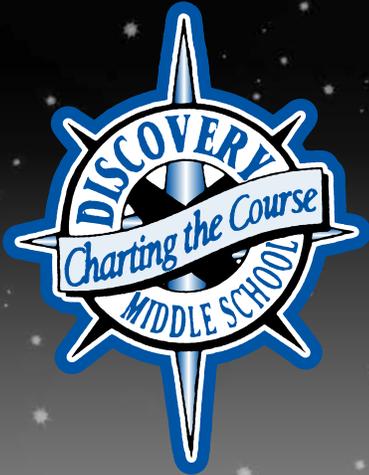


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Battle of the Books District Winners!

Congratulations to Discovery's Battle of the Books team! They took first place in the district competition. Four of the team members were on last year's winning team as well. This year's team was made up of Kristina Kelley (captain), Bouchra Benzit, Anna Haralampiev, Timo Moegling, Ian Sutphin, and Peyton Trott.



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Want to know more about how to access Launchpad or Edmodo? Need to solve simple tech support problems? Want a better understanding of how OCPS is using social media to connect families

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There are also quick links to:

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ELA (ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS) UPDATE

A few events taking place in the English Language Arts Department include the FSA Writing Exam, Modern Woodmen Oration Contest, in-class theme studies, and FSA Reading prep. This year's finalists in the Modern Woodmen Oration Contest are:

1st Place - Abraham Pezzutti

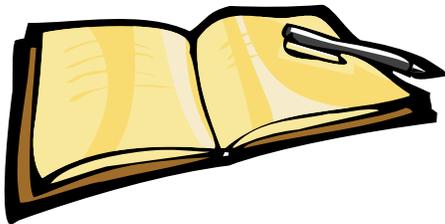
2nd Place - Maya Zurey

3rd Place - Timo Moegling

Congratulations to all of our finalists!

Mark your calendars for May 17 as we unveil this year's Summer Reading list and assignments at Barnes & Noble. Hope to see you there!

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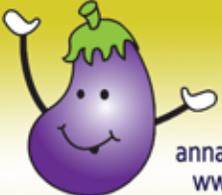
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Key Issues Institute provides educators with the process, skills, and confidence to investigate current environmental and STEM issues with their students using innovative and engaging ideas, activities, and methods. Our non-biased framework promotes inquiry, providing educators with step-by-step instructions to guide students through an investigation of all sides of an issue.

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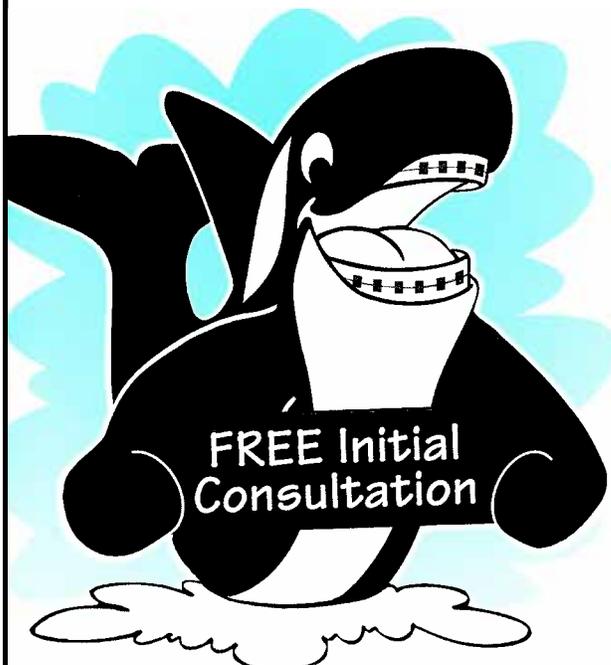
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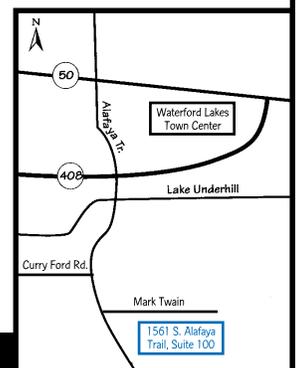
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ORANGE COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS (OCYR) STUDENT RECOGNITION

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Nicholas Primrose, read excerpts from Grant's essay at the meeting, and Grant received a gift card, a pocket copy of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution, and a book on a traditional interpretation of the Constitution.



He also received a signed photo and personal letter from US Senator Marco Rubio, complimenting Grant on his civic engagement and great understanding of politics. Even though OCYR typically has members from 18-40, President Primrose invited Grant to attend as many future meetings as he wishes!



Team Phoenix students were very happy to receive treats as incentives from administration.