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9:25 a.m. - 3:55 p.m.
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9:25 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.



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VISION STATEMENT

Chain of Lakes Middle School is a community of students, parents and teachers, which strives to ensure that all members are successfully growing in academic and social development. We believe in educating the entire student in a safe, diversified environment in order to prepare for life's opportunities and challenges. We promote academic excellence, a life-long love of learning and responsible citizenship.

Growing Together, Learning for Life

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Chain of Lakes Family,

Believe it or not, we are almost finished with our third marking period, which means that summer is within sight. However, we still have several important upcoming events this year. Testing season has begun! Parents, we need your assistance in helping our students approach the exams in a positive manner. The key to success is preparation and you can help your child do just that in several ways. Since the assessments measure what your child is studying in class, talk

to your child each day about what he or she is learning. If your child is nervous about the exams or if his or her grades indicate that they need additional practice, then encourage your child to prepare at home with programs such as iReady and Khan Academy. We also offer after school tutoring every Tuesday and Thursday until the end of April. Additionally, since many of these tests are computer-based, have your child practice using a computer testing format such as those found on fsassessments.org prior to the exam so that students are comfortable. On testing days, please make certain that your child arrives at school on time having had a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast. Most importantly, tell your student to relax and do their best. Remember that you are the best cheerleader that your child can have! While testing is a significant event during the last weeks of school, please don't forget to participate in other key activities including our Spring Fling on April 3rd, track meets and our spring musical concerts. We have amazingly talented students at Chain of Lakes and we encourage you to recognize and applaud all of their gifts. As always, thank you for your support. It is my privilege to work with you all.



Cheron Anderson
Principal

Sincerely,
Cheron L. Anderson Principal

"Our focus...is to be the top producer of successful students in the nation."



Annual Parent Survey

As a parent you can also help out our school by completing our Annual Parent Survey. Our parents are one of our greatest resources to the success of our school. In an effort to improve school practices, Chain of Lakes Middle School is conducting a Parent Survey as a part of our ongoing effort to improve our school. Please take a moment and click the link below to take this year's parent survey: https://ocps.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_38ZEa36rGBGv8zP.

We value your opinion. Please be assured that your responses will be anonymous and your opinion is appreciated.

PTSA: March 27, 2020

Spring Fling and Silent Auction

It's nearly here-The annual Spring Fling is sure to be another huge success! Chock full of activities for students and parents, the event brings lots of fun to our school family. The Silent Auction is always a hit within the community because of the vast selection of items to bid on.

As always, we need your help! If you or someone you know would like to donate an item/service/experience to help our school raise money through our auction, please go to the Documents page on this website to print a "Request for Donation" letter. You may also contact kgowanloch@me.com for further information.



Please Welcome Our New Assistant Principal Mr. Toby Hurst!

Dr. Angela Slaughter, Toby Hurst, Cheron Anderson

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Thank You to our Partners in Education, Barnes and Noble for your generous donation to our school!



National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Across the country on January 9th each year, citizens take the lead to show support on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Law Enforcement Officers of every rank and file have chosen a profession that puts their life on the line every day for their communities. They've answered a call to public service that is demanding and often unappreciated.



From local, state and federal, their duties command dedication. The jobs are often thankless and take them away from their families for long hours. Rarely do they know what their days have in store for them. Often law enforcement are the only paid emergency resource a community has. More often they work in coordination with other local, state, and federal organizations to make communities safer. *Thank you to our very own Deputy Wayne Scott!*

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2. Following us on Twitter at @COLMS_OCPS
3. "Like" our Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/ChainOfLakesMiddleSchoolOCPS/>

PTSA Information and News

PTSA awarded **\$3500** in teacher grants this year! We couldn't do this without your generous donations. Each grant awarded goes towards benefiting our teachers and their classroom instruction. Yours in Service, Kim Gowanloch, Chain of Lakes PTSA President

Free/Reduced School Lunch

APPLY today at: <https://www.myschoolapps.com>. ALL FAMILIES should take a moment to apply and see if they are eligible for meal benefits. **** IMPORTANT: You must reapply for benefits each year!**** For more information about the OCPS Free/Reduced School Lunch Program, please visit www.ocps.net / Departments / Food and Nutrition Services / Meal Prices / Free and Reduced Application Info

Student Code of Conduct

It is important that students understand the policies and procedures of OCPS. Please take a moment and review with your child a copy of the OCPS Student Code of Conduct at: <https://www.ocps.net> / Departments / Marketing and Events / Publications / Code of Student Conduct

Electronics

Students must silence and put away all electronics at 9:25 every morning. These items should be placed in a student backpack or purse and not removed until dismissal. Please make sure your student is following this policy as visible electronics may be confiscated.

Orange County Public Schools 2019-2020 Alternate Calendar

Monday - Friday March 16-20 Spring Break
(Schools Closed/District Offices Open)
Monday March 23 Begin Fourth Marking Period
Monday May 25 Memorial Day Holiday
(Schools and District Offices Closed)
Wednesday May 27 End of Fourth Marking Period/Last Day of School
Thursday - Friday May 28-29 Post-Planning

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Orange County Public Schools' History Fair

Kudos to our sixth grade social studies teacher Ms. Collins! She took groups of our 6th graders to compete in the Orange County Public Schools' History Fair. One group won 2nd place overall placing them in the running to compete in Tallahassee's Florida State History Fair in May! Please help congratulate the following:

- 2nd place winners: Mirelly Smith, Dunia Abu Soud, and Camila Noriega.

They constructed a beautiful exhibit featuring Malala Yousafzai and her fight for equality in education for young girls in Pakistan.



Dear Parent/Guardian of an ELL Student

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will be taking the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Assessment between January and March. ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 measures your student's progress in listening, speaking, reading, and writing English language skills. Later this spring, your student will receive an Individual Student Report that provides information about how well he or she is progressing in the English language.

Please review the following policies with your child before testing:

- **Electronic Devices** - If your student is found with ANY electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones and smart phones, at any time during testing OR during breaks, his or her test section will be invalidated, which means it will not be scored. The best practice is for students to leave electronic devices at home or in their backpacks on the day of testing.
- **Leaving Campus** - If your student leaves campus before completing a test they have started (for an appointment, illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete that test section. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on the make-up day.

To learn more about ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 a helpful Parent Handout is available exclusively online ([https:// www.wida.us/membership/states/Florida.aspx](https://www.wida.us/membership/states/Florida.aspx)) under the Parent Information tab in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, Haitian Creole French, Hmong, Spanish, and Vietnamese. If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Thank you for supporting your student as he or she prepares for the test.



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Actual Patients

WELCOME BACK

Mrs. Colbert!



Kelly Services

Kelly Services surprised Mrs. Colbert with an Outstanding Customer Service Award!



Drama

Please Congratulate the following students who ranked Superior in one or more Florida State Thespians Competition Events:

- Zahiya Abuhussein
- Sydney Busch
- Holly Gosling
- Mya Keeler
- Zayda Martin
- Alexi Mulvihill
- Naomi Ron Vera
- Benjy Phanor
- Gianna Smith
- Gates Valines

A special Congratulations to Bryson Cody on receiving an Excellent.

Microsoft Office Specialist

The following students passed their 2nd portion of the MOS (Microsoft Office Specialist) exam:

- Isai Hernandez-Puerta, Tony Van Ho, Francisco Mendoza, Samuel Meneses, Larissa Prado da Silva, Javarien Presley, Carlos Sales and Jeremy Singh

Only one more to go and they're officially certified! Please congratulate them!



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Caroline Galindez • Ivama.GalindezGomez@ocps.net
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Chain of Lakes Middle School Athletics

Chain of Lakes Middle School Athletic News

Our Boys and Girls Basketball teams made it all the way to the play offs this year! Please congratulate the following coach's and their students:



Girls

- #5 Grace Redington
- #10 Ny'asia Hercule
- #2 Katie Tommasi
- #19 Chu-Chu Wang
- #18 Jolie Jeffreys
- #9 Julie Botto
- #20 Jaaziah Mitchell
- #3 Jaela Bouie
- #7 Antwoinette Glover
- #2 Kendall Perry
- #12 Ariana Ballan
- #11 Kayden Gause
- #4 Tyeis Booker



Boys

- #9 Jaren Price
- #5 Cheo James
- #7 Seth Scholfield
- #2 Rylan Jean Baptiste
- #8 James Fredrick
- #3 Samuel Yang
- #1 Martavius Durden Jr.
- #10 Jameon Marshall
- #4 Tyrin Randall
- #11 Sean Shipp
- #6 Fabio Souza
- #14 Gavin Simpson
- #13 London Hatch
- #15 Cameron Perry
- #12 Qadar Copeland



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Vanessa Camino MD, FAAP
Diego Heraud MD, FAAP

Electives Department

Black History Showcase Night and Electives Showcase Night: Thank you to the Electives Department and their students for organizing and performing these two fantastic events. Special thanks to Dean Brown on his phenomenal singing, Electives teachers/directors, reading department, COLMS staff, COLMS Students, PTSA, partnering schools, special guests and sponsors for participating in this event.



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It is MPA Season!

Congratulations to Mr. Strang and Mr. Emlet on their outstanding work. Mr. Strang and his orchestra received Straight Superiors at MPA! Mr. Emlet and his chorus received an overall Excellent. Best of luck to Ms. Tobin and her band on their MPA this weekend.



Theatre Department and Thespians Troupe 89584

Congratulations to our Theatre Department and Thespians Troupe 89584 for their 4 events that received Superior ratings and 2 events that received Excellent ratings at State. They also hosted and presented in front of 24 middle and elementary school Theatre teachers around the county.

Upcoming Events:

Art Department: Winter Park Arts Festival will be March 20-22 in downtown Winter Park. We will have several students' artwork displayed in the student exhibition. Please come check out our talented student work!

Theatre: Be Our Guest!

Save the Date for our upcoming production of Beauty and the Beast!

April 28th, 29th & 30th

6:30 PM in the cafeteria (doors open at 6:00 PM for ticket sales)

Tickets: Adults- \$7/Students-\$3

Also, check out the student generated digital promotions on instagram at @colms_dramateers!