



Piedmont Lakes Middle School

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Home of the Chiefs!



Principal's Message

Greeting Parents,

The 2017-2018 school year is in full swing, and I'm so excited! Our faculty and staff are doing "Whatever it Takes" to help your child reach their full potential. Our intense focus is always on student achievement as we lead our students to success.

The support of the community and involvement of parents and families are all instrumental to students and school success. Your involvement is integral to our goal of consistent student achievement. Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) is an organization to facilitate parental involvement. This organization is always looking for fresh new faces, ready to help Piedmont Lakes Middle School reach their goals! The PTSA meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the media center. I encourage you to get involved to ensure that your child has the best learning opportunities at Piedmont Lake and beyond.

Sincerely,

E. Jerome Thompson

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Calendar of Events

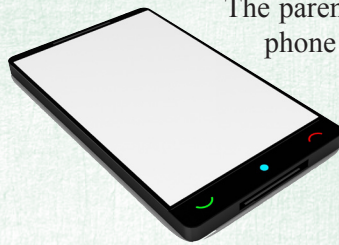
- October 17, 2017..... Begin 2nd marking period
- October 27, 2017..... Instructional Make-up Day**
- November 20, 2017..... Instructional Make-Up Day**
- November 21-24, 2017..... Thanksgiving Break
- December 21, 2017..... End of 2nd marking period
- December 22, 2017..... Teacher Workday/ Student Holiday
- December 25, 2017 – January 5, 2018.... Holiday Break
- January 8, 2018..... Begin 2nd Semester/ 3rd marking period



Cell Phone Policy for Students

A student may possess a cell phone on school property, at after school activities, and at school-related functions, provided that during school hours and on a school bus, the cell phone remains off and is concealed. Possession of a cell phone by a student is a privilege. Violations of this policy may result in confiscation of the cell phone and/or other disciplinary actions.

The parent/guardian will make arrangements to pick up the cell phone from the school.



At no time shall Orange County Public Schools be responsible for theft, loss or damage to cell phones or other electronic devices brought onto its property.

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Lights On Afterschool

On Thursday, October 26, 2017 Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) will host *Lights On Afterschool*. Lights On Afterschool is a national celebration of after-school programs. This event promotes the critical importance of quality after-school programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities. Extended Day Enrichment Programs operated by OCPS, Outsource Providers and Afterschool Zone – Middle Schools serve over 15,000 elementary and middle school children with affordable or free before- and after-school programs. OCPS stands firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities which;

- Provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills;
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends;
- Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults; and
- Engage families, schools and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children.

3rd Annual
LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL

A Free Community Event at Lake Eola Park Amphitheater
Corner of S. Rosalind Avenue and E. Washington Street

Thursday, October 26, 2017 | 5:30 – 8 p.m.

For more information, email exday@ocps.net
or call 407-317-3383. #lightsonafterschool

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Logos at the bottom of the poster include: Afterschool All-Stars Orlando, ASP (It's All About the Children), Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida, Champions, Lights On Afterschool (A Product of the AfterSchool Alliance), Orange County Government, and the Y.

The Love Pantry

The Love Pantry is available for everyone on campus. The love pantry is a supplement for your pantry when you are experiencing temporary need for emergency food. Please contact the 8th grade office for more details.



Magnet Fair

The high school Magnet Fair is scheduled for November 9, 2017 at Wekiva High School.

Overview:

- Magnet Programs have been established at elementary, middle and high schools to provide an opportunity for students to engage in intensive study in specific areas. Magnets offer the opportunity for students to discover their talents and explore their interests while focusing on academic rigor. OCPS magnet programs reflect the diversity of the district and are designated to attract students from across the district. Complete information will be listed in the school's magnet description. High school magnet programs provide unique personalized learning communities. These programs of study are aimed at increasing student achievement and permit a student to focus on interest, talents or career goals. Middle and elementary magnet programs provide students the opportunity to participate in challenging experiences that engage them in learning.

Magnet Goals:

- Provide students the opportunity to exceed challenging state academic and achievement standards
- Promote student diversity through choice
- Enhance equitable access for all students to high quality education
- Strengthen student knowledge of academic subjects that will lead to increased student acquisition of marketable career, technological and professional skills for informed career decisions
- Accelerate systemic reform

Centralized Application Process

- In order to be considered for placement in magnet programs, students must submit an electronic application. Students do not have to re-apply for admission into the same magnet program in which they are currently enrolled.

Questions? Email magnetoffice@ocps.net



Canvas is Here!

In the past, there were too many systems to check and no easy way for parents to view student assignments, homework assignments, events and calendars. We heard you. To address this, OCPS has adopted a single Learning Management System, Canvas. In Canvas, parents are observers of their student's school lives. They have easy access to view the calendar, assignments, grades/feedback for work completed in Canvas and messages sent between students in Canvas.

Parents can login to Canvas using the credentials below. Parents have one username/password for each student.

Login Address: <http://canvasparent.ocps.net>

Each student generates their own parent account. All parent accounts use the same formula:

Username: The letter "G" then the student ID number

Password: The letter "G" then the student date of birth (YYYYMMDD)

For Example:

Student, John T. - Student ID: 4801780000 - DOB: June 21, 2000
Username: G4801780000
Password: G20000621

After you log in for the first time using the credentials above, you will be asked to change your password to ensure the highest possible account security.

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Canvas Username

Password

Stay signed in

[Forgot Password?](#) [Log In](#)

Parents and Guardians: Your initial username and password will be provided to you by the school. Please change the password for security purposes after the initial login. If you are having trouble logging in with your guardian account please click the help button below.

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INSTRUCTURE

If you need help logging in, please click on the help link in the login window.

We need spots filled...



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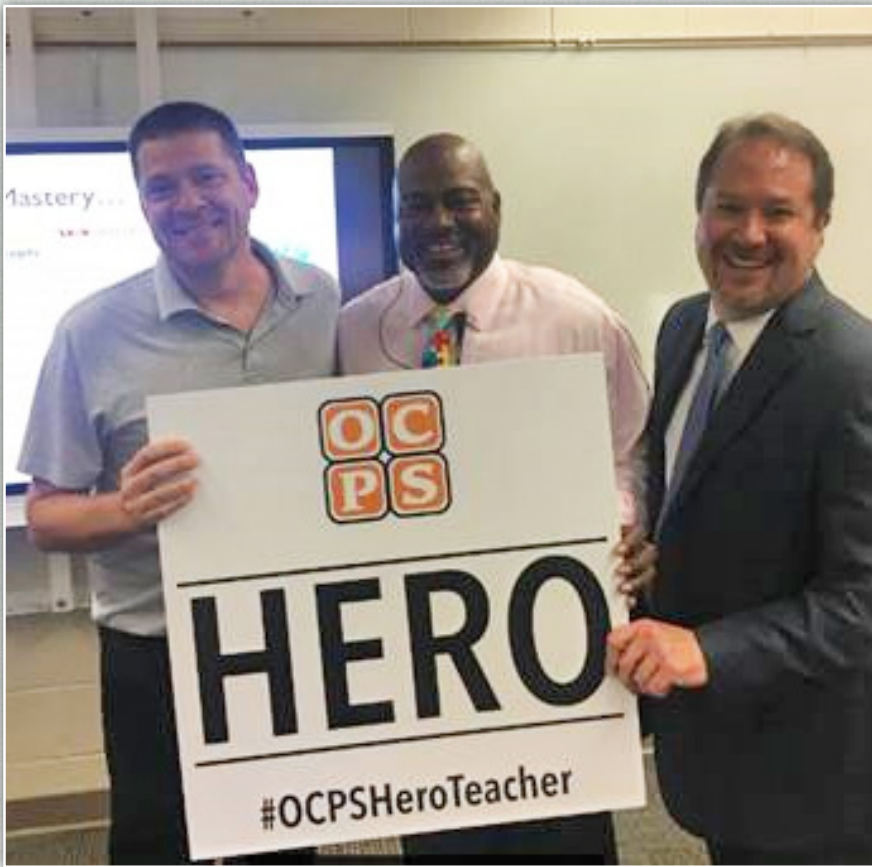
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Tutoring

After school and tutoring has begun! Tutoring will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 - 5:30 pm, and will run through April 12th in different sessions. Please contact the school if you are interested in registering your child for tutoring.

OCPS Hero Teacher

Congratulations to our very own teacher Mr. DAVID RAY! Mr. Ray was nominated for OCPS Hero Teacher award! Job well done Mr. Ray!!



Piedmont Lakes Middle School Presents

donuts
with *Dad*

Thursday,
October 26, 2017
8:00AM - 9:00 AM

Join us for a sweet morning treat with your son or daughter as we discuss the impact fathers have on their child's education.

For questions call or email Ms. Lewis
Ext. 5232274 or lewisf@ocps.net

*Any male family member can attend if dad is not available

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Fall Beautification Day

Piedmont's annual fall beautification day will be Sat. Nov. 4 from 9:00 am- 12:00 pm . Families are invited to come out and help us spruce up our landscaping. Any parents who can help donate plants and other material should contact Mrs. Rigling at kathy.rigling@ocps.net.

Picture Day

Picture Day is approaching! Pictures will be taken on Oct. 31st.

Boys and Girls Club

Have you joined the Boys and Girls Club After School Zone yet? If not, you are missing out on all the fun! We have so many exciting programs to offer... all at no cost! Stop by the front office and pick up an application today!

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