



# Otter Outlook

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## Ocee Elementary School

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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....**

Ocee Otters pledged to "Just Say No to Drugs" during a fabulous Red Ribbon Week. Students nominated their family members, friends, teachers, and other Ocee staff as their heroes all this week. The children enjoyed many special activities each day as they learned the importance of staying healthy and drug free. Thank you, Julie Beiger, for coordinating a calendar of fun and educational events. Our staff loved the red treats provided on our early release day, too!

Sincerely,

Debbie Pernice

## Ocee Boosterthon Less Than One Week to Go

PARENTS: We need your help! Our major fundraiser, the Boosterthon Fun Run, kicks off next week. We chose a fundraiser that is fun, educational and designed to raise enough to not have to do multiple fundraising events.

Please help us by helping your child attain 10 or more PLEDGES for this event.

Please logon to [www.funrun.com](http://www.funrun.com) after the pep rally on Tuesday and enter your secret access code to learn more about the ways you can help.

Our administration and entire staff are excited about the Boosterthon Team coming to our school!

## Hats Off to PTA

Our very own PTA has been awarded the 2009-2010 Visionary Pin and Certificate by submitting 400 or more members to the Georgia PTA by August 31, 2009. Congratulations!

## Ocee Blood Drive

Calling all blood donors....Help us save lives by donating blood at our movie night event. On Friday, October 16th, the Lifesouth blood mobile will be at Ocee from 5:30 - 9:00. It's quick and easy....take a few minutes to donate blood, and then relax & enjoy the movie. There is an emergency need for all negative blood types (A, B, AB, & especially O). Did you know that one blood donation can help save 3 lives?

## Important Dates

### October

- 10/12-16** Red Ribbon Week
- 10/12-16** National School Lunch Week
- 10/16** PTA Blood Drive
- 10/16** PTA Movie Night
- 10/16 & 19** Science Zone 3rd Grade
- 10/19** Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 10/19** Original Works Art due
- 10/20** Student Council Meeting 7:20 AM
- 10/20** Asheley Widener Community Meeting - Findley Oaks ES 1 PM
- 10/23 & 26** Science Zone 4th Grade
- 10/28** Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 10/29 BOOSTERTHON FUN RUN !!!**
- 10/30** Ocee's Parade of Nations 7:55 AM

## Meet New Staff

Michelle Mahoney is the new fifth grade instructional resource room teacher, but she is not new to Ocee. Her daughter, Katie, was a member of Ocee's charter kindergarten class. She had been a former "regular" sub here years ago, and worked part time, until recently, as an instructional parapro. After filling in as the substitute for the vacant IRR position this September, she was thrilled to accept the opportunity to work permanently with our fabulous fifth grade students and teachers.

Mrs. Mahoney has a background in recreational therapy and education. After graduating from Penn State, she worked with emotionally disturbed teens and then pursued her teaching

To make an appointment, email Gretchen Anderson at [caagta@comcast.net](mailto:caagta@comcast.net).

## Original Works Arts

Ocee Elementary is thrilled to be participating in this unique and innovative program. This is a great way to showcase your child's creative artwork. All Original Works Artwork went home on Tuesday. Please review and send in orders, money and return artwork with orders by October 19. Artwork will be returned. Make checks payable to Ocee. Thank you for supporting this year's Original Works Fundraiser. We expect items to be delivered to school before winter break. If you have any questions please contact [jackipatterson@comcast.net](mailto:jackipatterson@comcast.net).

## Ocee Book Fair Success

The Media Committee would like to thank Lea Goodman and her crew of book fair volunteers for all of their hard work in organizing and running another great book fair. Ocee Media Center earned a profit of \$3600 to use on new books for our students. We couldn't have done it without the support of our Ocee Community, so thank you to everyone who shopped and supported our fair!

## October is Dry Cereal Month

The shelves are bare 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](http://www.ocepta.org)

certification. She taught fifth grade in Texas and also tutored learning-disabled youth. She and her husband, Mike, have three children: Danny (24) is out of college; Kevin (20) is a junior at Georgia Southern; and Katie (14) is a freshman at Chattahoochee HS. The Mahoneys have lived in Georgia since 1986. Mrs. Mahoney says, "It's great to be back at Ocee as a teacher. I'm looking forward to a great year!"

## Spooktacular 4th Grade Staff Luncheon

On Wednesday, October 28th, the 4th grade parents will sponsor a Spooktacular Staff Luncheon. In an effort to go GREEN, the Hospitality Committee has decided to send out all luncheon forms via email again this year. These forms will be forwarded to the respective grade level room parents who will then distribute them to their classes via email. The luncheon forms can also be found at [www.ocepta.org](http://www.ocepta.org) under the "Resources/Room Parent" tab. On that page there is a section labeled "Hospitality." The chairpersons for the Spooktacular 4th Grade Luncheon are Kim Schorr ([kschorr@bellsouth.net](mailto:kschorr@bellsouth.net)) and Julie Beiger ([jbeiger@bellsouth.net](mailto:jbeiger@bellsouth.net)) who can be contacted with any questions.

## FREE Community Health Fair

There will be a free community health fair on Friday evening, October 23rd, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, October 24th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The health fair will take place at 77 Crossville Road in

to view the complete Outreach collection list for the year.

## Jr. Cougar Wrestling

Does your son want to get stronger? Does he want to stay fit through the winter months? Then he needs to join the Chattahoochee Junior Cougar Wrestling Club at Chattahoochee High School. We are open to students in grades 4 through 8. No tryouts! All kids participate! No experience necessary!

Our parent meeting will be held Wednesday, October 21st, at 7:00 pm. in the Chattahoochee Media Center. Sign up forms will be available that night. Our season begins November 3rd. Practices will be held Tuesday and Thursday nights, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, in the Chattahoochee Auxiliary Gym. For more information e-mail Judy McMahan @  
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Roswell, GA 30075. Screenings will include glucose, hemoglobin, and blood pressure. Medical, dental, and vision practitioners will be on hand as well as pediatricians. Vaccinations will be provided by The Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness. Participants should bring any health records available. Proof of residency and income may be required.

## Green Ocee

Did you know that more than half a BILLION phone books are printed and distributed every year in the U.S., which is nearly two books for every American? That consumes about 19 million trees! You can opt out of receiving a phone book. Go to [www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org/stop-yellow-pages](http://www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org/stop-yellow-pages) and register to be taken off the distribution list for white and yellow page phone books.

## Articles for Newsletter

All articles for the Ocee Newsletter should be sent to Jo Fowler ([fowlerjj@fultonschools.org](mailto: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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