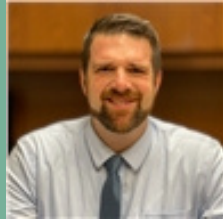


THE OSPREY NEWS

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



David Howdyshell,
Principal

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Osprey Families:

Middle School Proximity Continuation and High School Student Open Enrollment are important to our families at this time. Please make sure you have a parent portal account set up and take advantage of your opportunity to choose your student's educational options for next year. Please use the links below to get information on how to complete these tasks.

[Middle School Continuation](#)

[High School Student Open Enrollment](#)

"Great administrators inspire change and empower others to lead!"



Carl Falk
AP Curriculum



Jinellie Morales
AP Discipline
A - Lopez



Dennis Quisenberry III
AP Discipline
Lopez - Z



**Osprey
Administrators**

IB CORNER

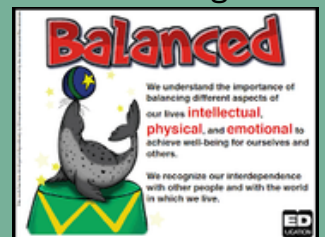
Learner Profile Trait for December

Balanced



5 Tips to Help Your Student Find Balance

1. Plan out a schedule.
2. Create weekly to-do lists in a planner, or use an app.
3. Set goals and deadlines that are realistic (and stick to them)
4. Start early and avoid procrastinating.
5. Break larger projects into smaller, more manageable pieces.





Janel Stoughton

6th Grade K thru Z

7th Grade

Janelss@leeschools.net

Brittany Bruce

6th Grade A thru J

8th Grade

Brittanymbr@leeschools.net

Develop a Sleep Routine - 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.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

PBIS

Next Osprey Cart on Feb 2nd!



I hope 2024 brings you lots of love, laughter and joy.

2024



Corner

AVID Coordinator,
Jessica Boisbel

Upcoming Events for AVID

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| January 23 | PSAT for 8th Graders |
| January 31 | AVID Honor Roll Party II |
| February 2 | AVID Sponsored Winter Lock In |
| February 7 | Professional Day |
| February 13 | Oakie Appreciation Day III |
| February 15 | School Resource Officer Appreciation Day |
| February 17 | Random Acts of Kindness Day |
| February 22 | School Bus Driver Appreciation Day |

Parent Involvement Matters

By Vanessa Acevedo

Family engagement in schools contributes to positive student outcomes, including improved child and student achievement, decreased disciplinary issues, improved parent-teacher and teacher-student relationships, and improved school environment.



IB Learner Profile
trait for
February
is

“Open-Minded”

They critically appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others.



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

The Visual and Performing Arts departments will be holding their arts auditions on January 31st and February 1st for incoming 6th graders. Ms. Bosco's dance students are headed to the Miami City Ballet on February 2nd along with their All-County Dance showcase on February 15th. The OHMS Theatre department will be performing their "Living Statue" event on February 27th.

Sports at the Oak

Athletic Director, Michael Harney



Athletic Announcement:

Parents, if your son or daughter is planning on trying out for a sport, all paperwork needs to be completed to participate. The athletic release form, activity form, and the athletic physical form must be turned in (all forms are on the website). The requirement for middle school students is to have an athletic physical are new this year. Based on this, tryouts will more than likely be extended to give every student the chance to tryout. Tryout dates are listed on website.

Track and Field

Athletic start date on Tuesday, February 20th.
Team Practice starts on Monday, March 4th

Tennis & Golf

Athletic start date on Monday, March 25th
Team Practice starts on Monday, April 8th

PLEASE COME
OUT AN
SUPPORT OUR
ATHLETES!

Transportation

Buses are available for all tryouts/practice days and games. Students will get off at the closest school to their house or stop. Parents will need to pick up their child there. Students can also be picked up at Oak Hammock Middle School.

Volleyball Team 2023 - 2024



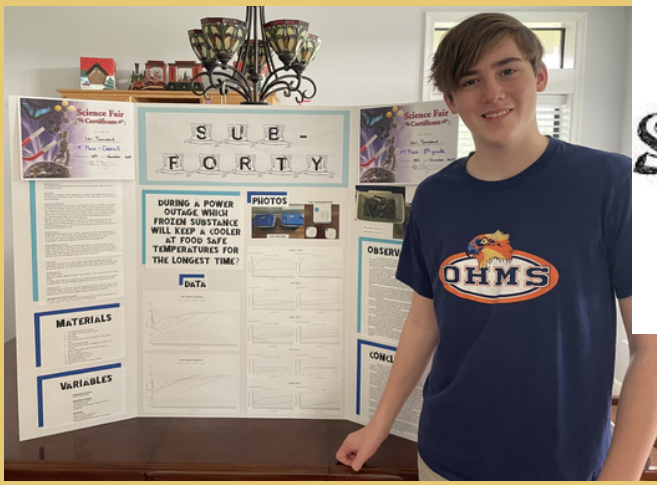
Girls Volleyball Team

1. Ryann Yeo 7th (#14)
2. Samaya Rodriguez 8th (#24)
3. Destinee Salinas 8th (#26)
4. Ysabella Gonzalez 7th (#23)
5. Allison Squire 8th (#15)
6. Audrey Leal 7th (#22)
7. Skylar Hinton 6th (#13)
8. Peyton Tillman 6th (#17)
9. Jayla Rossi 6th (#19)
10. Morgan Barker 6th (#27)
11. Lillian Rees 6th (#20)
12. Kaydence Trask 8th (#25)
13. Breanne Smith 8th (#18)
14. Kylee Hughes 7th (#12)
15. Josie Bolinger 7th (#10)
16. Jazzlyn Bernadini 7th (#16)



Both boys and girls volleyball teams made it to the second round in the playoffs! Congratulations to both teams on an outstanding season!

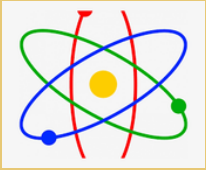




Levi Townsend - 1st Place



Elaina Fowler- 2nd Place



OVERALL WINNERS

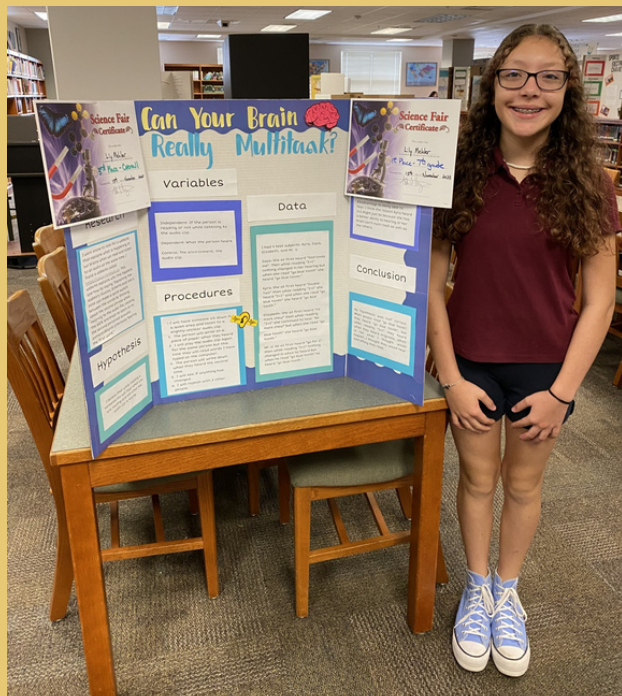
First Place - Levi Townsend "Sub-Forty"

Second Place - Elaina Fowler "Cold Drink, STAT!"

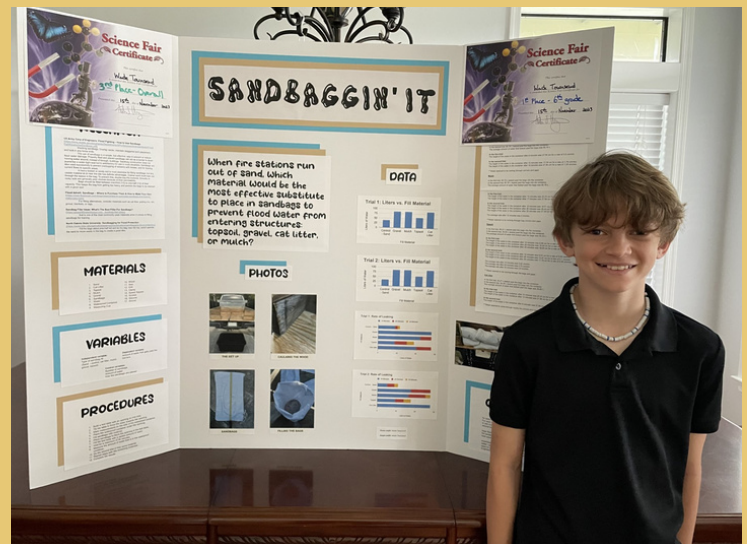
Third Place (TIE) - Lily Mehler "Can Your Brain Really Multi-task?"

Wade Townsend "Sandbaggin' It"

SCIENCE
WINNERS



Lily Mehler - 3rd Place (tie)



Wade Townsend - 3rd Place (tie)



Science Fair Winners

8th Grade

First Place - Levi Townsend "Sub-Forty"

Second Place - Elaina Fowler "Cold Drink, STAT!"

Third Place - Jonathan Hardman "Gone Fishin'"



7th Grade

First Place - Lily Mehler "Can Your Brain Really Multi-task?"

Second Place - Olivia Frinkle "The Spoilage is Real"

Third Place - Ted Lubin "The Digestion of Gum"



6th Grade

First Place - Wade Townsend "Sandbaggin' It"

Second Place - Grayson Yancey "Mosquitos - Stop the Slap"

Third Place - Bryson Nichols - "When Will it Stall?"



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. Biddle
M. Colina
S. Galatz
J. Winn

J. Boisbel
H. Ear
K. Lora
C. Woolverton

A. Bugg
C. Faust
A. Morris

R. Burnup
O. Fils
C. Palmer



Literacy Week

January 22 - 26

Student Art and Poetry Contest

January 26

AVID Sponsored Winter Lock-In

February 2

All County Dance Showcase

February 15

OHMS SAC Meeting

February 29



6th Grade

Brynn Burke

Janielle Gonzalez

Jimena Morales Ramirez

Tucker Rassatt

Phillip Rudrow

Alex Valentin Gonzalez

Student of the Month

November

Communicators



8th Grade

Owen Amabile

Gardith Dorlus

Emily Garcia-Meza

Dalila Garcia-Yax

Jhiraly Gaspar Miguel

Genesis Guillen Cruz

Dante McKinnon

Nadia Murr

Guadalupe Nato-Ocampo

Samaya Rodriguez

Kayle Porcayo-Rojo

Breanne Smith

Britney Vazquez



7th Grade

Teagan Aussman

Marco Friskes

Gabrielle Myers Ramirez

Zaya Haas

Noah Horton

Dylan Tiedeman



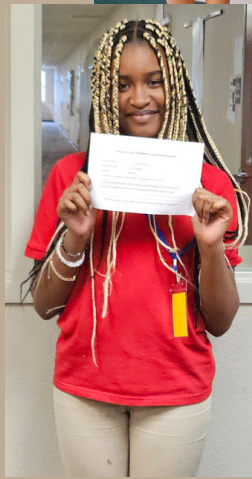
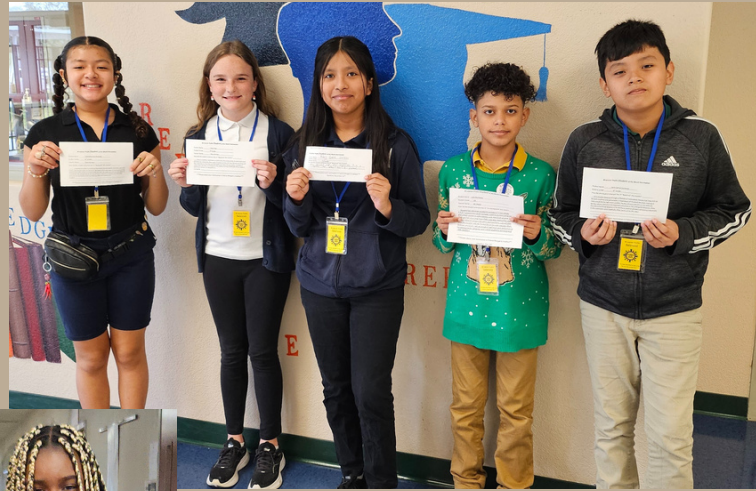
“Communicators express themselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways.”

“They **collaborate** effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.”



Student of the Month December

Balanced

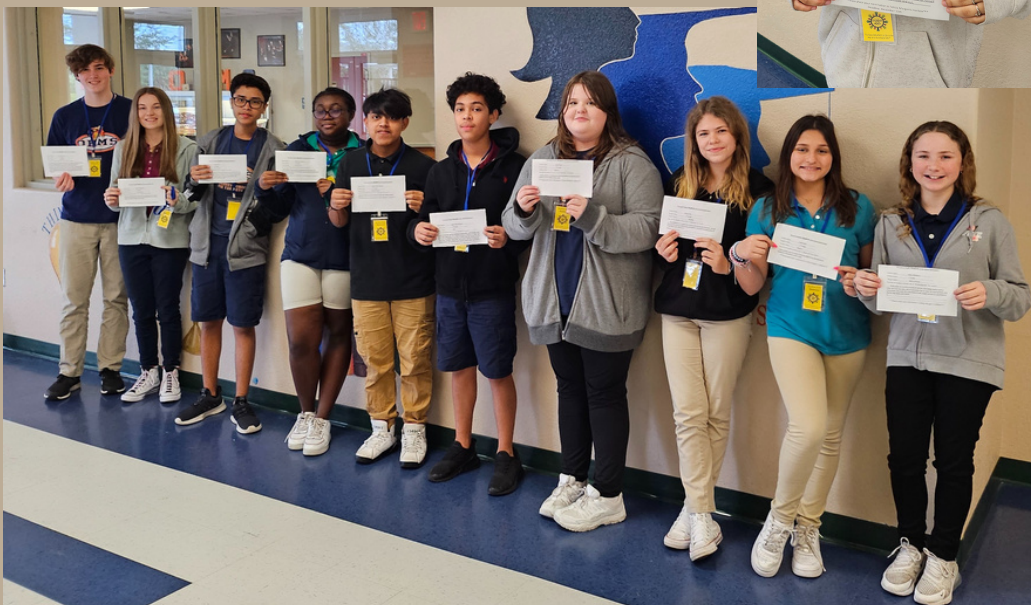
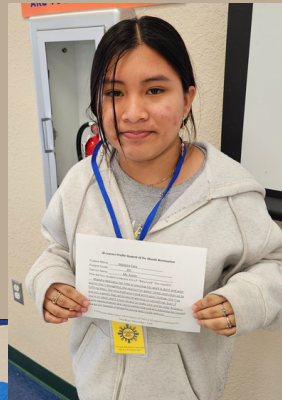
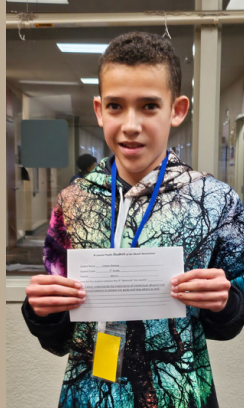


7th Grade

Evah Colon
Melanie Garcia
Zaya Haas
Jordan Hale
Rylee Washburn
Luis Montesino
Ryann Yeo

6th Grade

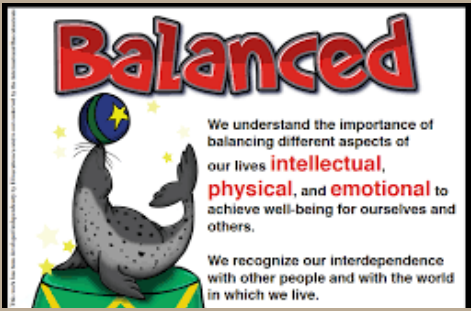
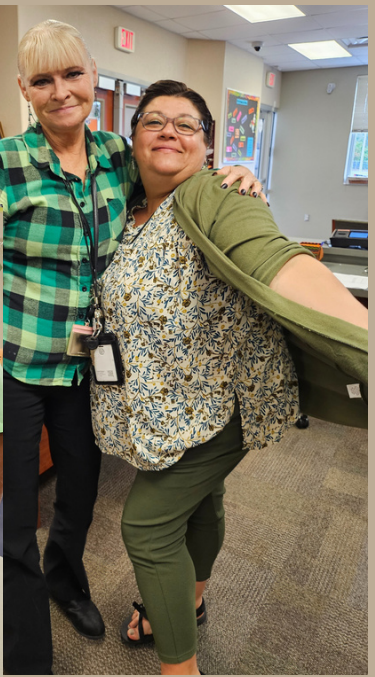
Jairo Garcia Escalante
Valentyna Hua Alvarado
Peyton Tillman
Lea Tran



8th Grade

Samie-Gine Africain
Taylor Chodakowsky
Jordan Feliz
Migdalia Felix
Adelaida Herrera-Jimenez
Marisol Miranda-Lorenzo
Josue Palma-Guerrero
Braylin Sales Domingo
Levi Townsend
Braden Van Klingeren
Anala Zavala

Learner Profile Trait Balanced



Faculty and staff wearing green for the IB Learner Profile Trait "Balanced"!



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Osprey Writing Challenge December

**DECEMBER 2023
OSPREY WRITING CHALLENGE**



**ZAYA HAAS
CREATIVE WRITING**

7th Grade

**DECEMBER 2023
OSPREY WRITING CHALLENGE**



**NATALIA ALFONSO-BAUTISTA
POETRY**

8th Grade



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

Challenge #1

- Write a short story set in a futuristic society where technology has transformed daily life.
- Describe a character's journey as they adapt to a world dominated by advanced robotics.

Challenge #2

- Write a poem incorporating January's Learner Profile trait Thinkers.
- Write poem about adapting to changes, inspired by the Florida winter setting. How do shifts in weather or daily life affect your thoughts on adapting to new situations?

OHMS at Lee County Wicked Walk 2023

The OHMS Dance Team has had three wonderful performances so far this year. Their first performance was at the Lee County Wicked Walk and the second performance was at Gulf Coast Town Center's Tree Lighting Ceremony. The third showcase featured the entire department.



[Lee County Wicked Walk Video](#) ← Click here:

If you are interested in attending a Dance Department event, we do have a handful more events throughout the school year; please see below:

- Feb. 15th Lee County All County Dance Showcase
- Feb. 27th Theatre Department "Living Statue"



We hope to see you at any one of these events!



Ospreys on the R.I.S.E. November

8th Grade

Amado Manual

Marisol Miranda Lorenzo



Students with
improved
behavior
and
attendance

7th Grade

Amiyah Rucker

Shawn Peterson



6th Grade

Elijah Cravens

Morgan Jones



Respect, Integrity, Service, Excellence

Ospreys on the R.I.S.E.

December

8th Grade

Emmariyah Allen

Eduardo Tamayac



7th Grade

Zacauri Johnson

Molly Phillips



Students with
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6th Grade

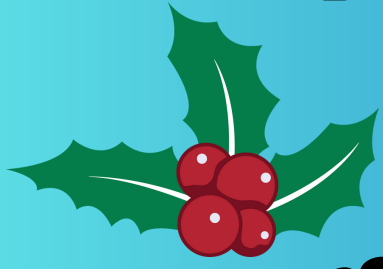
Serenity Young

Connor Waters

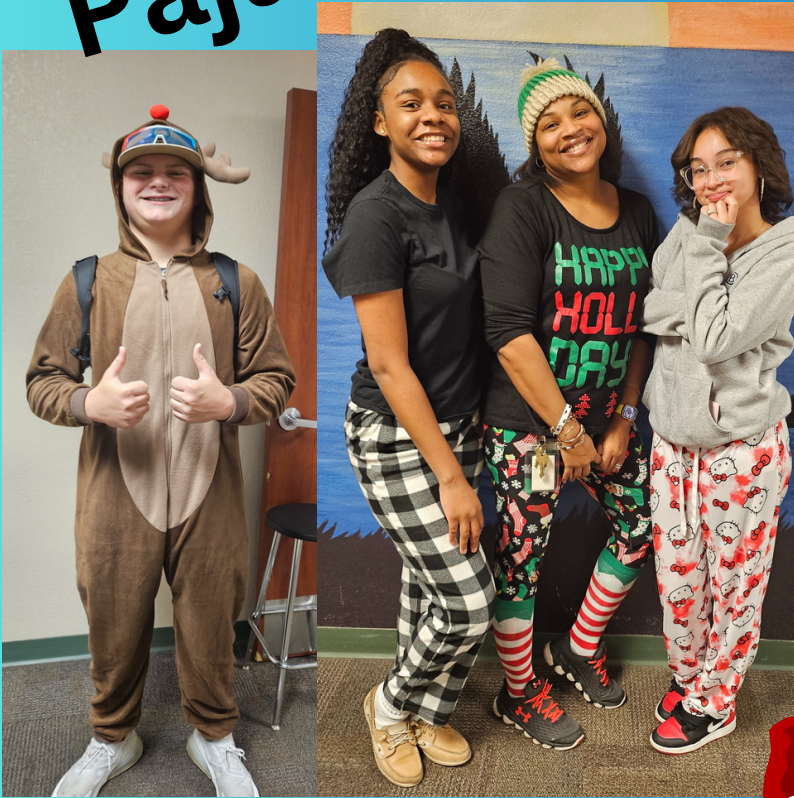


Respect, Integrity, Service, Excellence

Spirit Week at the Oak

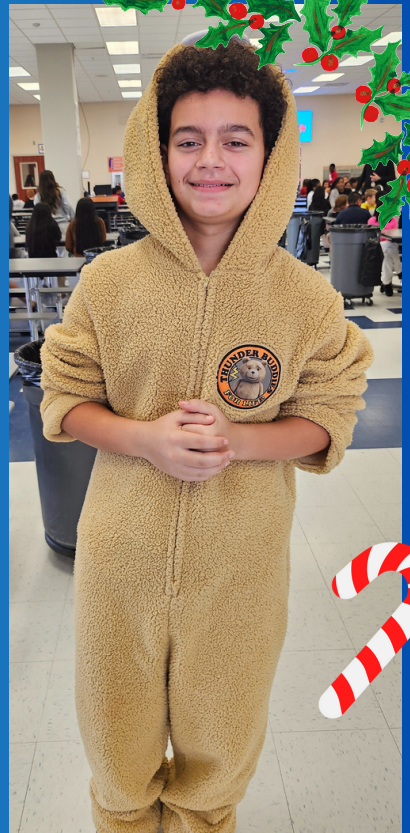


Pajama Day



7th Grade Science Class
and their Chemis "tree"
Teacher: A. Urnezis





MERRY CHRISTMAS

Winter Festival Concert

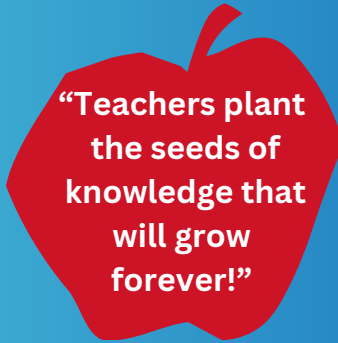
The **OHMS Winter Festival** was held on December 13, 2023 and it was a **HUGE** success with over 400 in attendance! The Band, Choir, and Orchestra students worked extremely hard to make the night successful. Thank you **Mr. Rivera-Aponte** and **Ms. Stasiowski** for a great event!





Lora Keyla
Social Functioning Teacher

November Staff



Brandie Della-Luna
8th Grade Algebra Teacher
Peer Collaborative Teacher

December Staff



Ty Page
Secretary to Principal



Robin Mielke
Media Center
Specialist

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

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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