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IS OUR
SUPER POWER**

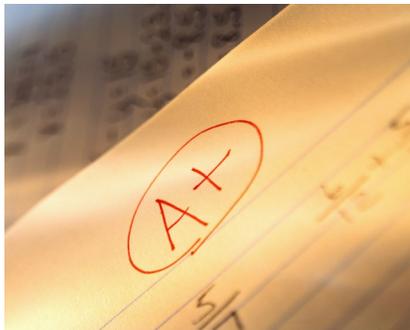


WARRIOR WATCH

Okeechobee County
Schools

September 8, 2014

Florida Standards Assessment



In Florida, we have adopted the Florida Standards. Now, instead of taking FCAT, we will be giving the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA).

This will result in a significant increase in the level of rigor associated with these standards. Other states who have administered new standardized tests based on more rigorous standards saw a 20 percent decrease in proficiency rates during the first year of administration. Additionally, the writing portion (previously administered in fourth,

eighth and tenth grade) will be administered in all grades four-eleven, and will be administered on the computer.

During this transitional period, we have planned several changes in order to be prepared. First, we will offer 90 minutes of online reading and math, using the iReady program. Second, we will use the HMH (English) program one day a week in the computer lab (so kids can experience typing regularly on the computer). We plan to add a component to our history classes to address writing using primary and secondary source documents. We also plan to open our computer labs an hour before school starts daily to allow parents an opportunity for students to access these web-based features.

Osceola Middle School is committed to adding technological resources to meet the new demands of online learning and testing. For this reason, we continue to add devices and opportunities for students to use the technology they possess to respond to demand. It may, however, mean that students will have some homework tasks to complete online outside of class time. Please speak to the teachers for accommodations in the event that online resources are not available at home.

Congratulations to our 2014 Volleyball and Soccer Teams!

The OMS Volleyball Team will consist of Brook Julian, Macy Collier, Perla Contreras, Kirstie Crosby, Toriesha Freeman, Mattie Garcia, Aubrie Hattaway, Delaney Jones, Jaymie Lopez, Halle McDuffie, Emily Rhodes, Alkeecia Clayton, Alexi Morgan, Abby Myers and Ashley Snyder.

The OMS Soccer Team will be Raquel Alvarez, Aaron Baltazar, Kyle Barrett, Wyatt Blackstone, Brendan Bostwick, Alejandro Bucio, Chelsea Burgos, Luis Ceron, Alexis Cerrado, Justin Comfort, Angel Garcia, Heriberto Guterrez, Mark Holmes, Gage Ingram, Pablo Martinez, Jesus Mojica, Abi Morales, Maria Perez, Antonio Pineda, Jose Rodriguez, Miguel Sanchez, Carlos Segura, Anthony Sherlock and Daniel Tagle.

Our first home game will be September 11, 2014 beginning at 4:30 PM. Go Warriors!!

2014-2015 Dates of Interest:

**September 17, 2014: A Perfect
Brainstorm: Title 1 Parent Night
(6:30 PM)**

September 25, 2014: School Advisory
Committee

October 16, 2014: Picture Day Make-Up

October 30, 2014: School Advisory Com-
mittee

November 4, 2014: Quarter 1 AWARDS
(through Vocational classes)

November 20, 2014: School Advisory
Committee

December 4, 2014: OMS Winter Band
Concert

January 23, 2015: Quarter 2 AWARDS
(through Vocational classes)

January 26, 2015: AVID 7th Graders vis-
iting OFC

January 27, 2015: AVID 8th Graders vis-
iting OHS

January 29, 2015: School Advisory Com-
mittee

February 19, 2015: District AVID Parent
Night at OFC

February 26, 2015: School Advisory Com-
mittee

March 26, 2015: School Advisory Com-
mittee

April 7, 2015: Quarter 3 AWARDS (through
Vocational classes)

April 23, 2015: School Advisory Committee

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!

June 18, 2015: School Advisory Committee



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OMS Out of Field Teachers:

Angela Jones, Art
(ELL, 1st year of assignment)

Kersten Frost, ELA
(ELL, 1st year of assignment)

Harold Wise, Guidance
(1st year of assignment)

Brandi Botello, Gifted
(Gifted, 3 of 5 classes completed)

Jennifer Hughes, ESE
(1st year of assignment)

Alyson Shirley, ELA
(ELL, 120/300 hours completed)

Mary Poole, Math
(ELL, requires 60 hours)

Christine Finch, ESE
(ELL, 120/300 hours completed)

Eric Sprague
(ELL, requires 60 hours)

Amorita Leonard, ELA
(ELL, 120/300 hours completed)

Christina Gagliardi, Science
(ELL, requires 60 hours)

Paul Jackson, Math
(ELL, requires 60 hours)

Kathryn Olson, Science
(ELL, requires 60 hours)

OMS on the WEB:

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

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER: @OSCEOLA_MIDDLE

Currently, we have 13 followers and 40 tweets!

Like us on Facebook!

(Top Performances by Okeechobee School Facebook Pages, as of 08/31/14)

1. Osceola Middle School, 613 Likes
2. Okeechobee High School, 598 Likes
3. Yearling Middle School, 590 Likes
4. Freshman Campus, 486 Likes
5. South Elementary School, 413 Likes
6. North Elementary School, 408 Likes
7. Everglades Elementary, 337 Likes
8. Central Elementary, 289 Likes
9. Seminole Elementary, 182 Likes
10. Achievement Academy, 1 Like



Dress Code Discussion...

OMS employs a dress code in order to promote learning and to prevent distractions. The Faculty and Staff believe that any rule (including dress codes) should make sense and reflect the times.

In order to keep with the times, we are looking at a modification of the current dress code so that it is less restrictive and we would like your input.

Please email Mr. Downing at

downings@okee.k12.fl.us

and share your thoughts to the

following proposed language...

Shirts should be long enough to fully cover the midriff and all undergarments. Sleeves must completely cover the shoulders and made of a non-see-through fabric. Sleeveless shirts with a collar may be worn (providing it covers the shoulders). Sheer shirts or lace tops will be permitted as long as an undershirt is worn and no undergarments are visible. Shirts with spaghetti straps or bare midriffs, tank tops, and shirts with low necklines are not acceptable.

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 or Mrs. Jarriel, Dean of Students.

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!