



HAWK TALES

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It's hard to believe we have completed half of the school year and are quickly drawing closer to Spring Break! While the covid pandemic has impacted our operating procedures, we have so much to be proud of this school year. Our teachers and students have adapted to teaching and learning in hybrid classrooms. Teachers have embraced and mastered new technology and digital resources to provide engaging and high quality, standards based instruction to our students. Our recent PMA data indicates that our Geometry, Algebra, and Civics students are excelling in their learning and leading the pack in our Learning Community. Maitland students continue to soar in and out of the classroom.

As we approach testing season, I understand how this can create some anxiety amongst parents, students, and teachers. At this point, it is important to remember that state testing is just part of the process and does not define a student and/or a school. With that said, we also understand that students are prepared to be successful on state tests. Students simply have to "show what they know" and the rest will take care of itself. We would ask that you please work with your student and encourage them to take these assessments seriously. Not only are we confident that students will perform well on state assessments, we're excited to show enough growth to remain an 'A' school!

I would encourage parents to stay connected with the learning process by checking Skyward Parent Access daily, becoming a Canvas Observer, and by reaching out to classroom teachers when questions/concerns arise. Additionally, if your child needs extra support with content,

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I would encourage you to take advantage of the free programs that OCPS makes available to students; iReady, teacher provided tutoring, and virtual tutoring available through the Orange County Library System. Additional school based tutoring information can be located on the Maitland Middle School website.

It has been an outstanding year thus far, and I am excited to see how our students will continue to soar in 2021!

Andrew Leftakis
Principal

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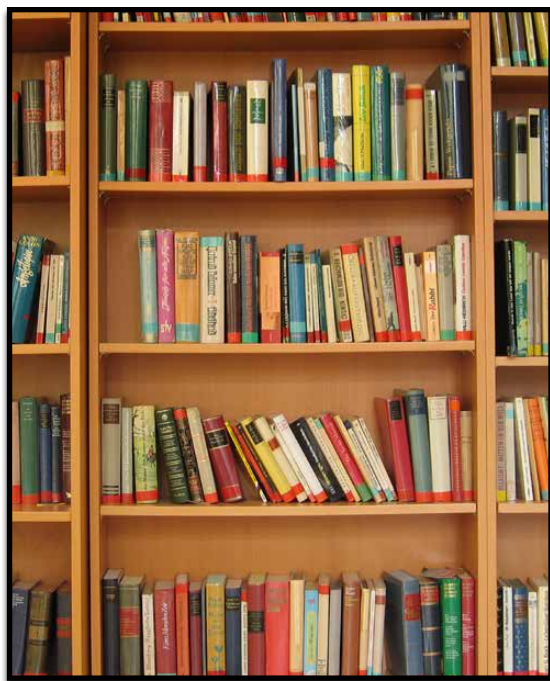
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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

IMMUNIZATIONS FOR RISING 7TH GRADERS

Florida Statute requires that all students entering 7th grade have the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and all other required immunizations. Proof of immunizations must be provided to the school prior to your child starting 7th grade. In order to pick up your child's schedule at Device Roll Out for the 2021/2022 school year, we must have received your child's immunization record (form DH680). **Don't wait until next fall!** Please email a copy of your child's immunization record, DH680, to the registrar, Nan Bressler at nan.bressler@ocps.net.

Plan ahead if your child does need an immunization. You can get immunizations free of charge at the Orange County Health Department at 832 West Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32805. You may also get the immunization at your doctor's office, or any walk-in/urgent care clinic. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the MMS front office at 407-623-1462.



LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

Students interested in participating in our Battle of the Books Club should plan to join Ms. Delaney on Monday afternoons at 5:15 to discuss the books and practice our trivia skills. The club is open to ALL students. We will winnow down our team as we get closer to the battle in March. Stay tuned for a link to vote for your favorite Sunshine State Book for 2020-2021 via Canvas in March.

Keep up to date on library events and book suggestions by following our library accounts: @MaitlandMS_OCPS on Instagram and @MMS_HawksMC on Twitter.

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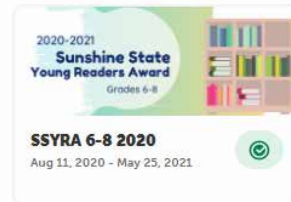


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NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The National Junior Honor Society will begin collecting change for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Please be on the look out for collection envelopes and more details. We are looking forward to surpassing last year's collection record! Thank you for your continued support of this very worthy cause.



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SOCIAL STUDIES

In our 6th grade World History classes, we are currently learning about Ancient China and classical Asian civilizations. Soon after that we will be diving into how several of the civilizations we have studied so far, such as Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, and China became connected with each other via the establishment of the Silk Road. We will look at how trade along the Silk Road connected these civilizations and allowed the spread of ideas throughout these civilizations. Next month we will be diving into Greece, where we are looking at the concept of democracy for the first time and how it impacted Greece and particularly Athens.

In our 7th grade Civics classes, students have learned about what right we have listed in the Bill of Rights and how those rights protect us in our daily lives. We also learned about important Supreme Court cases and how those cases have influenced our country with their decisions and how they continue to influence our country. Mr. Duncan's students worked on a Constitution project which involved the students reading and learning about what the Articles and Amendments in the Constitution said and then had the students put those in their own words along with pictures. We will begin learning about the idea of federalism and how powers are shared between federal, state and local governments and which part of our government is in control of what. At the end of Quarter 3 we will be taking our 3rd PMA which will test our students on everything they have learned so far this year.

In 8th grade U.S. History, students are wrapping up the Jefferson Era and will then begin to launch into their study of the War of 1812 and Seminole Wars. They will look at the impact of those conflicts on our country and see how they influenced our country. From there, we will closely examine the political situation surrounding Andrew Jackson's rise to power and his policies toward Native Americans, the Mexican War, and the slave-state/free-state divisions that eventually would lead our country to the Civil War.

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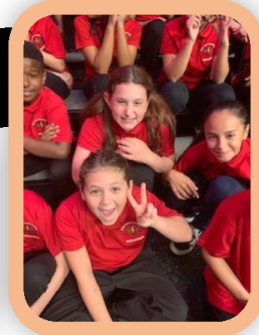
Comprehensive Science 2 continues to build on the knowledge that they gained last year. We have begun exploring the secrets of life and DNA and how it relates to reproduction. Students even had the opportunity to be geneticists and extracted the actual DNA from a strawberry during class. Next, we will study genetics and heredity to understand how traits are passed from parent to offspring in different species. Students will also blend math and science and predict the probability of specific traits of the offspring based on the traits of the parents.

Earth Space Science Honors has been working hard for their high school credit. After wrapping up space this year, we dove into learning about Earth! What's up, home planet? First we discovered that Earth has many layers and how scientists use indirect evidence to determine what is happening deep within the Earth. We handled real samples and attempted to find their densities and identify the types of Earth materials that we had. Now, we are figuring out how the actions of the layers kilometers beneath our feet change and shape our dynamic planet at the surface. Next, we'll explore how the Earth changes over time both rapidly and slowly and learn how landforms found here in Florida and in other parts of the country formed. We'll end the quarter by building up our decision making skills during the unit on human sexuality.

8th grade Science – Second semester brings chemistry to the physical science classes. They will be conducting several labs during this chemistry portion of the class. We have discussed safety several times with your students and this will be highly enforced during this time. We will be starting with physical/chemical properties and changes of matter. Then we will be discovering the atomic theory and models over time along with their structures. We will be learning about the periodic table and where the elements are on the table and why.

We will also be getting ready for the Science NGSSS aka FCAT that they will be taking after spring break in April. During this time we will be conducting 30 different labs that cover everything your student learned from 6-8 grade.

Performing Arts!



Want to get involved in the performing arts? Maitland Middle School is the perfect place for you! We have lots of opportunities for you to play instruments, sing, act and be creative. You can contact any of the Music Teachers to help find the right class for you:

Orchestra/Guitar: Lisa.loucks@ocps.net

Band: Eric.mendez@ocps.net

Choir/Musical Theatre: Cynthia.johnson2@ocps.net

What classes are offered?

- Playing wind or percussion instruments (like saxophone, trumpet, drums) – Band (grades 6-8) Mr. Mendez can help find the instrument and band for you! We offer Beginning Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band.
- Playing string instruments (like violin, viola or cello)- Orchestra (grades 6-8). Ms. Loucks can help find the instrument and orchestra class for you! We offer Beginning Orchestra, Intermediate Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra.
- Playing acoustic guitars – Guitar (grades 7-8) - Ms. Loucks can help find the right class for you! We offer Beginning Guitar and Advanced Guitar.
- Singing all kinds of vocal music– Chorus (grades 6-8) Ms. Johnson can help find the right class for you! We offer Beginning Girls Chorus, Boys Choir and Musicale.
- Combination of acting, singing, dancing and stagecraft—Musical Theatre (grades 6-8) Ms. Johnson can help find the right class for you! We offer Beginning Musical Theatre and Advanced Musical Theatre.

What can I expect in a performing arts class? All groups are hands-on “doing” classes! All classes get to put on performances, take field trips and enjoy social happenings. This is in addition to a fun, active class in your day!

Do I need to already have an instrument for band, orchestra or guitar? No need to already have an instrument. We have rental instruments available for a small fee. We can help students who may need financial assistance!

Can I still be in a performing arts class if I did not take one this year? Of course! We want all Maitland students to get involved in the right music class for you.

What if I have no experience or a lot of prior experience? No problem! All classes have multiple levels. We can connect you with an entry level class if you need on the job training to or advanced class if you have experience.



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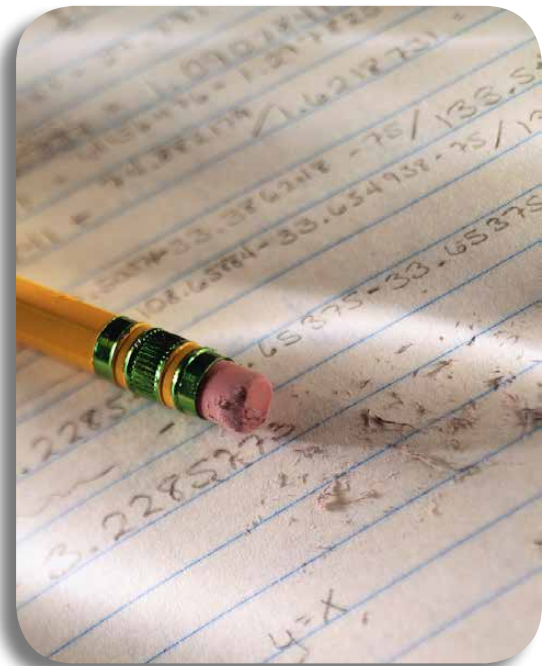
Mr. Carlson is offering whole school math tutoring on Monday and Thursday from 5:00pm-6:00pm.

Students log on to the media center canvas page and he will be there to help them with their specific questions.

As we move into the spring, we'd like to remind students and parents of available tutoring times:

- Stuppard: Tuesdays 8:45 -9:15
- Fugate: Tuesday and Thursday 8:45 -9:20 or at lunch
- Carlson: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8-8:30 and 4-4:30
- Rivera- Tuesday and Thursday 9-9:20
- Klammer -By request
- Kempe - Daily during 8th grade lunch and Tuesday and Thursday from 4-4:40

Sixth grade students have been learning about the coordinate plane and will start modeling relationships between two-variables soon. Seventh grade students will be working on geometry focusing on circles. Algebra is continuing to work on Quadratic functions with emphasis on completing the square, vertex form and the quadratic formula. Pre-Algebra is beginning to work on the Pythagorean Theorem. Geometry will be working on right triangles. This includes similarity in right triangles, Pythagorean Theorem, and trigonometry.



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FINE ARTS

Art class just finished a project on 2020 in 4 drawings. These are great to put in a memory book, as we hope this will be a once in a lifetime experience. Our next unit is about Graphic Design and how to create a pleasing book jacket.

Students have a sketchbook assignment every quarter. For this quarter's assignment, students were provided a list of 25 things to draw and they need to choose any 7 of them for their sketchbook. We work on this assignment every Wednesday in class and it will be due on March 8th.

We are doing art a little differently this year because of the need to social distance, not share supplies, and to accommodate students learning on-line and on campus. All students in class have a bin for storing their own supplies. We are doing a lot of drawing and on-line learning. Students have had to learn how to take pictures of their art and upload it for submissions. "I admit, it is faster to grade pictures of artwork and I might have to keep that next year" joked Mrs. Fisher. An added bonus of this new component is that it allows students to build a digital portfolio of their artwork.



Carson Ayers



Annalisa Ho



Mason Thornberry



Evelyn Buren



Athletics

We will offer middle school athletics second semester but have had to make modifications due to the pandemic. We will be implementing an OCPS intramural model where students will be able to participate in the four traditional middle school sports throughout second semester. There will be coaches, practices, games, and tournaments for each sport, but schools will not compete against each other. The first week will be open sign-ups for any student with a completed athletic physical turned in to Coach Neff.

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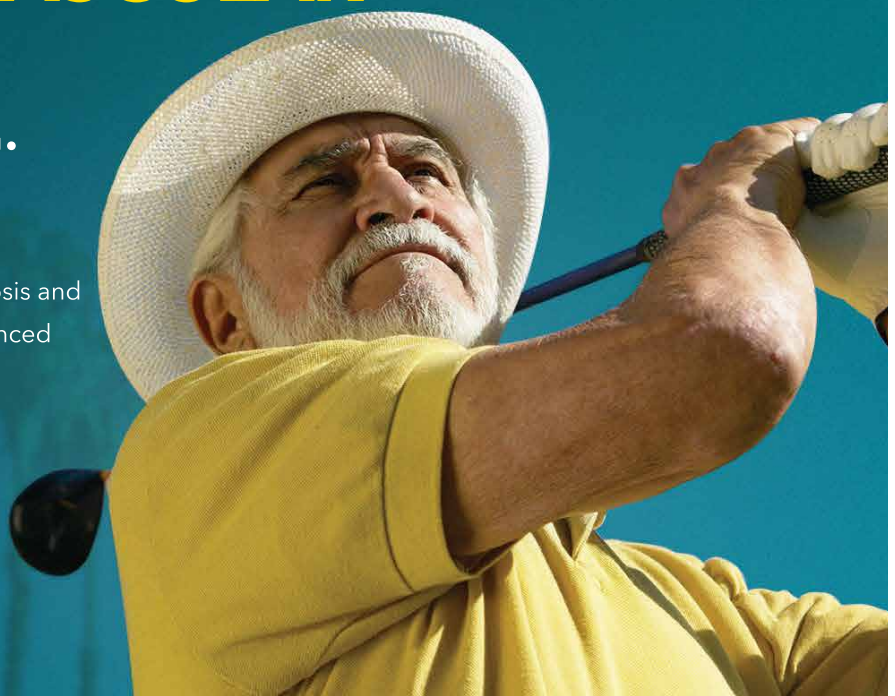


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- Boys Times (4:00-5:45 pm)

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