

The Owl Post

Written by OGA's Journalism 1 class

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Greetings Orlando Gifted Academy Families!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I hope this message finds you healthy and well. I am really excited and honored to continue this journey with you. We have new staff, new students and a new grade...7th! With that being said, we will continue to be a school that believes in equity, diversity and inclusion in this ever changing world. We will continue to nurture the minds of our creative gifted learners and utilize the gifted framework to ensure all students thrive here at OGA. I will continue to ensure our students work to reach their fullest potential by providing an environment where we value respect, creativity and collaboration.

We know this is a very difficult and challenging time for all, but I can assure you that all staff members are committed to the success and safety of all of our students. Our teachers are committed to providing our scholars with engaging learning experiences and support.

I want to sincerely thank all of our families that have sent positive and uplifting emails to me and our staff. I forward your emails to staff letting them know that you appreciate their efforts and support them. I know that things are fluid, but please know that we appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to work together to best support you and your child in this learning journey.

We will be sending out information regarding our virtual Open House scheduled for Thursday, September 17th. This will be the time where teachers will share their expectations. This will also be an opportunity for parents to ask questions and to make connections. Stay tuned.

Extra Extra... We are going to highlight a staff member every week. So, be on the lookout for our "Staff- Owl" in the Spotlight.

Mrs. Despenza

WEEKLY WEATHER

By: Sarah Thompson

Monday 9/7: The high will be 92 degrees fahrenheit and the low will be 80 degrees, it will feel like 94 degrees, it will be mostly cloudy, but will only have a 10% chance of rain, there will be a 7mph wind with 42% humidity.

Tuesday 9/8: The high will be 92 degrees fahrenheit and again the low will be 80 degrees, it will feel like 96 degrees, it will be mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of rain later in the day, the wind will be blowing at 8mph with a 46% humidity.

Wednesday 9/9: The high will be 92 degrees fahrenheit and the low will be 78, it will feel like 96 degrees, there will be a 53% chance of rain later in the day with breaks of sunlight, the wind will be blowing at 8mph with 45% humidity.

Thursday 9/10: The high will be 88 degrees fahrenheit and the low will be 78, it will feel like 92 degrees, there is a 99% chance there will be a few storms, the wind will be blowing at 7mph with 55% humidity.

Friday 9/11: The high will be 87 degrees fahrenheit and the low will be 78, it will feel like 92 degrees, it will be cloudy with a 67% chance of light showers, the wind will be blowing at 7mph with 57% humidity.

LUNCH THIS WEEK

Hot options

Tuesday: Beef Nachos

Wednesday: Bacon and Egg Platter with Glazed French Toast

Thursday: Spaghetti with Meatballs

Friday: Honey BBQ Wings

Cold options

Tuesday: No-Nut Butter Box/Yogurt Cool Pack

Wednesday: Turkey and Cheese Sub or Grape Uncrustable

Thursday: Egg and Cheese Bento Box Yogurt Cool Pack

Friday: Italian Deli Wrap

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7: Labor Day

September 17: Progress Reports distributed, Virtual Open House

September 11: Hearing Screening for 6th Grade

September 18-20: Rosh Hashanah

September 27-28 Yom Kippur

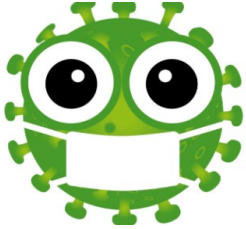
September 29: Progress Monitoring Assessments, (MS)

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COVID TIPS

By: Raleigh Hagood

Corona. Covid-19, coronavirus, all of these names belong to a deadly virus, but all need to be taken seriously. I am here to give you some tips on how to be safe during these uncertain times. Make sure you wash your hands regularly if you are bored, wash your hands, if you cough, wash your hands, if you use the restroom, wash your hands! I know it seems like a lot, but it really isn't, Hand sanitizer helps, but it isn't the same as washing. Also, when you get home, if you have a cloth mask, wash it, if you have a regular disposable one, throw it away.



Animated photo created by Cision

Try and distance yourself from others as in, stay 3-6 feet away from other humans. And, keep your mask on at all times this is to protect yourself and others. If someone touches one of your belongings, try and find a wipe to clean it with. Also, when you get home, take a shower to get the germs off of your body, and wash your clothes, to get the germs off of them as well. Did you know, if you are in a warm environment, coronavirus germs, will die quicker? It's true! According to CDC Coronavirus germs usually live for a day to 12 hours. But when in a warm environment, the germs only live for about 5 hours! Also, according to the World Health Organization, you need to use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Now that you know all you need to know, about this deadly disease, do what you can to spread the word, you will be saving lives!

MOVIE THEATER UPDATE

By: Sarah Thompson

In recent times, due to Covid-19, many places have been closed, people have been at home, and activities have had to be postponed including going to see a movie. Anyone who has an affinity for movies has been severely disappointed in these past months, and if not for Netflix and Amazon Prime, many of us would have been bored out of our minds. Recently however, things have gotten better and as of now, there are quite a few movie theaters currently open in the Orlando area and are now showing some great new movies.

The movie theaters currently open include, Regal Pointe Orlando 4DX&IMAX, Cinemark Orlando and XD, EPIC Theatres at Lee Vista, Universal Cinemark at Universal CityWalk Orlando, Cobb Plaza Cinema Cafe 12, Regal Winter Park Village & RPX, Regal Waterford Lakes & IMAX, Touchstar Cinemas-Southchase 7, Aloma Cinema Grill, AMC West Oaks 14, Enzian Theater, Regal, Regal The Loop & RPX, and West Orange Cinema.

At those movie theaters, many new movies will soon be playing. New movies will also be playing on certain channels you can get at home such as Disney Plus and Netflix. These new movies include, Black Widow, Wonder Woman, No Time To Die, Tenet, The New Mutants, Free Guy, The One and Only Ivan, The King's Man, Antebellum, Toofan, Haseen Dillruba, Without Remorse, Death on The Nile, Candyman, The French Dispatch, Dune, Sooryavanshi, Deep Water, Soul, The Empty Man, West Side Story, Coming 2 America, Croods: A New Age, and The Last Duel.



All of the movie theaters listed are taking extra precautions including wearing a face covering, extra sanitization, social distancing, and at some locations, taking temperatures. All of this is to ensure the safety and comfort of all movie-watchers and make the perfect movie experience, regardless of these uncertain times.

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How has entertainment changed post-COVID?

By: Urshita Goel

8/27/2020 - It's fair to say that this pandemic has turned everyone's lives upside down. With nothing to do other than playing video games and binge watching your favorite tv shows it's clear that the world of entertainment has changed a lot. How did the entertainment industry respond to this?

Due to the lockdown, people have been relying on social media, messaging apps, and media and entertainment a lot more than they used to. We all have a lot more spare time and nothing to do with it so we have all been watching a lot more television and playing a lot more video games to pass the time. In fact the video game industry is one that has thrived due to the pandemic. According to the market research group NPD, overall video game sales in March approached \$1.6 billion representing a 35% year over year increase.

Everyone is finding their own way to cope with this pandemic. Many tv shows that used to have a guest to interview now carry out their interviews online. Shows that normally have an audience are filming without one.

Hollywood is also starting to get back to work by signing off on a 22 page long article designed to safely produce movies and tv shows during the age of Covid. Certain activities are still encouraged to be held virtually including writing and casting. However, some can't be held virtually and are discouraged. Performers and actors are the most vulnerable however as they can not wear protective gear when the cameras are rolling.

While this pandemic has created confusion and uncertainty for many, the entertainment industry has found a way to cope with this by utilizing the power of technology.



Microsoft and Nintendo are two of the video game companies benefiting from this pandemic.

How COVID-19 is Affecting Restaurants

Restaurants across Florida are taking a hit after virus cases spike and restaurants need to shut down.

By: Anna Russo



By: USA Today Employee disinfecting a table to ensure it is clean.

LOCAL - Thousands of restaurants across Florida have been forced to shut down because of COVID-19. Paranoia is in the air, and especially when it involves food. Restaurants are taking extra precautions to keep their customers and employees safe. Cleaning, cutting down on capacity, and social distancing are a few ways that these restaurants are making it by. According to Chron and cnet, many though, aren't doing so well. Along with all these precautions, there is also a food shortage. Pasta, canned soup and foods, pasta, meat, and rice are all in high demand due to the virus. This shortage causes many restaurants to suffer, because without food, the restaurants cannot support themselves.

Not only are restaurants suffering from the food shortage, and cut down on business, but all these effects have led to the conclusion of money loss. Many restaurants are not doing so well because their income was shortened from the change. That's why many people are losing their jobs. The companies cannot pay their employees, so they have to lay them off. Not only are employees affected, but the companies cannot purchase enough food to provide the customers with. This is what is mainly resulting in many businesses to shut down

This whole virus is causing a mess and especially for restaurant owners. Their income comes from owning these diners, and without income, they cannot support themselves and their families. Covid-19 has ruined many things, and we hope it ends soon.

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INTERIOR DESIGN

By Jael Alfonso

Hey, have you ever decorated your own room or have you had someone design it for you, if someone has designed it for you that's an interior designer/ interior decorator. Interior decorator and interior designer are completely different things but have the same concept. An interior designer designs the inside of the house such as where to put the kitchen the bathrooms, bedroom, etc. They also get to do the finishing touches such as the decorating part. An interior decorator just works on decorating the bedroom. My dream job is to be an interior designer, I actually have started designing other peoples room already. This is a hard job to get into you have to understand color contrast design and many more things. But it is possible for any person who has an interest in interior design and decorating. Some things I have learned along the way of designing rooms always follow their personal style. What I mean by that is ask many questions about what their favorite color is? What are some themes you want to go for?. Room designing has grown a lot over the years with different styles. Let's see what you can do with your room. I will always be willing to design other people's rooms If you want more information if you want me to design your room contact this number [4075928174](tel:4075928174). Room designing has always been something I want to do it was a passion of mine for a very long time, I first started with just videogames that go really into interior design, and then moved up to me designing my own room. I hoped you find this pretty interesting learning about interior design. Have a fun week owls!

ART CORNER— The theme for Mrs. Faubel's class was "something that makes you happy" and here are what some students came up with !



This fabulous dog, belongs to Izzy B.



This beautiful poem belongs to Sarah.



This little pup belongs to none other than, Juliet.



This cute kitty belongs to Levi.



This adorable lizard belongz to Kai Kidd

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RIDDLES AND JOKES

Some tricky riddles and jokes!

By: Mackenzie Smoley

1. Q: You're stuck in a room with a table and a mirror, there are no doors or windows, how do you get out?
2. Q: One day, on a Sunday morning there was a mansion. The father was in the study, two kids and the nanny were in the living room. The maid was getting the mail, and the mother was in her bedroom. The power suddenly went off. 1 minute later, when the lights turned back on, the nanny was gone, who took the nanny?
3. Q: What concert costs 45 cents?
4. Q: A mother wakes up after a quiet Sunday afternoon nap, and finds out that strawberry jam got spilled all over her carpet! She asked everyone in the house what they were doing. The sister was reading her book, the brother was doing homework, the father was making strawberry jam sandwiches for lunch the next day, and the butler was trying to clean up the spill. Who did it?
5. Q: What loses it's head during the day and gains it back at night?



ANSWERS:

1. A: You look in the mirror, you see what you saw, you grab the saw and cut the table in half, two halves make a whole, put the hole on the wall, jump out of the hole.
2. A: The maid, there is no mail on Sundays.
3. A: Fifty cent featuring Nickelback!
4. A: The brother! There is no school on Sundays!
5. A: A pillow!

OWL OF THE WEEK (Snowy Owl)

Every week there will be a new owl for you to learn about! Stay tuned for next week's owl.

By: Anna Russo

The Snowy Owl lives in the Arctic Tundra and sometimes travels to Europe, Asia, and North America. The owls are about two feet long, have a broad wingspan of 4.2 - 4.8 feet, and sharp talons. They weigh between 3.5 - 6.5 pounds. They live up to 10 years in the wild, and their diet consists of small mammals and birds. They make their nests on open grounds, compared to in the trees.

Snowy Owls' white coloring comes from age. The older an owl gets, the whiter they become. The coloring does differ between genders. Females are darker than Males, therefore, females will never be completely white.

Unlike other birds, these owls don't always migrate. Sometimes they will stay at their nest all year round, and sometimes they migrate. When they do decide to migrate they usually go to Canada, the northern United States, Europe, and Asia.



*A Snowy owl sitting on a tree.
By: Goerie.com*