



## Piedmont Lakes Middle School

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##### *8th Grade*

Francella Lewis

#### *Administrative Dean*

##### *7th Grade*

Mark Perry

#### *Administrative Dean*

##### *6th Grade*

Jesenia Nieves

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Right now, the focus of your student should be on a strong finish and you can help. Your attention and involvement in this effort will reinforce the importance you place on your child's education. Please take the following steps to support your student during this critical time.

1. Reinforce positive and successful school habits. Attention in class, homework, test preparation, and attendance are key factors.
2. Access and review your student's progress, attendance, and test schedules on Parent Portal.
3. Help your student create a plan to improve current weaknesses and prepare for final exams.
4. Be aware of tutoring and study assistance classes available at the school and encourage your student to participate.
5. Help your student to stay focused. 'Coasting' is a natural, but deadly tendency.

Your involvement is a tremendous positive factor for a strong finish. Your interest, willingness, and dedication to helping your child succeed provides an unmistakable message. Your child will thank you for it – someday.

Sincerely,

E. Jerome Thompson, Principal  
Piedmont Lakes Middle School  
407-884-2265





## 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.

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




## 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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Piedmont Lakes Middle Presents

# The Eighth Grade DIAMOND BALL

Celebrating Your Graduation From  
Middle School

Formal Attire Recommended  
Dress Code Enforced

Piedmont Lakes Middle Cafeteria  
2601 Lakeville Road

For PLMS 8th Graders ONLY  
No Limos  
Last Day to Pay: May 18

**Friday, May 25**  
**6:00PM - 9:00PM**  
**ADMISSION: \$15**

For more Information Please Contact  
Ms. Lewis at 407-884-2265 x5232274  
lewisf@ocps.net

## 8th Grade Dance Donations

8th Grade Parents!! We want to make your child's 8th grade dance spectacular!! In order to do so, we are seeking donations from parents. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please bring them to Mrs. Quintana in the front office any time up until the dance on May 25th:

- Bottled water
- Canned/bottled soda or juice
- Individual chip packs
- Paper plates (full size and dessert size)
- Paper napkins
- Silverware (forks only)

The following food items are also requested, but should be brought in the day of the dance (May 25) to preserve freshness:

- Chicken Wing Platter
- Chicken Nugget Platter
- Cupcakes
- Cookies
- Fruit patters
- Cheese/crackers

The following decorations/supplies are also needed and can be brought in any time before the dance:

- Balloons (black, white, silver)
- Centerpiece vases (clear glass)
- String Christmas lights (small, white)
- Gaffers Tape
- Floating LED candles
- Any battery operated candles/votives

We are also seeking help with set up/break down of the dance and chaperoning the dance. If you are available to help out on May 25, starting at 2:15PM, please email Ms. Lewis at [lewisf@ocps.net](mailto:lewisf@ocps.net). Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!!! Thank you so much for your help!

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For more information, to find out the parent orientation dates, and to make arrangements to pay with cash or money order, contact Gerald Wright at 407-884-2265 ext. 523-2245, or gerald.wright@ocps.net.



Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida Summer Zone is funded by a grant from the Orange County Government.



## ACTIVITIES

- Sports Recreation & Fitness
- The Arts
- Education & Career Development
- Health & Life Skills
- Character & Leadership

## DATES & HOURS

June 4-July 12  
Closed July 2-6  
Monday-Thursday  
8:30 am- 5:30 pm  
Closed on Fridays

## COST

Early Bird Special  
April 2-30 \$110  
Beginning May 1 \$135  
Covers all 5 weeks  
Fees are non-refundable



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# SUMMER ZONE

PIEDMONT LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL  
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## FOOD

Breakfast, lunch, and snack  
provided daily at no extra cost.

## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Interactive STEM programs
- Math Programs
- Reading Programs

**Eligibility:** Current 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Piedmont Lakes Middle School students, and incoming 6th graders. Must be Orange County Residents.

Boys & Girls Clubs 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. The goal of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida is to be as inclusive as possible in providing recreational opportunities for all youth. By enrolling your child in the program, you agree that your child has the skill level required to participate, is able to use restroom facilities without assistance, and is able to eat meals and snacks unassisted. If there are any questions regarding your child's ability to participate in our program, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida may require an individualized assessment. Please note that we are not able to provide one-on-one supervision of your child.

## FIELD TRIPS

Free Enrichment Field Trips

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## AP Human Geography Summer Camp

**Session 1: June 18 & 19, 2018**

**Session 2: June 20 & 21, 2018**

Calling all students taking AP Human Geography next year! You can get a head start on success in your first Advanced Placement class! Experienced AP teachers will help you develop key academic skills, strategies and background knowledge needed to be successful in AP Human Geography.

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Session 2: June 20 & 21, 2018 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

### Choose your site:

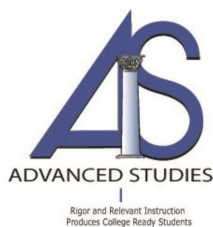
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**Ocoee High School** - 1925 Ocoee Crown Point Parkway,  
Ocoee 34761

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/APHumanGeo2018> to complete the registration form for AP Human Geography Summer Camp. Registration will close May 31, 2018. There is no cost for the camp.



Questions?

Please contact:

Robin Simmons (robin.simmons@ocps.net)

Marjorie Ceballos (Marjorie.ceballos@ocps.net)



## Exam Schedule May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 FSA: Math Grade 7 Session 2 & 3, Most 7 CB	2 FSA: Math Grade 7 ESE/ELL-Session 3 CB If need  FSA: Math Grade 6,7 Make up CB	3 EOC: Civics, all Grade 7, CB  FSA: Math Grade 6,7 Make-up	4 EOC: Civics, Make up, Grade 7	5
6	7 FSA: Math Grade 8, Session 1 CB	8 FSA: Math Grade 8 Session 2 and 3CB	9 FSA: Math, Grade 8 Make-up; FSA: Math, Grade 8, ESE/ELL session 3 if need	10 EOC: Algebra 1 and Geometry 1, 7th and 8th, Session 1, CB FSA: Math, Grade 8, Make-up	11 EOC: Algebra 1 and Geometry 1, 7th and 8th, Session 2, CB FSA: Math, Grade 8, Make-up	12
13	14 FSA: R/M: Final Make-up EOC: Algebra, Geometry Make-up	15 FSA: R/M: Final Make-up  CFE May 15th- May 29 Actual test schedule TBD	16 CFE May 15th- May 29 Actual test schedule TBD	17 CFE May 15th- May 29 Actual test schedule TBD	18 CFE May 15th- May 29 Actual test schedule TBD	19 CFE May 15th- May 29 Actual test schedule TBD
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27	28 NO SCHOOL	29 CFE May 15th- May 29 Actual test schedule TBD	30	31		

**\*\*FSA and EOC TEST SESSIONS must be taken in sequential order. Arrangements may be determined how to test students who miss the prior session to make up during a subsequent testing session day.**

**\*\*MAKE UP DATES may be intermixed within the above mentioned dates**

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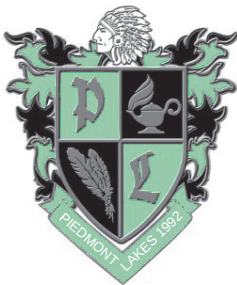
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## Summer Ideas For Parents

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 paint balling. (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!