

The Owl Post

Written by OGA's Journalism 1 class

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Greetings Families! We have had a very interesting and positive four weeks of school. Monday, we had to change our dismissal location due to flooding near the exit gate. These are definitely some interesting times. We are reminded daily that we need to be "flexible with a smile." Progress Reports will be available for families on Wednesday, September 16th via Skyward. Thank you to all families that completed the SAC interest survey. A link for voting will be published on Wednesday, 9/16/20, by 8:00a.m. The link will remain open until 5:00p.m. on Thursday, 9/17/20. I have a few reminders:

LaunchED@HOME

- Student microphones should be on and muted for the entire class. Students need to be available to answer questions and interact with the teacher and other students. Student webcams must also be functioning as many teachers have students collaborate together. Teachers also use the webcam to monitor attendance and engagement.
- Parents, remember that your LaunchED student should be working without your assistance during the school day, just as they would if they were on campus.
- All students need to arrive to class on time. This is especially important for Special Area and Electives. In middle school, teachers provide students with their scheduled 3 minute transition to their next class. Additionally, teachers are providing students with another 5 minutes to enter the live conference. After the eight minute timeframe, teachers will be unable to allow students in to class. Students who are late should follow the instructions available in their course module.

F2F

- Just a reminder regarding expectations for students on campus - masks must be worn at all times unless eating or drinking in the cafeteria; students should follow the one way traffic patterns on campus; students must practice social distancing. Overall, our students have been doing a great job.
- If your child is sick, please make sure that they stay home until they are symptom free.

Thank you for your continued support!

CONGRATS GOES TO....

Mrs. Mullen is our 2020 Teacher of the Year!

Mrs. Cherolini is our 2020 Support Person of the Year!

Deeharr Goel in 4th Grade was placed 4th in Florida and 9th in Nation in the Math Kangaroo Competition 2020.

Attached is the link to the video posted on FB posted by Orlando Math Circle(OMC)

<https://www.facebook.com/OrlandoMathCircle/videos/316738283096327>

Congratulations!

WEEKLY WEATHER

By: Sarah Thompson

Monday 9/14: The high will be 93 degrees fahrenheit with a low of 79, it will feel like 96 degrees, there will be scattered clouds with a 6% chance of rain, the wind will be blowing at 7mph with 45% humidity.

Tuesday 9/15: The high will again be 93 degrees with a low of 79, it will feel like 95 degrees, we will have increasing clouds throughout the day, but only a 6% chance of rain, the wind will be blowing at 8mph with 42% humidity.

Wednesday 9/16: The high will be 92 degrees with a low of 79, it will feel like 96 degrees, there will be breaks of sunlight later in the day with, once again, only a 6% chance of rain, the wind will be blowing at 7mph with 43% humidity.

Thursday 9/17: The high will be 92 degrees with a low of 79, it will feel like 95 degrees, there will be scattered thunderstorms later in the day with increasing cloudiness and an 85% chance of rain, the wind will be blowing at 7mph with 46% humidity.

Friday 9/18: The high will be 92 degrees with a low of 79, it will feel like 94 degrees, there will be broken clouds with a 6% chance of rain, the wind will be blowing at 5mph with 41% humidity.

LUNCH THIS WEEK

By: Charleigh Gonzalez

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 16: Progress Reports available

September 16-17: Virtual Open House

September 18-20: Rosh Hashanah

September 23: Hearing Screening for 6th Grade

September 27-28 Yom Kippur

September 29: Progress Monitoring Assessments, (MS)

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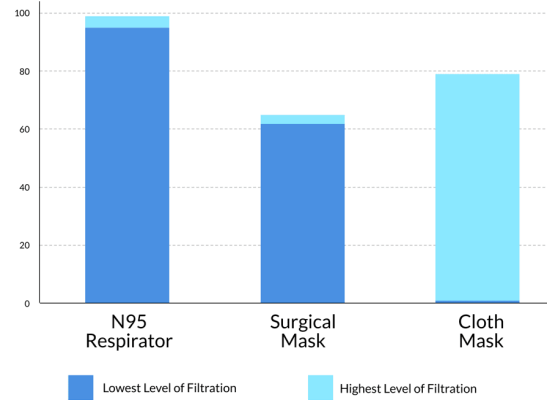
WHICH MASK IS BEST?

By Gabby Powell

During Covid-19 people are struggling to find masks that are reliable and meet the basic needs of a mask. This article will cover all of the basic requirements for a great mask

- Try to make sure that your mask has a good fit to better block virus-causing particles. The ideal mask creates a balance between filtration and breathability. A mask may provide excellent filtration, but that doesn't mean much if you can't breathe through it. If the mask is not breathable, more air will escape through the gaps on the sides and top, making it less effective.
- Is the mask smooth and soft against the skin or is rough and scratchy? The mask may be on all day, so make sure that it feels good against the delicate skin on the face.
- Make sure the mask is breathable. Cloth antiviral masks vary greatly in efficiency depending on various factors. In fact, A recent study from Wake Forest Baptist Health showed that the filtration levels of cloth masks varied from as low as 1% to anywhere up to 79%, which is higher than surgical masks.

Mask Filtration Ranges



This bar graph shows the level of filtration in each mask type

TREES DECLINING FOR NUMEROUS REASONS

Trees are being cut down, burned, crushed, and struck for multiple reasons

By Terrence Miller

Trees are a source of life and people are using and replacing them with agricultural uses, such as; buildings, apartments, stores, houses, hotels, etc.



Tree holding up sign; giving reasons to keep trees alive and well

how many homes are being destroyed just for one. Birds, insects, bugs, etc. are losing homes (maybe even lives) because we desire to have more apartments or buildings or homes. Is there another way for us to do this without being so harmful to the environment/planet? Yes. I mean, we will need to cut down trees, but we will replant them. As long as we replant trees, oxygen may become a renewable resource. But if we continue at this rate, humans will only survive roughly around 4000 more years.

Trees offer us many and unlimited things. Let's not take advantage of that and abuse our power. Trees are beautiful

Trees can produce oxygen. It is a product or outcome of **photosynthesis**. *Photosynthesis is when a plant makes their own food. Trees use the sunlight, soil, water, and carbon dioxide to complete this process. Think about it. If we didn't have trees, carbon dioxide would be everywhere and we would suffocate. Another way of trees purifying the air is by them getting rid of all of the horrible toxins. Trees are great and don't deserve to be cut down. They are why we have survived so long. Power lines may be helpful for your electricity, but not so much for a tree. This creates a 27% chance of the tree catching on fire. Who would want to walk outside, seeing their neighborhood catching on fire with their wire hanging. Try not to plant a tree near a power line. And if you do, cut it down (if it's yours or the owner is ok or asks you to)!*

I understand that we need wood for homes, but imagine

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The Pros And Cons Of Face To Face And Virtual Learning

Opinion

By: Yael Alfonso

A lot of people have struggled in virtual learning, and some have found it better. I find it better in some ways. In October, more than 40,000 students preferred virtual learning, but did they pick the right choice and why did they choose virtual learning?

I picked face to face learning, and I found that better than virtual learning, I know some people chose virtual learning, but that wasn't what they wanted. A little over a quarter of the students didn't get to pick what they wanted to do; most of the parents decided what was right for them. My parents picked face to face, I was pretty angry at first when they picked face to face, but now I'm quite glad they chose that now. I find face to face better, but it has its pros and cons. Some of the things I find annoying but are necessary is keeping your distance. Keeping your distance is probably one of the most important, but I find it kind of annoying, mainly because you can't be around your friends a lot. You have to sit at your own tables at lunch and can't do team activities in P.E. Being around your friends is mainly why I was excited to come, of course, I can still have a good time with them, but it feels more lonely. It sucks having to sit alone at lunch. But if you have a computer, you can play some online games with them, such as Minecraft. P.E. is also kind of lonely, like if you want to play soccer or any type of game that requires passing the ball or if the object is moving from one person to another, you can't play it. What I like about P.E. is that you can take your mask off, obviously while still keeping your distance, but you don't have to sweat so much under that mask you have to keep on all day.



*This picture illustrates face to face and virtual learning
By: Sana Bhat*

Now that I'm excited about face to face, let's see what good things we have at school that don't require us to be in danger. You can have contact with your friends while keeping your distance, and you can focus more in classes, you can learn better now that the teacher only has a few students they can have more time to focus on individual students and have mask breaks. I like having contact with my friends in school even if you have to keep your distance, I miss my friends, and that's why I like it in school. An additional reason why it's pretty cool to stay in school is that you can focus more on being in class.

When there are a lot of students in the class, you can't concentrate that much with all the background noise. There are no teachers yelling, no kids running around, it's just plain quiet. If the teacher lets you talk, then you can obviously not yelling, but in a normal talking voice because there aren't too many kids. Since there are barley students in the class you can learn faster, because the teachers don't have to spend much time with the other students in the class. The last thing is that you can have mask breaks not many classes do have mask breaks but at least two or three of your classes should have mask breaks. Digital learning is a bit harder than face to face but it has it's good and it's bad.

Digital learning can be good for people that have to drive almost an hour to get to school. But it also can be bad in some ways. For example, it's kind of hard to keep track of which work you have to turn in for each class. You have to go on to a bunch of different websites at the same time. Such as Canvas, Microsoft Teams, and Big Blue Button. Also, some other things that I find pretty hard to do in digital learning is social isolation. Social isolation is one of the biggest issue. Since your just in your room for more than 8 hours that can cause social isolation. Somethings that could help and do more stuff during digital learning is to have brain breaks, you can go outside and walk around your neighborhood, maybe do some exercise.

Some benefits of having digital learning are, Being able to have lunch a little early, don't have to wear your mask all-day, and sleep a little later. Being able to have lunch a little bit earlier is a good benefit since most of us can't eat during class, you guys can eat while you're doing your work. Not having to wear a mask is also a very good benefit, obviously people face to face have to wear a mask since we're surrounded by many people. But you guys don't have to because you're at home with your family and nobody else. Having to wear your mask all day can hurt a lot especially when you take it off your ears hurt a lot and some people even get a headache some breathing through their mask a lot. People in digital learning still have to wake up pretty early, but not as early as us. Since we have to get dressed, brush our teeth, and eat breakfast, we have all those things while you guys can still be sleeping.

Now that we have covered most of the pros and cons of digital learning and going face to face what do you think is the best idea for you? Do you think you like your choice? Do you want to change your mind and choose another choice?

Credits <https://www.edsurge.com/news/2019-12-11-most-students-and-faculty-prefer-face-to-face-instruction-educause-surveys-find>

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RIDDLES AND JOKES

Some tricky riddles and jokes!

By Urshita Goel

1. I make a loud sound when I'm changing. When I do change, get bigger but weigh less. What am I?
2. Black I am and much admired, men seek me until they're tired. When they find me, they break my head, and take from me my resting bed. What am I?
3. I'm sometimes dark but I'm not a room with curtains. I sometimes contain peanut butter but I'm not a sandwich. I'm sometimes melted but I'm not an ice cube. I'm sometimes in cookies but I'm not a raisin. I'm sometimes a bar but I'm not made of metal. I'm sometimes a chip but I'm not a potato. What am I?
4. A bus driver was heading down a busy street in the city. He went past three stop signs without stopping, went the wrong way down a one-way street, and answered a message on his phone. But the bus driver didn't break any traffic laws. How?
5. What word in the English language does the following: the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four letters signify a great, while the entire word signifies a great woman. What is the word?



ANSWERS:

1. Popcorn
2. Coal
3. Chocolate
4. He was walking
5. Heroine

Quote Of The Week

By: Sarah Thompson

"The best revenge is massive success"
~Frank Sinatra

OWL OF THE WEEK (Barred 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 Barred owl, also known as the laughing owl, is an owl that is native to southwestern Canada, Washington, Oregon and northern California. Their Wingspan reaches up to 3.5 feet, and they are around 21 inches long. Their diet consists of small rodents, amphibians, and fish. Thankfully, their population is of least concern, and in fact, is increasing. Scientists also say that they may even be a bit invasive.

The barn owl is nocturnal, and loves to hunt. Additionally, this breed of owl is very vocal. Unlike most owls, you have a likelier chance to hear this owl's hoot. Moreover, what also makes the barred owl unique is their eyes. Their eyes are brown instead of yellow, like most owls. In conclusion, this is a beautiful and interesting species of owls. They are definitely one of the more unique ones. that they may even be a bit invasive.



A barred owl's unique brown eyes By: Conservancy of South Florida