

The Owl Post

Written by OGA's Journalism 1 class

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This Week's Editor: Raleigh Hagood



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings OGA families, students & staff,

Thank you to everyone for making our virtual Open House successful! We received positive feedback and a lot of encouragement.

It is hard to believe that 9/22/20 is the first day of Fall. While I know this will be a different type of season, we can still enjoy it with everything pumpkin, smelling the fall scented plugins, and wearing my favorite color...orange. J We can also partake in hot apple cider and homemade apple pie. Some of my favorites! A great quote to remember this time of year, is:

"A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye."

--Unknown

As we continue our F2F and LaunchED learning journey, please remind your students to be cognitively present in their classes. They should be paying attention, answering questions, using whiteboards and Nearpod boards and most importantly, having fun while learning. Both you and your child will have stories for the future. Take time to reflect on what you felt and how you stayed strong and continued to achieve greatness during this time. I know you can do it! Remember..."OGA OWLways goes the distance!"

Have a great week!

Mrs. Despenza

WEEKLY WEATHER

By: Sarah Thompson

Monday 9/21: The high will be 88 degrees with a low of 78, it will feel like 93 degrees, there will be scattered clouds throughout the day and a 91% chance of rain and storms later in the day, the wind will be blowing at 13 mph with 58% humidity.

Tuesday 9/22: The high will be 88 degrees with a low of 77, it will feel like 90 degrees, we will have some afternoon clouds and a 45% chance of rain later in the day, the wind will be blowing at 13mph with 50% humidity.

Wednesday 9/23: The high will be 88 degrees with a low of 76, it will feel like 89 degrees, there will be scattered clouds throughout the day with a 6% chance of rain, the wind will be blowing at 11mph with 46% humidity.

Thursday 9/24: The high will again be 88 degrees with a low of 76, it will feel like 91 degrees, there will be increasing cloudiness throughout the day with a 61% chance of rain later in the day, the wind will be blowing at 4mph with 53% humidity.

Friday 9/25: The high will once again be 88 degrees with a low of 76, it will feel like 91 degrees, it will be cloudy throughout the day with a 60% chance of rain, the wind will be blowing at 11mph with 55% humidity.

LUNCH THIS WEEK

By: Charleigh Gonzalez

Hot Options

Monday: Macaroni & Cheese

Tuesday: Fish & Emoji Chips

Wednesday: Corn Dog

Thursday: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce

Friday: Chicken Tenders

Cold option

Monday: Deli Box

Tuesday: Chicken Ceaser Wrap

Wednesday: Yogurt, Fruit, & Cheese W/ Banana Bread

Thursday: Yogurt Cool Pack or Grilled Chicken Salad

Friday: Turkey & American Sub

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18-20: Rosh Hashanah

September 22: Hearing Screening for 6th Grade

September 27-28 Yom Kippur

September 29: Progress Monitoring Assessments, (MS)

October 9: End of first marking period

October 12: Teacher work day/student holiday

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COVID 19 CASES AND SCHOOL

By: Mackenzie Smoley

Online learning is a problem that almost all schools are facing right now. Covid-19 is making daily tasks harder to do, or outright impossible. Some people are choosing to go to school in person instead of virtual school. The schools are worried about children catching Covid, so schools have been making precautions for the kids that have chosen to go to school. Some people are worried that the precautions aren't enough because even with all the extra measures that schools have been enforcing, There's still a chance that you could still catch Covid. Some of the precautions include:

- Wearing masks
- Social distancing
- Eating at separate lunch counters
- Washing down desks/chairs after you touch them

Even with all of these precautions, there is still a chance that you could get sick. There are less students then there would normally be, making it easier to do things like eat at separate lunch tables and social distance. Even though all of these procedures are taking place, Covid cases are still going up. According to CNN.Com, "There has been a 90% increase in the number of Covid-19 cases among children in the United States..." Meaning that ever since the reopening of schools, Covid-19 cases are not stopping. At the earlier stages of the pandemic, people thought that children were "immune" to the virus, because they didn't show the symptoms, unlike adults. That was believed to be true, until a 5-year-old in Iowa died from the virus. The child died on August 6th, and even with this knowledge, schools have decided to open up again. With the fact that children can show symptoms, schools have decided to do a daily temperature check as students enter school grounds.



Even though there was a spike with children's Covid cases, Florida has been flattening the curve with their Covid cases. So even though schools are having a rough time, Florida has been making an effort to stop the Covid cases with children's schools in mind.

CENSUS 2020

Have you spent the five minutes it takes to fill out your U. S. Census questionnaire? The deadline is September 30th and your count really matters. The more people who are counted in our area, the more it helps leaders decide how billions of dollars are allocated to support schools, roads, hospitals and healthcare, fire and emergency response services and many more programs. Visit 2020Census.gov or call the phone number below in your preferred language.

The 2020 Census can be completed by phone in the below languages.

English and Spanish Language Hours of Operation: Customer Service Representatives are available every day from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. Eastern Time on the following phone lines:

- English: 844-330-2020
- Spanish: 844-468-2020

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MOVIE REVIEWS

By: Raleigh Hagood

Mulan: (PG-13) According to the New York Times “Feet flying, Mulan enters her new movie with speed and wit. She’s a tyke when she first appears, chasing a protesting chicken. When it takes flight, so does Mulan, by scampering over roofs and all but dancing in the air. The bird is one of the few things that elude her during this otherwise less-than-buoyant epic, which tracks Mulan as she transforms from an unruly daughter into a masculinized warrior in the name of family, nation and those twinned imperial powers called China and Disney



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Children Of The Sea: (PG) According to The New York Times, “On summer break, while visiting the aquarium, Ruka, a reserved 14-year-old girl with a curious connection to the sea, meets two brothers who were raised by dugongs (manatee-adjacent mammals also known as “sea cows”). The brothers are being studied for their aquatic abilities: Their bodies are more adjusted to living in the water than on land. Ruka soon finds they’re involved in a larger mystery about disappearing sea life”

Ghost topic: (PG) according to New York Times, “The woman is Khadija (Saadia Bentaïeb), a middle-aged Maghrebi immigrant living and working in [Brussels](#). She’s part of a corporate cleaning crew, on the night shift. We see her operating machinery in a building lobby and laughing with co-workers over coffee in a conference room. On the metro home, she oversleeps and is stranded at the end of the line.”

2020 TRENDS

By Raeligh Hagood And Yael Alfosno

There are some awesome trends here in 2020. We have Tik Tok trends, and Fashion Trends. These are all some amazing trends, but should we actually say them, I think we should. First we have Tik Tok trends, some popular trends we have are morning cheers, dinner with me, Tik Tok fashion trends, and Small Bites.



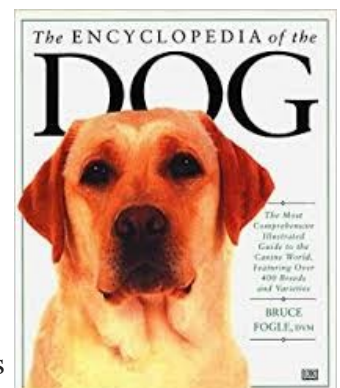
Morning cheers are where you do a cheer and they give you some cheer in your life but in a sassy way. Next we have dinner with me, dinner with me is a Tik Tok trend where you show your usual dinner routine, and what goes on during dinner. Now we have Tik Tok fashion trends, Tik Tok fashion trends are where you get to show off your different types of style to people around the world. Next, there are Small Bites small bites is a cute trend where you show your pet some food and you tell them to take a small bite. Fashion trends are also very in right now, Checkered vans, Tiny backpacks, Black ankle boots, fluffy jackets, ripped jeans, Sweaters, Crop tops, And jean jackets. These are some of the best trends from 2020 hope y'all liked our trends let us know which one was the best.

BOOK REVIEW (*The Encyclopedia of the Dog* by Bruce Fogle)

By: Gabby Powell

This book explores the many great breeds of dogs, their history with humans, and the way they have influenced us for the better. This book is great for anyone who is thinking about getting a dog, recommending a breed or, just wants to learn more about dogs in general.

This book is said to be the” most comprehensive illustrated guide to the canine world, featuring over 400 breeds and varieties”, and it clearly shows, I have never seen such a book that is able to describe these dogs in such a way that anyone could enjoy. Someone could read this book and instantly learn something from it no matter how many times you read this book you will always learn something new, after one single read you will be able to know the name of at least one new dog (i.e Polish Hound) then after the next read you will be able to identify it with just one look (broad chest, usually dark brown, low ears, etc...)



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RIDDLES AND JOKES

Some tricky riddles and jokes!

By: Mackenzie Smoley

1. Q: You see a boat filled with people. It has not sunk, but when you look again you don't see a single person on the boat. Why?
2. Q: I come from a mine and always get surrounded by wood. Everyone uses me. What am I?
3. Q: I have keys, but no locks and space, and no rooms. You can enter, but you can't go outside. What am I?
4. Q: How many letters are in the alphabet?
5. Q: A father and his son are on a walk. Both the father and the son get hit by a car, and they go to separate hospitals. The son ended up needing surgery, and when the surgeon was about to start the operation, they said "I can't operate on him, he is my son!", how is this possible?



ANSWERS:

1. Everybody on the boat was married!
2. A pencil
3. keyboard.
4. There are 11 letters in "the alphabet".
5. The surgeon was his mom!

Quote Of The Week

By: Sarah Thompson

"A friend is one that knows you as you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become, and still, gently allows you to grow"
-William Shakespeare

OWL OF THE WEEK (Eastern Screech 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 Eastern Screech Owl is a small fluffy brown owl. This owl is usually around 8.5 inches long, and their wingspan is about 21 inches long. They have big yellow eyes, and small ear tufts. They are of least concern in the endangered list, and in fact are increasing. Unlike many owls, the Eastern Screech Owl has the most varied diet. According to AnimalsSpot.net they will eat anything that swims, flies, wriggles, or runs. They live on the east and middle side of North America. They usually nest in tree holes, woodpecker holes, and even human made bird houses. The Eastern Screech Owls lifespan is around 14 years in the wild, and 20 years in captivity. So, this is a little bit of information on the Eastern Screech owl. An amazing species of owls to have on this planet.



The Eastern Screech owl sitting in a tree. By: Chesapeake Bay Program