



Otter Outlook

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Ocee Elementary School

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....



It was great to see so many of you riding bicycles or walking to school with your children on Tuesday, September 29th, for our Ocee Walk and Roll to School event. What a wonderful and healthy way to start the day and decrease air pollution at the same time! In addition to being a Clean Air School and an EverGreen School, Ocee has recently enrolled in the

Safe Routes to School Program. This program is designed to enable and encourage children to walk and bicycle to school in a way that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution. Thanks go to Monica Phillips, who coordinates so many of our "go green" initiatives and to Abby Mattera, our Safe Routes to School Outreach Coordinator, who provided our "walking and rolling" students with backpack tags.

Ocee Literature Night

Ocee Literature Night is tonight, October 1st. The event begins at 5:00 when the Scholastic Book Fair officially opens for business in the Media Center! Bring your family and shop the book fair for some great titles. Beginning at 6:00, make your way to one of the various performances that we have planned for the evening. Ocee staff members will be situated throughout the school to read to your family. You will have the option of choosing three different sessions to attend throughout the evening. Each session will be twenty minutes long. The evening will conclude at 7:30.

Fall Clean-Up Day

October 4th 2-4PM

Our outdoor clean-up day is this weekend. We're planning to pull weeds, plant flower bulbs, prune some bushes, clear debris, and we need as many students and their parents as possible to help us. If you haven't already signed up, please consider doing so by contacting Lynda Clark at ljarclock@hotmail.com

We're looking for a few items to help us on clean-up day. If you have any of the following that could be donated to our school, please let us know:

Important Dates

October

- 10/1** Literature Night (6 PM) and Book Fair Sales Begin (5 PM)
- 10/2** Good Health Seminar 9:30 AM
- 10/2** Reflections Entries Due
- 10/4** Fall Clean-Up Day 2-4 PM
- 10/5** Fifth Grade T-Shirt Day
- 10/7** Fall Picture Day
- 10/7** Donuts for Dads (A-L) 7:15-7:45 AM
- 10/8** Donuts for Dads (M-Z) 7:15-7:45 AM
- 10/9** No School - Teacher Work Day
- 10/12-16** Red Ribbon Week
- 10/12-16** National School Lunch Week
- 10/13** Early Intervention Program (EIP) Info Session 7:15 AM
- 10/14** Early Release Day (11:15 AM dismissal)
- 10/14** Ocee Night at Shane's Rib Shack
- 10/16** PTA Blood Drive
- 10/16** PTA Movie Night

Tailgate Party Luncheon

Thanks to the efforts of the parents of our third graders, Ocee staff members were treated to a delicious lunch this past Wednesday. With all the wonderful treats assembled, there were some difficult choices ("Hmm, do I take the barbecue or the chicken wings...or

- Flower bulbs
- A bail or two of pine straw
- Paper lawn bags
- Anything else you think might be useful in our landscape.

Donuts for Dad

Come start your day with a fun breakfast with your kid(s)! Donuts for Dads will be held on October 7th and October 8th from 7:15 - 7:45 a.m. in the Ocee Cafeteria. Wednesday - Last names A-L and Thursday - Last names M-Z. If the designated day is inconvenient for dads or other family representatives, please feel free to attend the other session. If any mom would like to volunteer, please contact Elizabeth Andresen at andresen6@comcast.net.

Ocee Boosterthon

The Boosterthon Team will be on our campus teaching fitness education and character while helping us raise much needed funds for our school. When the program begins, remember to ask your child about the character lesson of the day! This year's theme is "STAND" UP to change your world.

Serve one Another
Take time to read
Ask great questions
Never give up
Discover your talents

The Boosterthon Fun Run allows for 100% student participation regardless of financial giving. We are asking parents to help their children connect with 10 potential sponsors by contacting friends and family all over the United States and around the

both?). Thank you, Elizabeth Andresen, Maria Evonsion, and Anne Warner for helping to organize the feast.

Early Intervention Program (EIP) Info Session

Does your child receive additional support in reading with the Early Intervention Program teacher, Rhonda Trahan? Would you like to learn more about the program and how Mrs. Trahan works with students to help them progress in the area of reading? Then mark your calendars, and make plans to visit Ocee ES on Tuesday morning, October 13th. Mrs. Trahan will host a "meet, greet, and inform" session in her classroom, Rm. N111. Meet the teacher and enjoy coffee and muffins starting at 7:15 a.m., and then stay to hear about the resources and assessments Mrs. Trahan uses with her students. We hope to see you there!

Ocee Spiritwear

Spiritwear was distributed last week. Please let me know if there are any issues with sizing. The doll shirts are on their way and will be delivered to your student as soon as they come in.

Angie Aiken
afaiken@yahoo.com

Meet New Staff

Jessica Eyre, first grade teacher, was born and raised in the suburbs north of Chicago, but she's now

world.

We are so excited and honored to have such a special group of parents! We need your help to make this an overwhelming success. We encourage you to come enjoy the Boosterthon Fun Run on Thursday, 10/29.

October is Dry Cereal Month

The shelves are low at North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC). Please consider donating a box or two of dry cereal this month. NFCC provides emergency food to hundreds of families here in our community each week. Your donations help make this possible. Please visit the Ocee PTA website at www.ocepta.org to view the complete Outreach collection list for the year.

Good Health/Wellness/Nutrition Seminar

Friday, Oct. 2nd, 9:30am Cabin 2A

The Ocee PTA is pleased to present the 1st Parenting Seminar for 2009-10. Good health and nutrition advice will be presented by Rose Moro, RN, Fulton County Cluster School Nurse and Page Love, MS, RD, LD, CSSD registered and licensed dietitian. Topics include, but are not limited to: "flu wellness," vaccinations, lice problems, nutritious lunches, and healthy snack alternatives. The floor will be open for questions after each presentation, so please come learn more about keeping your child healthy and well. If interested in attending, please reply to Susan Sundberg at: susadsun@comcast.net

happy to call Atlanta her home. She is married with two sons. Ian is five and attends Ocee ES as a kindergartner, and Grayson is two. This is her first year as an Ocee Otter, but she taught first grade at Sweet Apple ES last year, and this is her fourteenth year teaching. Mrs. Eyre always wanted to be a teacher (since she was in first grade), and she can't imagine a more rewarding job.

Reflections

The deadline for submission of all entries for Reflections, a PTA sponsored cultural arts contest, is Friday, October 2nd, 2009. Please make sure you follow the rules for your individual category.

Participation Checklist for Parents:
Did the student...

- Fill out the mandatory Artist Statement section?
- Fill out the Required Information on the Student Entry Form?
- Sign the Student Entry form?
- Have the parent sign the Student Entry form?
- Remember not to put the student's name on the front of any of the works?
- Make an original and a copy if the student is submitting Literature?

All Reflection entries should be submitted in the box provided in the front hallway of the school. If you have any questions, please email Raji Pancha at lprr777@bellsouth.net.

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the full text.

Ocee Book Fair

Shopping begins the evening of Literature Night on October 1st, but the Scholastic Book Fair will continue through October 8th. Students will have a chance to shop the fair with their class. If you are interested in attending the fair with your child when it is his/her turn to shop, please ask your child's teacher for his/her scheduled time. We are currently accepting pre-orders for the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid 4* book which will be out in stores October 12th. The cost of this paperback book is \$6.99 with no tax. You can preorder this now or during the fair. The books will be shipped directly to Ocee School and distributed to students in their classrooms. If you have any questions about the book fair, please contact Vicky Jaksic, Media Specialist, at jaksicv@fultonschools.org.

Save on heating this winter and help our school at the same time by taking advantage of Georgia Natural Gas' competitive price plans. GNG is a Georgia-based gas company and natural gas is its only business. When members of our school community sign up for a plan that is right for them, Ocee Elementary school receives up to \$100 a year for every person who chooses Georgia Natural Gas. Look for the TrueBlue GNG flyer in this week's Thursday papers for enrollment information, and start saving money during the cold fall and winter months ahead!

Articles for Newsletter

All articles for the Ocee Newsletter should be sent to Jo Fowler (fowlerjj@fultonschools.org) by the end of the day of the Tuesday of the week you want the article to run.

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