



HAWK TALES

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings!

The end of the 2018-19 school year is upon us! Looking back, we've had an exceptional year. From academics, to sports, to extracurricular activities, I am so proud of how our Golden Hawks have soared since August. We are excited to end the year on a high note with our annual Academic Night of Excellence that will be held at Calvary Orlando. There, we will honor all students that have maintained a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher for the school year, and those students who have maintained a 4.0 GPA for all three middle school years. 8th grade students will then be sent off to high school in style at our annual 8th grade celebration.

Though the school year is coming to a close, it is important that you keep students engaged in the learning process over the summer in order to avoid the dreaded 'summer slide'! Not only will students have a summer reading assignment to complete, but I would encourage you to keep your student active on Math Nation, iReady, and/or Khan Academy. Thirty minutes a day is a great way to stay current with the content! Additionally, be sure to check out our suggested summer reading list located on the media center Canvas page. Regardless of your summer plans, please make sure students are active and supervised at all times. We want to ensure all students are safe and immersed in positive experiences over the summer months.

A special thank you to Ms. Mary Sue Halligan (PTA president), Donna Batten (SAC chair), the PTA executive committee, our SAC members, and all our volunteers who made this such an outstanding school year! Many times, the work of our volunteers goes unnoticed, but we could not do what we do without their kindness and support. From keeping us well fed, to discussing instructional policy, to providing additional grant money for teachers, the community support at Maitland is second to none! Thank you to everyone who supports our children.

Finally, to our 8th grade students and families who are moving on to high school; I wish you good luck as you begin this new, exciting chapter of life. No matter how far you travel or where life takes you, you will always be Golden Hawks and we are excited to see all that you will accomplish. Thank you for making this such an exceptional school year!

I hope everyone has a safe, fun filled, and relaxing summer vacation!

Sincerely,
Andrew Leftakis
Principal

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FROM OUR 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 immunization must be provided to the school prior to your child starting 7th grade. In order to pick up your child's schedule and digital device for the 2019/2020 school year, we must have received your child's immunization record (form DH680).

Don't wait until next fall! Please bring a copy of your child's immunization record (form DH680) to the school's front office as soon as possible.

Please 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.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

NJHS students spent the day at the Canaveral National Seashore picking up trash and debris as a spring service learning project. They were also able to participate in the educational program provided by the rangers on sea turtle protection.




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Youth in Government:

The following students attended the 14th annual Youth In Government assembly in Haines City, where they met up with 140 other students from around the state to debate ideas, not people. These junior legislatures learned how to craft a bill this year, and how to defend it with solid research about the Florida statutes. We simulated how the legislative branch is structured through first and second committee, and by debating the bills within the House of Representatives and Senate chambers. 13/14 students advanced through the first two committees where fellow delegates rated their bills on feasibility and debate ability. Then, we debated on 11 bills in each chamber on Saturday. The big surprise came on Saturday night at dinner when we found out that delegate Sam Bernbaum's bill was chosen as the TOP bill in the house, and was debated on Sunday. His bill about making the ballots uniform in each county across Florida was passed by a large margin. During our closing ceremonies the following students were recognized:

- 8th graders, Omar Chehab, Stella Dalton, Derrick Dunn were invited to participate in YCorps this summer, which is a service project around the state for one week.
- 7th grader, Sam Bernbaum was recognized with the first on the docket for the house. Which meant that his bill was the number one rated bill in first and second committee in the house.
- 8th grader, Stella Dalton was awarded the "lookout" prize from her villa, meaning she has a great future in Youth in Government.
- 6th grader, Jack Fissell was given the perseverance award in the house.

My favorite part of this weekend was how many compliments we received from the high school mentors about our delegation being so polite and well prepared. Thank you for your support of this program.



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SOCIAL STUDIES

In 6th grade we are wrapping up our unit on Ancient Greece where we have been learning about the conquests of Alexander the Great and how he used brilliant military tactics to defeat much larger armies than his. After this we will learn about Ancient Rome. Students will be learning about Roman architecture, how the Roman style of government influenced the United States, daily life in the Roman Empire, and the reasons for the fall of the Roman Empire.

The Civics end of course is completed, and our last two weeks will consist of lessons about economics and state reports. Remember, civics is all around us, and do what you can for the common good.

8th Grade US History, Mrs. Zollman, Mr. Sorice and Mr. Frankenstein

Students wrapped up the school year examining the causes, course and consequences of the Civil War and the Reconstruction period that followed. This included a study of the role, contribution and impact of key individuals from this era such as Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman and Abraham Lincoln. It has been a good year with our 8th graders emerging better prepared for the challenges that await at the high school level. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer!

YMCA

The YMCA Middle School Program at Maitland has HUGE NEWS. We are excited to announce that Maitland Middle will be hosting 5 weeks of Summer Zone FOR FREE thanks to a grant from Orange County. Registration fee no longer required. Participants will be able to choose from activities such as Basketball, Arts and Crafts, Sphero Robots, Cooking, Team Challenge Activities, and more. FIELD TRIPS ARE INCLUDED. This summer, our students will get to visit Seaworld, Fun Spot, Medieval Times, the Movies, and Bowling...FOR FREE. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, and a bus service will be offered to the Eatonville area. Registration forms are available in the front office. You may also contact our program coordinators by email at ccarter@cfymca.org – Crews Carter, and ctesch@cfymca.org – Caroline Tesch.

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*Specialties vary by location. Be sure to contact your school's YMCA Program Coordinator for more details.

Who: Incoming 6th -
Outgoing 8th Graders

Dates: June 3rd - July 25th
(Monday-Thursday only)
*Not offered week of July 4th

Times: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Cost: One-time \$50 registration fee.
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HOW DO I REGISTER?

Registration forms can be found at your school's front desk, through your YMCA of Central Florida After School program Coordinators, by emailing mspcamp@cfymca.org or calling 407-381-8000 x242.

Registration forms must be submitted by 5/24/2019 in order to reserve your spot for Summer Zone.

Students must be an Orange County resident in order to attend Summer Zone at locations listed above.

The YMCA of Central Florida Summer Zone is funded by a Grant from the Orange County Government.

The YMCA of Central Florida will provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities, provided these accommodations do not pose an undue hardship on the organization or jeopardize the safety of other students or employees. Management reserves the right to make all program-related decisions on reasonable accommodations.

SCIENCE

During the Fourth Quarter in Sixth Grade Science (Life Science and Comprehensive Science 1) students have been learning about the different human body systems and how these systems work together to maintain homeostasis. Students also learned about infectious agents and how they may infect the human body including viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. Hands-on lab activities have also been incorporated within our study of the human body systems. Parents, please continue to check your child's progress in Progress Book. Important science class information can also be found in your child's class Canvas page. Parents and students, thank you for an awesome year in science. Ms. Simasek, Mrs. FitzPatrick and Dr. Albright wish all our students a safe and relaxing summer break!!

Seventh Grade Science has been focusing on the Earth system this semester. We are wrapping up the weather unit by focusing on the Severe Weather that impacts our area. Students will be able to help their families prepare as Hurricane Season approaches.



Ying Delegation to the Florida State Science and Engineering Fair



Zachary Rediske



Jessica Zhou

The Science Department would like to congratulate both 6th grader **Zachary Rediske** and 7th grader **Jessica Zhou** for placing First in their categories at our regional science fair and advancing to be members of the Ying Delegation to the Florida State Science and Engineering Fair which took place at the RP Funding Center in Lakeland on March 27th – 29th. At our regional science fair, Zachary was also recognized as a Junior Ying Scholar Grand Prize Award Winner in Biological Sciences. At the state level, Zachary was recognized with a Fourth Place Award in the Microbiology category for his project titled: The Effects of Natural vs. Household Cleaning Products on Bacterial Growth. At the state level, Jessica was recognized with an Honorable Mention Merit Award for her project titled: A Statistical Study Comparing Charter And Traditional Pubic Schools In Florida Using A Log-Linear Model. Zachary and Jessica, we are very **PROUD** of both of you and all your accomplishments!!



Maitland Middle School Science Fair Team At The Ying Expo (Regional Science Fair) Pictured: Jessica Zhou, Zachary Rediske, Miles Hill, Eleanor Capps, Calleigh Bellmany, Isiah Rivera-Sanchez, Dr. Anne Albright; Not Pictured: Kiera Mackinnon

Students interested in participating in next year's science fair should contact Dr. Anne Albright at anne.albright@ocps.net. It is not too early to start thinking of research ideas!!

8th Grade Physical Science News

It is hard to believe that the school year has come to an end. At the start of the quarter, all 8th graders took the NGSSS Science Assessment. After testing, the 4th quarter was devoted to wrapping up the last of our physical science learning goals. Topics included will be the elements, compound and mixtures, gas laws and chemistry in our world. The students were also able to engage in some fun, chemistry enrichment activities like making ice cream in a bag. The last weeks of school were set aside to help the students prepare for the physical science end of course exam. Mrs. Ashcraft, Ms. Hubbell and Ms. Kramer want to wish all of our 8th graders the best in high school, college, careers and beyond! Thank you for an extraordinary school year!



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FINE ARTS

Our art students have been working on writing and illustrating an artist biography book. They got to choose someone from a list of 200. They are working in a book that is 8" square. They will be sharing their work with each other at the end of the quarter. It is exciting to watch them go through the process of researching, writing and illustrating a simple biography.

We got to celebrate 8 of our artists at the annual **OUC Water Conservation ceremony**. Both rain barrel entries won for Best Overall and Orlando City Arts Factory pick. We have 2 artists picked (out of 770 pieces of work) as finalist for the CFE Education Guide Art Contest. They will be receiving their awards later this month.



ORANGE COUNTY STUDENT MEDIA FESTIVAL



Rachel Price and Karly Stalker (8th grade)
 "How To Protect Yourself From Aliens" [Comedy]
 1st Place

Quin Cummings and Tyler Guarino (7th grade)
 "How To Make Fried Pickles" [Instructional]
 3rd Place

Brooke Zandy (7th grade)
 "Red Roses" [Drama]
 1st place

*Unable to attend event. No photo available.



SPRING FINE ARTS SHOWCASE

We hosted our first Spring Showcase to celebrate the talent and accomplishments of our electives programs. Special thanks to the Maitland Men's Club and PTSA who provided food and volunteered at the event.

Join us for Maitland Middle School's

Spring Showcase 2019

Come out for an evening spotlighting our elective classes. We will have performances/activities from the Music Department, Video Production, Project Lead the Way, and Art. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be available for purchase (\$5 cash only – includes chip and a drink). Admission is FREE!

Where: Maitland Middle School

When: Thursday, April 18

Time: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm



OCPS SUMMER READING INITIATIVE



The OCPS Summer Reading Initiative is designed to prevent the "summer slide," which occurs when students who do not read over the summer lose a percentage of the reading skills they developed during the previous school year. Students, parents, and educators are encouraged to visit OCPSReads.ocps.net to obtain reading lists by grade level and to search for books, apps, interactive literacy websites, e-books, parent resources, and literacy events around town. Students may also access the Beanstack App through Launchpad and can register for the OCPS Summer Reading Challenge through the website. This challenge encourages students to read and log their minutes electronically. This summer we are challenging OCPS students to read 5 million minutes. Our top school and students will be awarded prizes. The theme this year is "A Universe of Stories...What's your Story? #OCPSReads". OCPS Social Media will share the literacy message and encourage families to have students read this summer. We will ask our families to upload pictures and videos using #OCPSReads to share stories about reading, including why they love reading, their favorite book and why, or a quick preview of a book they think everyone should read. We encourage district staff to attend as well. We will fill our social media pages with a love for reading and sharing our universal stories that bring us together. Excellent reading support provided by our vendor. :-)

The summer break provides a much needed rest from the rigors of school life, but a complete disconnect from education can make the start of the new school year more difficult for your student. Consider a few ways to engage your child in activities that stimulate learning and provide an opportunity to enhance your relationship. Pick two or three of the following summer opportunities and commit to achieving a common goal with your child.

READING: Read two books with your child over the summer. Each of you select a book, read it independently, and talk about it. Everyone identifies different meanings and ideas. These conversations lead to insights, not only about the books but perhaps more importantly, about each other. You may discover that some of your child's interests and perceptions surprise you.

MOVIES: See two movies with your child over the summer. Again, each of you pick a movie, see it together, and talk about its effect on you. The benefits of these conversations cannot be overstated. It's not uncommon to discover a point of view that you had never considered. As a result, you will become closer to your child. Many movies are adaptations of popular books or series. Watching them may motivate your child to read the books or others with similar or opposing themes.

HOMEWORK: Yes, yards must be tended, cars washed, kitchens cleaned, and trash taken out, but perhaps there are budgets to be discussed, correspondences to write, and bills to be paid. If appropriate, you might consider getting your child involved. Practical applications of math, reading, and writing skills reinforce the importance of education. These skills are vital for a fulfilling life!

TAKE A CLASS TOGETHER: Does your student have unexplored interests or passions? There are free online courses in art, music, dance, woodworking, gardening, writing and composition, etc., not to mention math, science, and technology. Encourage your child to select an online class of interest and complete it together. There's no way to predict undiscovered interests and talents.

FUN and GAMES: Consider some outdoor activities. Go hit a bucket of golf balls, or try surfing/water skiing. Host a game of 'Capture the Flag' at home or try paintballing. (Can you remember the joy of besting mom or dad?) Introduce games and activities that you remember from childhood. Encourage your child to practice his/her research skills by looking up rules, tips and strategies before engaging in the activity. If they really enjoy it, have them look further into opportunities for continued involvement. These activities develop and improve communication and social skills. There are numerous parks and recreation centers nearby to play any game or sport inexpensively.

These types of activities not only support the learning process but enhance relationships. Summer is a wonderful time to recover, relax, and reconnect. Make a point of including opportunities to reinforce and develop your child's education. Enjoy your summer!



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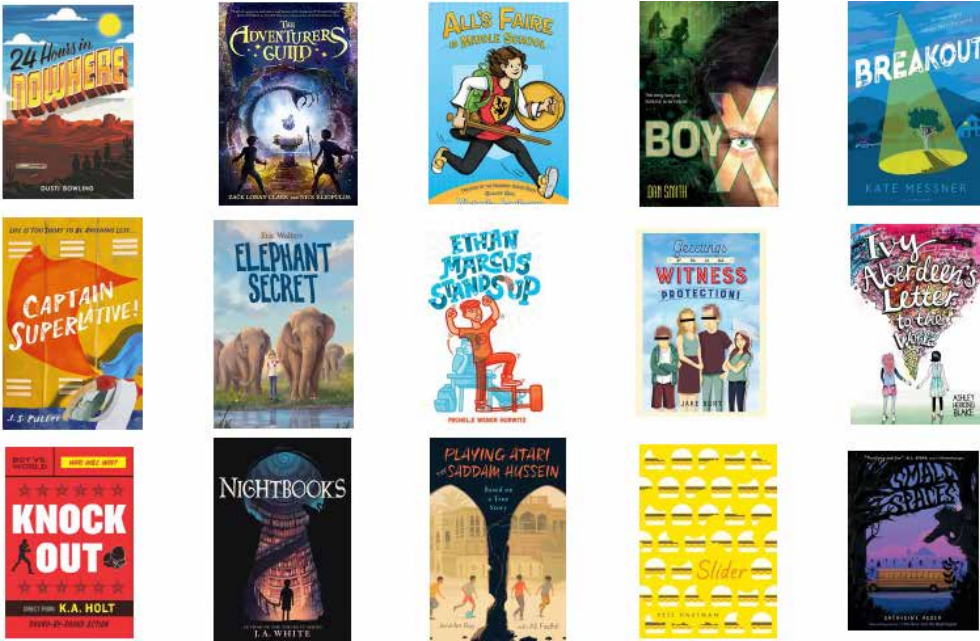
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Keep up to date on library events and book suggestions by following our library accounts: @MaitlandMS_OCPS on Instagram and @MMS_HawksMC on Twitter.

Our Battle of the Books team represented Maitland Middle School at the annual district competition in March. Students read and studied the books and were excited to be first time participants. They loved the experience! Pictured from left to right, Ella Anderson, Ms. Delaney, Darryl Fort, Matthew Parkis. Front: Amy Phan.



The new SSYRA lists for 2019-2020 are out and a part of the OCPS Summer Reading Initiative.



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ATHLETICS

Congratulations to both the girls' and boys' track and field teams for having a great season! They both finished with an overall record of 6 wins and 1 loss.

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PTSA

What a year this has been for the Maitland Middle School PTA! THANK YOU to the many volunteers who made this year happen. We are truly blessed to live in this Maitland Middle School community!

As we look back over the year, I wanted to share some of the great work the PTA has accomplished and give some shout outs! Our PTA volunteers:

- Comprised over nine committees supported by over 50 volunteers and countless hours.
- Kicked off the year by providing a yummy breakfast and lunch to our hardworking teachers and staff as they prepared to welcome our students back to school.
- Championed PTA at MMS Open House; driving our membership over 150 members; gave away a fabulous YETI cooler.
- Kim Astorga and the Staff Appreciation committee provided dinner, lunch, Thanksgiving pies, Valentine's Day treats and more to our deserving staff and teachers throughout the year.
- Megan May faithfully provided snacks for the teachers and staff at their monthly meetings.
- Conducted the Striving for Excellence Roundtable at the February PTA meeting focusing on creating awareness, providing support, outlining opportunities and working together to give everyone a voice for change at MMS. Our ongoing efforts will help improve our MMS community as it relates to school culture, security, social media and ultimately, student success. Together we will make MMS a wonderful learning community for ALL students.
- Supported our Heroic Hawks at four special breakfast events throughout the year. Thanks to Leslie Larson and committee who tirelessly made each event happen.
- Offered new and exciting MMS merchandise online reducing our costs and providing a larger selection to student. Stay tuned for more great swag next year.
- Provided over \$2,000 in teacher grants throughout the year. We love supporting our teachers!
- Supported the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive in conjunction with the NJHS and conducted the first ever hoodie drive in December. Thanks to Kari Roberts for spearheading this important PTA mission.
- Provided backpacks, school supplies and gift cards through the Helping Hawks fund.
- Enjoyed the 2nd annual Snow Bash dance which was a HUGE success thanks to Joy Edwards, Susanne Earnest and our amazing social committee. Over 440 kids attended the event and enjoyed a DJ, photo booth, snacks and fun times with friends. Kids are already asking to have another social event this spring.
- Helped host the Spring Showcase giving everyone a glimpse into the wonderful electives available at MMS. We have some very talented Hawks.

- Supported the MMS Fund at several different events helping raise money to support MMS.
- Giving the 8th graders a fabulous send off during their the last day of middle school. A special thanks to Sara Cambron and crew for providing such a fun and memorable experience!
- We were led by an AMAZING Executive Committee – Shoshana Buchanan, Lee Anne Leerdam, Erin Heston, Melissa Hayman and of course, our principal Mr. Leftakis. THANK YOU for the many hours you all gave to MMS. I could not have done it without each and every one of you. J

It's hard to believe another year has flown by, but if you're like me, you are ready for a break. For those rising 9th graders, we wish you all the best. And for those continuing on at MMS, we look forward to seeing you all next year. Please accept another heartfelt thank you to all who made this year possible. Bring on summer!

Mary Sue Halligan, MMS PTA President

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The Maitland Middle School PE department raised of \$600 for the American Heart Association doing their Hoops-For-Heart tournament. Hoops for Heart is an outreach program to raise awareness of heart disease and heart health. Students raise funds to benefit the **American Heart Association** and participate in a number of heart healthy challenges.



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