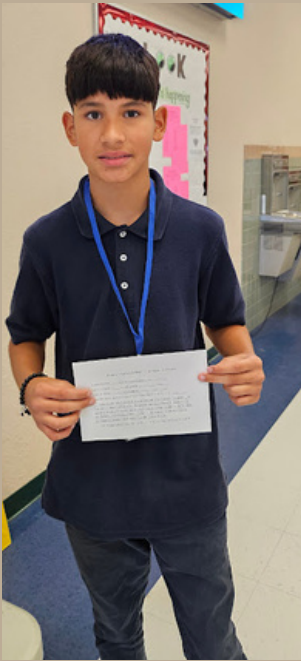
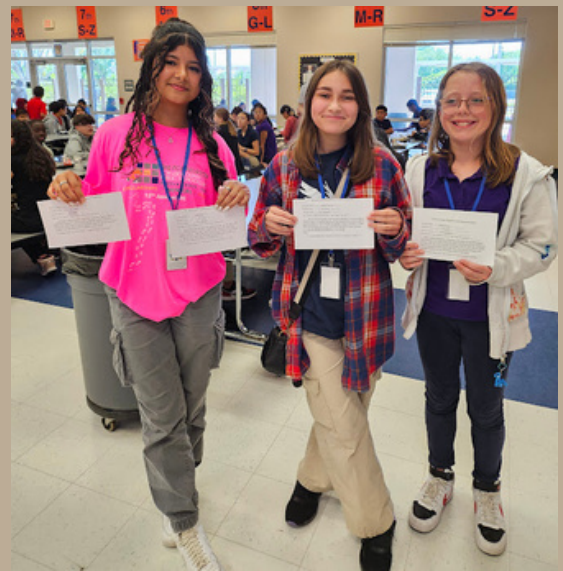
Alberto Reyes-Contreras

Ever Santos Quiroa

Risk-Takers

7th Grade

Keiliana Oliveras



8th Grade

Lesslie Ayala

Ja'Naya Broomfield

Cailin Burke

Gabriel Angulo Caruci

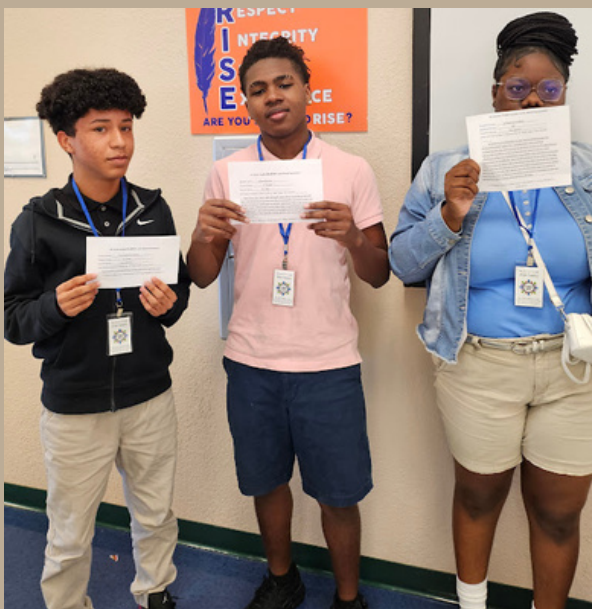
Donal Dorvilus

Christopher Dos Santos

Teachers and Staff wearing
"pink and purple"
representing the Learner
Profile trait **Risk-Taker!**



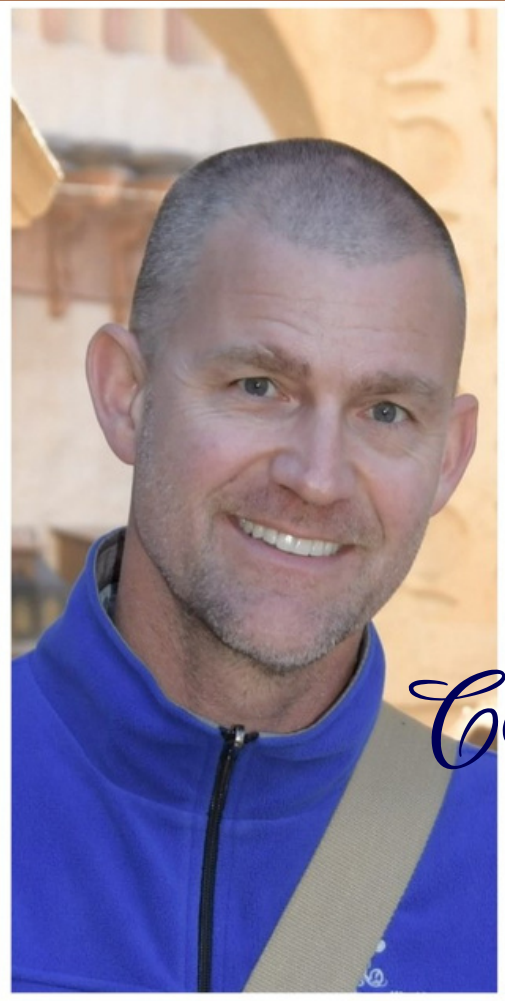
We are
Risk-Takers!





National LifeChanger Award

Oak Hammock Middle School's Science Teacher Andrew Urnezis and Volleyball Coach Shanley Mastin are perfect examples of teachers that go above and beyond. Both are nominees for the 2023-2024 National LifeChanger of the Year Award. LifeChanger of the Year recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 educators and school district employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership. Winners and their school districts receive a cash prize.



Mr. Andrew Urnezis

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Science Teacher

"Developing relationships with my students is one of my top priorities," Urnezis said. "All kids can excel when they feel a strong connection with their school community"

Congratulations

Ms. Shanley Mastin

7th Grade Science Teacher
Volleyball Coach

"I feel very honored to have been nominated for the National Life Changer of the Year Award!" Mastin said. "I care a lot about the students that I teach in the classroom and the ones that I coach on the court. I always want to help students reach their highest potential and hearing the kind words that this student wrote really touched my heart."





Osprey Writing Challenge March



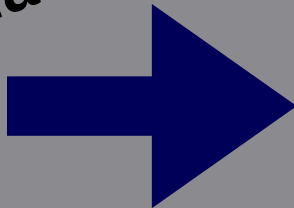
Levi Townsend
8th Grade



Taraji Grant
8th Grade



April's Challenge



For a list of all the writing prompts go to the ELA Google Classroom qtb47tr

Option #1

Write a short story about a group of middle school friends who discover a hidden message in their schoolyard that leads them on an unexpected adventure to uncover a local environmental mystery. As they follow clues and encounter obstacles, they learn valuable lessons about teamwork, problem-solving, and the importance of protecting their community's natural spaces.

Option #2

Craft a personal narrative about a memorable outdoor excursion with your family or friends. Describe the sights, sounds, and experiences of your adventure, from exploring a nearby forest trail to camping by a tranquil lake. Reflect on how the trip deepened your connection to nature and inspired you to appreciate the beauty and wonder of the natural world.



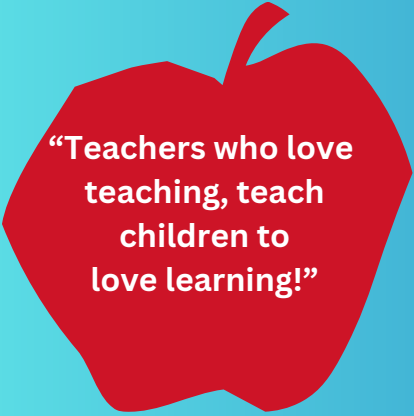
Mr. Urnezis

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Science Teacher



Ms. Xavier

8th Grade Reading Teacher



Quarter 3 Honor Roll

6th Grade

42 "A/B" students
56 All "A" students

98 Total



8th Grade

98 "A/B" students
53 All "A" students

151 Total

7th Grade

71 "A/B" students
30 All "A" students

101 Total



Oak Hammock Business Partners



Partnerships between businesses and schools within the community is vital in making a difference in the life of a child!



Respect
Integrity
Service
Excellence



Are you ready to RISE?



Parents' Bill of Rights

Parental rights relating to a minor child's education, upbringing, and health care

Parental rights

For more information click here:



1. All parental rights are reserved to the parent of a minor child in this state without obstruction or interference from the state, any of its political subdivisions, any other governmental entity, or any other institution, including, but not limited to, all of the following rights of a parent of a minor child in this state:

- a. The right to direct the education and care of his or her minor child.
- b. The right to direct the upbringing and the moral or religious training of his or her minor child.
- c. The right, pursuant to s. 1002.20(2)(b) and (6), to apply to enroll his or her minor child in a public school or, as an alternative to public education, a private school, including a religious school, a home education program, or other available options, as authorized by law.
- d. The right, pursuant to s. 1002.20(13), to access and review all school records relating to his or her minor child.
- e. The right to make health care decisions for his or her minor child, unless otherwise prohibited by law.
- f. The right to access and review all medical records of his or her minor child, unless prohibited by law or if the parent is the subject of an investigation of a crime committed against the minor child and a law enforcement agency or official requests that the information not be released.
Board Policy 4.19 - Student Records
- g. The right to consent in writing before a biometric scan of his or her minor child is made, shared, or stored.
- h. The right to consent in writing before any record of his or her minor child's blood or deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) is created, stored, or shared, except as required by general law or authorized pursuant to a court order.
- i. The right to consent in writing before the state or any of its political subdivisions makes a video or voice recording of his or her minor child unless such recording is made during or as part of a court proceeding or is made as part of a forensic interview in a criminal or Department of Children and Families investigation or is to be used solely for the following purposes:
 1. A safety demonstration, including the maintenance of order and discipline in the common areas of a school or on student transportation vehicles;
 2. A purpose related to a legitimate academic or extracurricular activity;
 3. A purpose related to regular classroom instructions;
 4. Security or surveillance of buildings or grounds; or
 5. A photo identification card.

The **Media Release form** is available in the **Focus Parent Portal** at the beginning of each school year. Please contact your child's school for more information or questions.

j. The right to be notified promptly if an employee of the state, any of its political subdivisions, any other governmental entity, or any other institution suspects that a criminal offense has been committed against his or her minor child, unless the incident has first been reported to law enforcement or the Department of Children and Families and notifying the parent would impede the investigation.

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