



Otter Outlook

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Ocee Elementary School

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

We here at Ocee ES are so grateful for all the ways you support the school. This past Sunday, many of you came out to trim and weed and beautify our campus. Thanks to the following families: Andresen, Bukovich, Burke, Clark, Downum, Edmonds, Fabregas, Fairley, Farrington, George, Grannis, Hansen, Johnson, Kasmiersky, Krejci, Mack, Parry, Phillips, and Thompson. We appreciate the efforts of Lynda Clark who coordinated the work day.

A belated thank you goes out to Kristi Carey and Monica Phillips for working last year with city officials to post appropriate traffic signs on Kimball Bridge Road.

There already was a flashing "slow down - school zone" sign on Old Milton Parkway, but not on Kimball Bridge. Now our students are even safer due to the addition of new signage.

And last but not least, thank you to all the parents who volunteered to serve coffee and doughnuts to Ocee dads on Wednesday and Thursday mornings this week. It was fun to see smiles all around as our students shared sweets and conversation with their dads. Thanks, Elizabeth Andresen, for organizing this fun event.

We appreciate all you do!

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 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.

Important Dates

October

- 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
- 10/16 & 19** Science Zone 3rd Grade
- 10/19** Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 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

Early Intervention Program (EIP) Info Session

Does your child receive additional support in reading with the Early

Check out the Ocee staff
[Boosterthon Video](#) .

Ocee Observes Red Ribbon Week

The National Red Ribbon Campaign held each year in October calls attention to the devastating effects of drug and alcohol abuse on individuals, families and communities. During the week of October 12-16th, Ocee students will demonstrate their commitment to a drug-free, healthy lifestyle by wearing and displaying red ribbons and participating in drug awareness activities throughout the week. This year our overall theme is "Ocee Heroes Are Drug-Free!" A special edition of Ocee's Red Ribbon Week Newsletter is in Thursday Papers today for your review. You will find lots of newsworthy items along with a full calendar of events for Red Ribbon Week. Please be sure to read the article about the Ocee Media Center Paperback Fiction Book Drive which will be taking place next week as a part of Red Ribbon Week activities.

Parents, if you are interested, "Keeping Youth Drug-Free" brochures are available in the school lobby and are provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources. Please help us make Red Ribbon Week a success and encourage your children to participate in each day's activities.

Jumpstart's Read for the Record

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 remember to visit Ocee ES on next 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!

Accelerated Reader

The Accelerated Reader Program got off to a "racing" start on September 14th and is moving full speed ahead. Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to visit the Media Center to find AR books that are fun to read and within their reading level. You can also visit either the Spruill Oaks Library or the Ocee Regional Library and find the list of AR books there as well. Make sure your child joins the race and reads today! The first testing period ends October 16th, and we will update the track for the first time the following week. If you have any questions, please check out the Ocee PTA website under PTA programs or contact either Maria Evonsion (maria12@bellsouth.net) or Lisa Sutton (the4suttons@comcast.net).

Science Zone Kicks Off Next Week

Science Zone begins another exciting year with the following three

On Thursday, October 8th, Ocee pre-k and kindergarten students participated in *Jumpstart's Read for the Record*, a reading event which took place in schools, libraries, and homes across the nation. Every pre-k and kindergarten class read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and teachers registered their class's involvement online. Copies of the books were donated by the Pearson Foundation. Remember to ask your pre-k or kindergarten student about the story!

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 5:00 - 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?

To make an appointment, email Gretchen Anderson at caagta@comcast.net.

Blood Drive Information

Green Ocee

Hey Ocee Parents! It seems with all this rain that the ants are getting inside our homes. There are several ways to "green" treat to get rid of the ants. They're inexpensive and "green"!!!

Vinegar can be used to destroy ant trails. Without clear trails, the

labs this month: Owl Pellets (3rd gr.), Astronomy (4th gr.), Microbial Microscope Mystery (5th gr.).

We need several parent volunteers for each class to assist students with the lab activities, so please consider helping when your child's class comes to Science Zone. You don't need to have any experience or knowledge of the topic, and we will show you everything you need to know. Come and enjoy spending time with the kids in a fun learning environment!

For more information about Science Zone and to sign up to help with labs, go to www.ocepta.org, select "Science Zone" under PTA Programs, and click on the "SCHEDULE & SIGNUP" link. You can sign up in advance for any labs during the rest of the school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Anupa Doraiswami at z@akdweb.com or Tamra Brown at tamrabrown@bellsouth.net.

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.

QSP Bear Fair Magazine Drive

Please think of Ocee when those early magazine renewal notices start to arrive in the mail. You can renew current subscriptions or buy new and gift subscriptions though our school NOW! Get an early start on our annual magazine sale by logging on to QSP.com. Our school code is 425030570. Proceeds are used to

ants will get confused and may stay outside for a while. You can use it diluted with water or straight. And, of course, vinegar is also a great household homemade cleaner, so not only do you get rid of the ants, you get some cleaning done too.

Add 2 cups each of borax, sugar and water. Melt them in a pot, stirring occasionally. The ants are attracted to the sugar, but the goal is to have the ants bring borax back to their nests. The mixture should be placed outside your house 3-4 inches around the perimeter of your house where you see the ants or on the ant trails.

buy books for the Ocee Media Center. The school's annual magazine drive will take place in February, but you can renew subscriptions now.

Ocee Literature Night Recap

Ocee families, thank you for helping us make Literature Night such a memorable evening here at Ocee. Congratulations to Ms. Stewart's and Ms. Buccellato's classes who tied for winning the pizza party by having the most students attend the evening festivities!

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.oceeppta.org to view the complete Outreach collection list for the year.

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