

# CHARGER CONNECTION



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## ALL IN, EVERYONE WINS!!

*Empowered  
Women  
Empower  
Women*



**Inside This Edition: March Highlights**

March is **Women's History Month**. This month we are celebrating women! A time when we commemorate and encourage the study, observance, and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.

**"All In, Everyone Wins!"**

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**"March: a month of awakening, where the seeds of knowledge planted in classrooms blossom into the vibrant colors of understanding and growth."**

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# PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Hello OCVS Charger Family,

As we find ourselves approaching the final stretch of this academic year, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering commitment to academic success. Your dedication to learning and growth has been truly inspiring and it is because of your hard work that we continue to thrive as a school community.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to both our parents and students for your active participation in all school activities. Your presence and engagement have not gone unnoticed! It is through your involvement that we are able to create a vibrant and supportive learning environment for all. I look forward to seeing all of our Juniors and Seniors at campus **this Wednesday** for our **OCVS College and Career Fair!** By now you should have received information from your school counselor. If not, please contact your counselor for more information. We've also got Senior Boot Camps occurring for reading and math! Look for more information in the Coaches Corner section of this newsletter.

Please remember that mandatory testing will continue and your commitment to participating is deeply appreciated. These assessments are important milestones on our journey towards academic excellence and your cooperation ensures that we can accurately measure our progress and identify areas for growth.

As we move forward into the last few months of the school year, I urge you to maintain the same momentum and determination that has brought us this far. The road ahead may be challenging, but with your continued dedication and perseverance, I have no doubt that we will finish strong. Let's rally together as we approach the end of this nine weeks and show everyone what it means to be Charger strong! Together we can accomplish anything.

All In, Everyone Wins!



Your Proud Principal,  
*Mrs. Brandi Gurley*



# UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO

What's Your  
Future Fair  
OCVS College  
and Career  
Fair!

For: **OCVS Juniors and Seniors**  
When: **March 6th 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.**  
Where: **4000 Silver Star Road**

Join us on campus for a college and career fair! Over a dozen colleges and employers will be there!



**Girls IN AVIATION DAY ORLANDO**  
A Women in Aviation International® Event  
**Saturday, March 23, 2024**  
Orlando World Center Marriott  
Resort and Convention Center  
Orlando, Florida  
8 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Girls 8-18 • Fun-Filled  
Earn an Aviation Fun Patch  
Lunch • College Fair  
Visit the Exhibit Hall**

Activities include:  
Fly a Drone  
Fly a flight simulator  
Go on a navigational chart scavenger hunt  
Build your own airplane  
Use tools to make a wire bracelet  
Learn how to marshal an aircraft  
Aviation Fun Patch  
Lots more hands-on activities

Featured luncheon speaker:  
Nicole Bettes is the CEO/Owner and founder of Rainbow Helicopters in Hawaii, that offers helicopter tours, private charters, and aerial photography.

**\$10/Girl includes lunch**  
Parents & chaperones welcome at lunch for \$10  
**Chaperones required • Space is limited!**  
Register online at:  
[www.wai.org/2024-girls-in-aviation-day-orlando](http://www.wai.org/2024-girls-in-aviation-day-orlando)

**REGISTER TODAY!**

GIRLS! Click [HERE](#) to register!



There will be no school  
March 18th - March 22nd

All OCPS schools will  
reopen on Monday,  
March 25th

# UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO

Expand your reach districtwide with a

## Yearbook Business Ad

BuyTheYearbook.com  
 School ID: 309270-2401  
 Deadline March 15th



ORANGE COUNTY VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Full page	Half page	Quarter page
\$200	\$150	\$75

Plus 5% service fee

## OCVS Celebrates Read Across America!

Homeroom ELA  
 Ms. Lorenzo

# READ ACROSS America

Mar. 4 - Mar. 8th

**MON**  
 Hat Day

"Cat in the Hat" Day!  
 Wear your favorite hat.

**TUES**  
 Wacky Socks Day

Step into the world of  
 Seuss with your  
 wackiest socks!

**WED**  
 Character  
 Dress-Up Day

Dress as your favorite  
 Dr. Seuss character  
 and let the fun begin!

**THURS**  
 Green Eggs and Ham  
 Breakfast

Start your day with a  
 special green-themed  
 breakfast.

**FRI**  
 Pajama Day and  
 Storytime

Come to Books & Bites in  
 your coziest pajamas  
 and enjoy a special Dr.  
 Seuss storytime with  
 Ms. Lorenzo!

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### SENIORS ONLY

2024 DUES

SCAN FOR ALL INCLUSIVE SENIOR PACKAGE

SCAN FOR CAP & GOWN ONLY

SCAN FOR YEARBOOK ONLY

Orange County Virtual School CHARGERS

### UNDERCLASSMEN

2024 YEARBOOK

SCAN TO GET YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!!



GET YOUR YEARBOOK!

## S.A.C.

### School Advisory Council

GET INVOLVED

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024  
 Time: 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM  
 Meeting Link: [click here](#)

If you are interested in joining SAC, please contact [Manal Sohel at manal.sohel@ocps.net](mailto:Manal.Sohel@ocps.net).

# TESTING

We are entering a very busy time with testing. We want to take a moment to remind families that all testing from now until the end of the year must be completed **on campus**. **Remote testing is not an option.** \*\*The only students who can continue with remote testing are our Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade students.

Your child will begin receiving specific emails about their assigned testing location and day later this month. **If you have concerns about the date or location your child is scheduled to test, please reach out to us as soon as possible!** We can accommodate most requests if we are given enough time to make the changes, however, the closer we get to testing day the less likely it is that we can make changes. Please schedule time once a week to check your child's OCPS Gmail account which can be accessed on Launchpad. If you're not sure how to check that account, [here](#) is a video with directions.

Full testing calendars by grade level can be found on our website linked below, but here are a few of the tests coming up:

## **For Elementary Students:**

- 4th Grade BEST Writing: April 1st on OCVS Campus @ 9:00am
- 5th Grade BEST Writing: April 2nd on OCVS Campus @ 9:00am

## **For Middle School Students:**

- 6th-8th Graders BEST Writing: April 1 or 2nd depending on location

## **For High School Students:**

- The following exams are offered to students who [register](#) on our website based on their need:
  - ACT Non-College Reportable (March 5th)
  - SAT (March 26th)
  - ACT (April 16th)
  - PERT (April 22nd)
  - Florida Civic Literacy Exam (April 24th)
- 9th and 10th Graders BEST Writing: April 1 or 2nd depending on location

We are excited to host Family Information nights coming after Spring Break. Once the dates and times are finalized we will notify all families. These information sessions will be virtual and will consist of a presentation about end-of-the-year testing as well as an open Q&A session.

Click here to view our website: [ocvs.ocps.net/students/testing\\_info](https://ocvs.ocps.net/students/testing_info)



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# TECHNOLOGY

## TECH UPDATES

From time to time OCPS devices will need to update license keys for software such as Microsoft Office. To resolve activation key issues go to an OCPS school near you, log onto the OCPS wifi, and start the application. This will update the key.

# UPDATE



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Full-time OCVS students are eligible for a **FREE** wifi hotspot with a monthly data allowance through a generous partnership with **T-Mobile EmpowerED**. To qualify students must not have wifi at home or have wifi that is strong enough to have everyone connect their devices at the same time and still be able to complete homework without websites loading slowly or being kicked offline.

[Sign up here for a wifi hotspot](#)

Wifi hotspots are delivered to OCVS and you will be contacted when yours is available for pickup.

### STUDENTS: DO YOU KNOW HOW TO CHECK YOUR OCPS EMAIL??

Your OCPS email is the email that is your OCPS student id number such as [480XXXXXXX@students.ocps.net](mailto:480XXXXXXX@students.ocps.net) which the school uses to communicate important information such as testing information. To check your OCPS email go to **Google Drive** from **Launchpad** and then click on the dots next to your profile. This will display the GMAIL icon, which will be your student email.

**Click on the link to watch a “How To” video for help.** <https://ocps.instructuremedia.com/embed/9ef5e84a-db1f-45f3-ad53-219ae7af387b>

Do you know the difference between FLVS email and OCPS email? FLVS email is on the FLVS platform. The email link is at the top of the screen inside of VSA on FLVS. It is what is used most frequently by our teachers to communicate with students.

# COUNSELORS CORNER

## ELEMENTARY

**KINDNESS** is a muscle! Practicing kindness daily by treating those around you the way you want to be treated makes the world a better place! What is something you have done recently that was kind or made a difference in someone else's life? How could you be a role model for your friends/siblings to show kindness? Watch this fun video about kindness to help positively jump-start your day!



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## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Planning Forward - Students should be 50%-60% or **more** towards completion in all classes by the time Spring Break begins! Please take time to ensure that you are at or ahead of pace as we move closer to Spring Break. Remember that all classes must be 100% complete by the end of the school year to meet promotion requirements. If you are behind pace and need assistance: be sure to participate in live lessons, reach out to your teacher to schedule a tutoring session, or reach out to your counselor for additional support. Stay tuned for important information regarding Middle School Course Registration Sessions taking place during the month of April. This will be an important time for students to select and register for classes for the 2024-25 school year!

We are here to help - please reach out at any time for assistance!  
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# COUNSELORS CORNER

HIGH SCHOOL

## ATTENTION

**Seniors, be sure you're ready for the graduation ceremony!**

You can order your cap & gown here: <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/OCVS-Class-of-2024-Cap-Gown--Stole-/Sb5CUMZ>

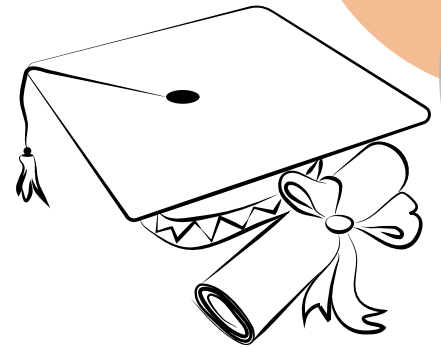
You can find all graduation information & senior events here:  
<https://ocvs.ocps.net/students/seniors>

### Seniors:

By now you should have:

- completed the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)
- completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Submitted any community service or work hours, if needed
- Informed your counselor of your postsecondary plans

Please reach out to your counselor if you have not and need assistance.



### Juniors:

The **University of Florida (UF)** is now accepting applications for its Dual Enrollment program. You can apply on the UF website. The application deadline is **April 12th, 2024**. We will be hosting a virtual UF Dual Enrollment Informational for students and parents on March 7th at 6PM. Click join here to access.



**UF**  
UNIVERSITY of  
FLORIDA

**JOIN US**

### All High School Students:

Please be sure you are following your pace chart for each class. If you are behind pace and need assistance be sure to participate in live lessons, reach out to your teacher to schedule a tutoring session, or reach out to your counselor for additional support.

### CONTACT US

Join 'Remind' to Receive Important OCVS Updates

TEXT YOUR CODE TO 81010  
12th Grade - @ocvs24  
11th Grade - @ocvs25  
10th Grade - @ocvs26  
9th Grade - @ocvs27



**CHARGERS**



Mrs. Kecia Croom  
(A-D)



Mrs. Pamela Thompson  
(M-Rn)



Mrs. Edwige Stephens  
(E-L)



Mrs. Selina Wells-Harris  
(Ro-Z)





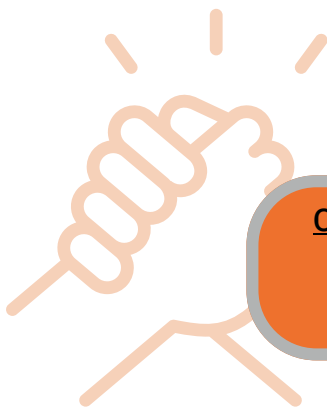
## March Disability Awareness Month

On February 26, 1987, President Ronald Reagan officially declared Proclamation 5613, making **March National Disabilities Awareness Month**. The proclamation called for people to provide understanding, encouragement, and opportunities to help persons with disabilities to lead productive and fulfilling lives.

Everyone wants, and deserves, to enjoy life, and feel productive and secure. But in March, we take extra steps to raise awareness about the support and rights of people with disabilities and to celebrate their contributions to our communities and society as a whole!

This class of disabilities can refer to impairments in learning and behavior, such as autism, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and impairments in physical and/or intellectual functioning such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and Down syndrome. The campaign seeks to raise awareness about including people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life. It also creates awareness of the difficulties that people with disabilities still face in fitting into the communities in which they live.

All individuals, agencies, and organizations supportive of people with disabilities are encouraged to observe the month of March with appropriate observances and activities directed toward increasing public awareness of the contributions and the potential of Americans with disability.



[Click here to see the Secondary Live ESE Schedule](#)

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 K-2 & 5, MATH, Mondays- 2:00 p.m.  
 5th MATH, Tuesdays - 2:00 p.m.  
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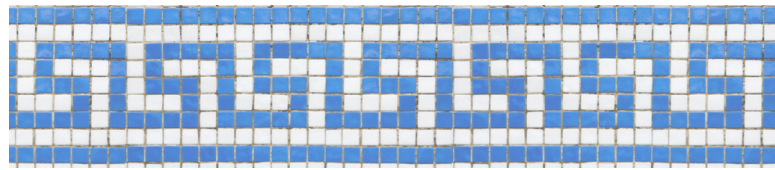
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# ESOL DEPARTMENT

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS



### ELL Student Spotlight





OCVS has a student district winner for the annual **Spirit of Excellence Awards!** **Neralizabeth Rosario, grade 2**, was selected from the School Choice cadre of schools! The awards ceremony will be held in person on **April 24, 2024**, at **Freedom High School**. We are SO very proud of Neralizabeth and are honored that she has been chosen for this award.


### GREEK AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

MARCH



**March is Greek-American Heritage Month**, a time to celebrate the core components of Greek culture and ideals. Also known as Hellenic History Month, the celebration coincides with **National Greek Independence Day on March 25**.

			
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# COACHES CORNER

## ELA

The Reading Coaches hope to see ALL students in a live session soon! Don't miss out!  
Please don't hesitate to contact your grade-level ELA Coach for more details about the support offered!

**ALL 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders - every Wednesday at 9 am** <https://tinyurl.com/FASTPrepEL2324>

**ALL 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders - every Wednesday at 10:15 am** <https://tinyurl.com/FASTPrepMiddle2324>

**ALL 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Graders -**

- FAST Test Prep - Mondays at 10 am
- ACT & SAT Test Prep - Mondays at 2 pm

Offered to <b>ALL</b> Full Time OCVS Students:	Offered <b>EXCLUSIVELY</b> to Homeroom Reading Students:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly Test Prep. Sessions</li> <li>• Weekly Open Reading Labs                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ K-5: Exact Path (Tues 6:30am &amp; 6:30pm, Thurs 1pm)                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="https://tinyurl.com/OpenLab2324">tinyurl.com/OpenLab2324</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ 6-12: Khan Academy (Tues 10 am)                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SainteLiveLink">tinyurl.com/SainteLiveLink</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fun Friday: Book Bites (excludes 3rd Friday of each month)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly Standard-Based ELA Live Lessons</li> <li>• Weekly Open ELA Study Hall</li> <li>• 1:1 ELA Tutoring (by appointment)</li> <li>• MTSS Tier 3 Intervention (invite only)</li> <li>• <u>Coming Soon</u>: Junior/Senior Face-to-Face Test Prep Boot Camp (invite only)</li> </ul>

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**Please remember:** Per the OCVS Student/Parent Handbook, it is an expectation that all Homeroom-enrolled students attend live lessons and/or test prep sessions each week.

**All students are encouraged to attend the open reading labs for Exact Path and Khan Academy!**

Please don't hesitate to contact your grade-level ELA Coach for more details about the support offered!

For K-8 Reading Support:	For High School Reading Support:
	

Scan your grade-level QR code to the left for more information about Reading Support, including live links and schedules:



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# COACHES CORNER

## MATH

**TEST season has arrived.** What do you think about tests? How do you feel when you know a test is coming up? The experience is different for everyone. One way to reduce stress about test season is to **practice with a purpose.**

Think about activities you like to do. Are you good at these activities? How often do you do them? Generally, we are skillful at the things we spend our time doing. Even though math may not be as fun as the activities you do in your free time, the idea is the same. If you spend time doing math, you will get better at math. When you improve your skills, you can feel a little less stressed about being tested.

Practice with a purpose. If you struggle to make time or get started, reach out to the math coach for your grade level. We would love to help and cheer you on toward your goals.

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### Grades 9-12

**Juniors and Seniors** - testing season is upon us. Attend a [LIVE test prep session](#) with Ms. Williams or Ms. Barnes on **Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursdays @ 2PM.**

**Seniors - Face to face boot camps** are taking place on campus each Thursday, March 7, and Wednesday, March 13, 1P-3PM. Contact Mrs. Williams or Mrs. Barnes for more details.

### Grades K-5

#### Keep working in Reflex Math!

The goal is 3 green lights per week.

You will see the green light in the top right corner of your screen. When the light is green, it means you met your goal for the day. It's important to keep working until you see GREEN.

### Grades 5-8

5 fun resources for expanding your learning:

1. IXL allows you to complete 10 free questions a day. <https://www.ixl.com/>
2. Math Antics provides videos with super clear explanations and visuals. <https://mathantics.com/>
3. Prodigy Math is a game-based practice resource. <https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/>
4. ST Math has some cool games to review your skills. <https://www.stmath.com/play>
5. Math TV has great Basic Math videos. <https://mathtv.com/>

# OCVS CLUBS NEWS

## NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

Congratulations to the following middle school students who made it past the qualifying round and now have been invited to apply for membership in our chapter! Wish them luck during the application process. Their applications are due by **March 8th**.



## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

**Service** is one of the **4 pillars** of the National Honor Society. Our members are excited about volunteering in the community. On Friday, February 23rd, our NHS group volunteered at the Second Harvest Food Bank. Our NHS Officers were busy researching additional volunteer organizations and presented information for members to select the organization committee they would like to support in the Spring! We are so proud of our NHS Leadership!

## ELEMENTARY ART CLUB

Last month K-5 Art Club members learned about the famous **American Artist Wayne Thiebaud**. As a former Disney animator, he is known for his colorful work which included still-lives of cakes and ice cream. The students did a fantastic job adding highlight, shading, and shadow to their delicious food items. **Savannah Brooks in 4th grade** impressed us by posting to the Elementary Art Gallery all of her wonderful drawings that she was inspired to create after the last Art Club meeting. Amazing job, Savannah! We are proud of you! 🥰

If you are interested in joining us sign up here: [Elementary Art Club Sign-Up](#)

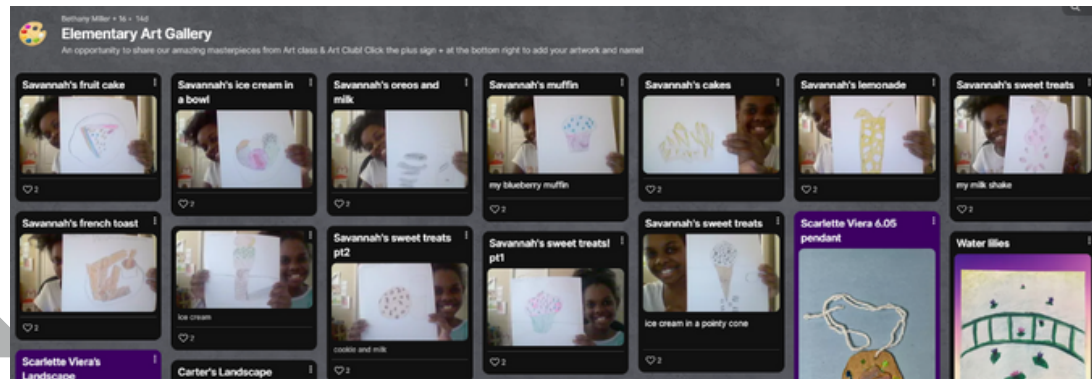
~ Bethany Miller, Elementary Art Club Sponsor

## SPELLING STARS CLUB

Do you love word games, spelling, or reading? If so, the Spelling Stars Club is perfect for you! The Spelling Bee has ended, but we are still meeting and are looking for students (in grades 3 through 8) who would like to be part of our club. If you are interested in joining the Spelling Stars Club, please contact us via text at 321-234-5693 or email at [celita.mitchell@ocps.net](mailto:celita.mitchell@ocps.net).

We'd love to have you join our next club meeting! 😊

Mrs. Williams, Club Sponsor



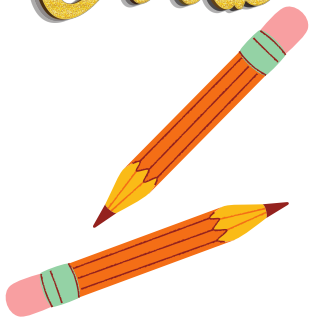
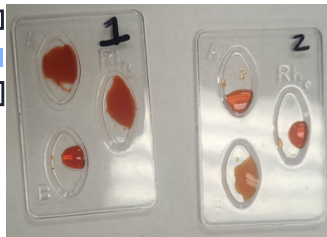
# OCVS CLUBS NEWS (CONTINUED)

## SCIENCE CLUB

Each month the OCVS Science Club creates a culture of inquiry with a multi-grade level activity for everyone. This month it was **Forensic Science** and processing a crime scene. Five different stations helped these junior forensic scientists process a “crime scene.” Stations included dusting for fingerprints, blood typing, chromatography, shoe tracks, and more. Students had to use the scientific method to look at the evidence and process the scene. Based upon the evidence they were to determine who to request a warrant to be issued for and the evidence/reason as to why. Great fun was had by all and loads of learning at its best!



SCIENCE  
Club



## INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Are you interested in learning more about other cultures and sharing your own cultural experiences? The International Club is looking for students who would like to be part of this team of students who are curious and excited about other countries and cultures. Let's connect! Send us a message at **407-553-2604** or [sulamita.ruiz@ocps.net](mailto:sulamita.ruiz@ocps.net)

We look forward to hearing from you soon :)

**Club sponsors:** Ms. Ruiz and Mrs. Davitt

# OCVS CLUBS NEWS (CONTINUED)

## BLACK STUDENT UNION

The **Black Student Union** had an amazing **Black History Month Celebration** on Feb.23rd. Students, Faculty and Parents were able to share their personal stories, artwork, poems, and journeys as it relates to Black History and the Black culture. We had an amazing turnout from the whole school including our elementary families. We wish we could display all of the pictures and videos we took. We appreciate everyone who participated in our school celebration and those who helped to make this event such a great success.

Our next Black Student Union club meeting will be **Virtual on Wed., Mar.13th at 2 pm** for middle and high school students. Use this link: [www.bit.ly/ocvsbsu](http://www.bit.ly/ocvsbsu) to join us.

Elementary students, get excited, because we will have something for you beginning in August (or sooner) so please stay connected!

Follow our Instagram page [@ocvsbsu](https://www.instagram.com/ocvsbsu) and school Facebook and Instagram to stay informed. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Parker at [monique.parker@ocps.net](mailto:monique.parker@ocps.net) or Sara Garsh at [sara.garsh@ocps.net](mailto:sara.garsh@ocps.net).



## ELEMENTARY CHESS CLUB

OCPS will be hosting an **Elementary Chess Tournament** on **Saturday, March 2nd**. Students interested in attending should have their parents email Mr. Houvouras at [chad.houvouras@ocps.net](mailto:chad.houvouras@ocps.net). Our next OCVS Elementary Chess Club Meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 7th at 3:00 PM** at the following link. As a reminder, all OCVS students have free access to ChessKids through OCPS. To access ChessKid, log in to your OCPS Launchpad and type ChessKid in the search bar.



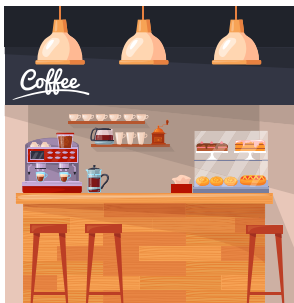
# OCVS CLUBS NEWS (CONTINUED)

## DO SOMETHING CLUB



The Do Something Club went to volunteer at **Give Kids the World Village** in February.

They ran the cafeteria and dining room for 3 hours (from carrying trays, serving food and drinks, to cleaning tables and dishes.... It was our pleasure to serve those special families! ❤️



Give Kids the World Village  
Do Something Club - Feb 2024





# LITERACY COMMITTEE



**Women's History Month** is a special time when we celebrate and learn about amazing women from the past and present!

We talk about women who did incredible things, like becoming astronauts, scientists, artists, and leaders.

We learn about their stories of bravery, kindness, and determination, and we celebrate how they made the world a better place for everyone, including us!

## MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

**March** - Women's History Month

**March** - National Irish American Heritage Month

**April** - National Arab American Heritage Month

**May** - Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

**May** - Jewish American Heritage Month

**June** - Caribbean American Heritage Month

**June** - Immigrant Heritage Month



## CONTACT US

Literacy Committee

# S.A.F.E. CORNER

## S.A.F.E. SPACE



2024

Annual Family Stakeholder Survey

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March 4th – April 12th

Beginning on Monday, March 4, 2024, Orange County Public Schools invites all families with a student in grades K-12 to participate in the 2024 Annual Stakeholder Survey. The survey offers valuable feedback as OCPS works to ensure every student has a promising and successful future.



Website

Families can access the survey at [bit.ly/ocpsfamily](https://bit.ly/ocpsfamily)



Mobile Device

Families can scan the QR code above to complete the survey on their mobile device



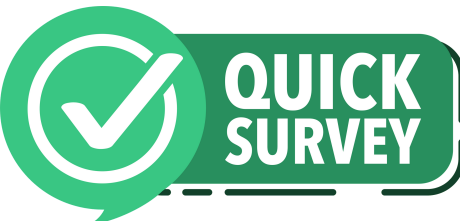
Preview Survey

Families can preview student survey questions on the OCPS Student Survey site



Visit Our Website [www.ocps.net](http://www.ocps.net)

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU



**Mobile Crisis SERVICES**  
For children, adolescents and young adults in Orange, Osceola & Seminole Counties, Florida

Mobile Crisis Services are available to anyone ages 0-24 located in Orange, Osceola or Seminole County at the time of crisis. A master level therapist will respond to homes, schools, or anywhere within the tri-county community, within 60 minutes to provide immediate on-site crisis stabilization. Crisis therapists also connect families with additional long-term services in order to maintain stabilization.

**DIAL 2 1 1**  
or 407-839-HELP.

Services are:  
FREE and Available 24/7/365, including holidays.  
Available to anyone who calls for assistance—parents, relatives, foster families, school personnel, or law enforcement.

To access services:  
Call 2-1-1 and request Mobile Crisis  
Text 888-211, your zip code, and type 'requesting mobile crisis'  
Chat at [www.HFUW.org](http://www.HFUW.org)

Dear OCVS Families,

Beginning on **Monday, March 4, 2024**, Orange County Public Schools invites all students in grades 6-12 and all families with a student in grades K-12 to participate in the 2024 Annual Stakeholder Survey. These surveys offer valuable feedback as OCPS works to ensure every student has a promising and successful future.

### What topics will be covered in the surveys?

- Student surveys will ask students about their thoughts on school climate, their sense of belonging, and teacher-student relationships.
- Family surveys will ask you about your thoughts on school climate, how easy it is to engage with our school, and how well we meet your child's needs and expectations.

### When will my child take their survey?

- The student survey window is **March 04 – April 12, 2024**.
- OCVS full-time students in grades 6-12 may be invited to take the survey during a live lesson or on their own time at home.

### Is this survey mandatory?

- No, this survey is completely voluntary. Families can click on this link to the [2024 Annual Stakeholder Survey Non-Participation Form](#) at any point during the survey window to notify Orange County Public School of their decision to not participate. Surveys completed before completing the non-participation form will not be reported.

### How can I take the family survey?

- The family survey window is **March 04 – April 12, 2024**
- Families can access the anonymous link to complete the survey at [bit.ly/ocpsfamily](https://bit.ly/ocpsfamily)
- The family survey is available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, Arabic, and Portuguese and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

### What if I have students at different OCPS schools or multiple students at the same school?

- Families are encouraged to complete one survey for each school in which they have a child attending. If you have multiple children here at OCVS, you should think about the experiences of your older child with us as you complete the survey.

### Who can I contact if I have any questions?

Please contact Jenna Faber at [Jenna.Faber@ocps.net](mailto:Jenna.Faber@ocps.net)

Your voice matters! Thank you for your participation!

## CONTACT ME

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# PARTNERS IN ED

Build relationships between businesses/ organizations and schools that enhance student learning and provide students with even more opportunities for success.



Own a business that would benefit from supporting OCVS?

Sign up here:

[https://ocps.samaritan.com/custom/503/volunteer\\_home](https://ocps.samaritan.com/custom/503/volunteer_home)

Or Contact [Laynie.Foskett@ocps.net](mailto:Laynie.Foskett@ocps.net) and [Megan.Tousignant@ocps.net](mailto:Megan.Tousignant@ocps.net)

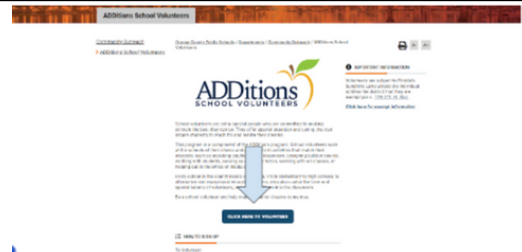


## Additions Volunteer Sign-Up: How to become an OCVS Additions Volunteer

### Step 1:

[Click on this link.](#)

It will take you to the ADDitions School Volunteers page for OCPS  
Click on the blue box



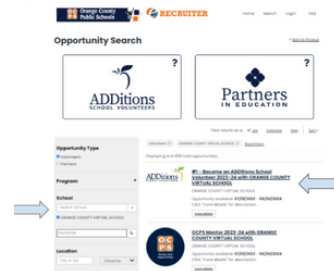
### Step 2:

Click on the circle labeled Volunteers



### Step 3:

Look for the School Dropdown menus, and find Orange County Virtual School.  
Click on the opportunity labeled #1- Become an ADDitions School Volunteer 2023-24 with **ORANGE COUNTY VIRTUAL SCHOOL**



### Step 4: SIGNUP



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