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WARRIOR WATCH

Okeechobee County
Schools

January 7, 2015



2014-2015 Dates of Interest:

- January 14-15, 2015: OCSB Science Fair
- January 23, 2015: Quarter 2 AWARDS (through Vocational classes)
- February 3, 2015: FSA Title 1 Parent Night
- February 19, 2015: District AVID Parent Night at OFC
- March 13-14, 2015: Sixth Grade Sea World Trip
- March 25-27, 2015: OMS DC Trip (8th Grade)
- March 26, 2015: School Advisory Committee
- April 7, 2015: Quarter 3 AWARDS (through Vocational classes)
- May 8, 2015: Gradventure Trip (8th Grade)
- May 28, 2015: AVID Graduation
- June 4, 2015: Quarter 4 AWARDS (nighttime, second open house from 6-8 PM)
- June 5, 2015: Students last day!
- June 9, 2015: Teachers last day!

Congratulations to the OMS Employees of the Year!!

Our 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year is Alyson Shirley. Mrs. Shirley is a former OMS student and a 2004 graduate of Okeechobee High School. She returned to OMS as a teacher in 2011 and currently works as an eighth grade language arts teacher. She is a perfectionist who is never satisfied with any aspect of her profession, and is relentless to bring quality to the classroom. She is a credit to her school and to this profession.

Our School-Related Employee of the Year is Glenetta Ellis. Mrs. Ellis has been employed at OMS since 2009 and is one of the two people you are most likely to see when visiting the front office. She is a ray of sunshine who is constantly looking for ways to be of service to those that she works with on a daily basis. We are lucky to have her!

Both will now compete for the district competition, to be decided on February 13, 2015. Good luck, ladies!

OMS WEB UPDATE:

Osceola Middle School Website:
<http://www.edline.net/pages/osceolamiddle>

Do you tweet?
@Osceola_Middle

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725 Likes as of January 5, 2015



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Progress Monitoring, Round 2!

Question: What is progress monitoring? What is the big deal about it?

Answer: Progress monitoring (sometimes called iReady or Performance Matters Testing) is diagnostic testing given by the teachers to judge the effectiveness of instruction. Think of it as similar to a doctor taking your temperature (but for your brain). It is critical that students do their best on this test so teachers don't reteach concepts that have already been learned, thus wasting everyone's time.

Question: When is testing?

Answer: Testing varies by class and grade, but will run between January 7-30, 2015.

Question: Is it a grade?

Answer: It is not a grade.

Question: What is new for this round of PM?

Answer: INCENTIVE TRIPS!!

ATTENTION STUDENTS:

If you score proficient on **READING** or **MATH** Progress Monitoring tests, I want to take you off campus to the movies (my treat!) during the first week of February!

If you show a "gain" in **READING** or **MATH** Progress Monitoring tests, I am hosting a mystery day on February 6, 2015.

Watch the morning announcements for further details and good luck (do your best work!)

OMS Bullying Policy

Osceola Middle School teachers and staff work to provide a safe and secure environment for our students. OMS does not tolerate bullying or harassment of any type.

According to the Okeechobee County School Board Policy, bullying is defined as: "**SYSTEMATICALLY** and **CHRONICALLY** inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees. It is further defined as unwanted and repeated written, verbal, graphic or physical behavior."

If your OMS student feels uncomfortable in school, he or she can report it anonymously. Forms are located in the main office, media center and the dean's office. Students may discreetly pick up a form and place it in the box in one of the above locations. All incidents reported in these locations will be thoroughly investigated. If disciplinary action is necessary, parents will be notified and consequences will be handled in accordance to the Okeechobee Code of Student Conduct. For further information, please call 462-5070 and ask for Mr. Downing, Principal; Mrs. Hays, Assistant Principal or Mrs. Jarriel, Dean of Students.

OMS Out of Field Teachers:

Brandi Botello, Gifted

(Gifted, 3 of 5 classes completed)

Sally Brooks, Reading

(1st year of assignment)

Nicole Eak, ESE and ESOL

(1st year of assignment)

Robert Ellis, ESE

(ELL, 120/300 hours completed)

Christine Finch, ESE

(ELL, 120/300 hours complete)

Kersten Frost, ELA

(ELL, 1st year of assignment)

Jennifer Hughes, ESE

(1st year of assignment)

Amorita Leonard, ELA

(ELL, 180/300 hours completed)

Mary Poole, Math

(1st year of assignment)

Lauren Scott, ELA

(ELL, 1st year of assignment)

Alyson Shirley, ELA

(ELL, 180/300 hours completed)

Jessica Talavera, ELA

(1st year of assignment)

Paul Van Auken, Math

(ESE and ELL, 1st year of assignment)

Harold Wise, Guidance

(1st year of assignment)

SAI/Title I Tutoring Now Available! Transportation provided on Tuesday and Thursday from 7:15-8:15 AM. Call (863) 462-5070 for more information!

Why sit in the cafeteria when your parents drop you off early?

AM Computer Lab Open Daily from 7:30-8:30 AM! Work on Math, Reading and Writing!