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Weekly Survey

Do you think ghosts are real?

Take the survey at:

https://tinyurl.com/ux69uuct



Quote of the Week

"Now is not a time to think of what you do not have. Think of what you can do with what." -Ernest Hemingway

This quote was chosen to remind you to be grateful for what you have and never for what you don't.



These Thanksgiving quotes capture the true meaning of the holiday. (2021, September 22). Oprah Daily. https://www.oprahdaily.com/file/g28721147/thanksgiving-quotes-blessings/



Elf Owl

#bioPGH: Great horned owls | Phipps conservatory and botanical gardens | Pittsburgh PA. (n.d.). Phipps Conservatory.

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Principal's Message



Need more ideas? Check out the 30-Day Gratitude Challenge at https://healthyhappyimpactful.com/30 -day-gratitude-challenge/

Principal's Message:

November is National Gratitude Month. Take time this month to acknowledge all of the things for which you are grateful.

Here are some ideas:

Send a card or positive note to someone just because

Do a random act of kindness

Thank your parents/guardians

Look in the mirror and say what you are grateful for about yourself

Try a gratitude meditation

List five things you're grateful for using your senses

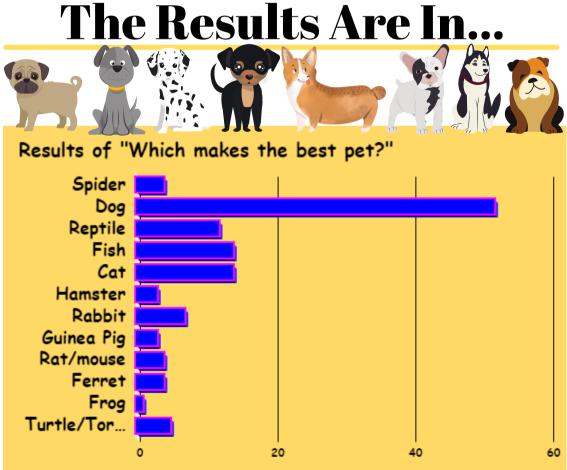
Send a thank you to someone who inspired you

Share how you're grateful for a gift you received

Write a memory you cherish

Go one day without complaining

Take time for self-care





COMMUNITY

FALL DESSERT RECIPE

Apple Pie Bites

(From https://theblondcook.com/)

Total Time: 27 minutes Yield: 8 apple pie bites

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon apple pie spice, and additional apple pie spice (about 1/4 teaspoon) for sprinkling on top of crescent rolls
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans (optional)
- 1 small Granny Smith apple, cored and sliced into 8 (1/2-inch) slices
- 1 (8 ounce) tube Pillsbury Original crescent rolls

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat your oven to 375 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar and apple pie spice. Set aside.
- 3. Melt butter and toss apple slices in butter, set aside.
- 4. Arrange crescent roll triangles on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Evenly distribute brown sugar mixture onto each triangle. (Optional-Sprinkle each triangle evenly with the chopped pecans.)
- 5. Place an apple slice on the wide end of each triangle. Wrap crescent roll dough around each apple.
- 6. Brush each crescent roll with remaining butter. Sprinkle lightly with additional apple pie spice.
- 7. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden brown.
- 8. Cool for 5 minutes before serving. Delicious served with vanilla ice cream and/or caramel syrup!





THE ATHENIAN SOCIETY

An after-school mentoring club for middle school girls

Wednesdays from 2:00pm-3:00pm

WISDOM • COURAGE • STRENGTH

Want a weekly club to get together with trusted friends and have fun discussing topics such as

- · friendship
- · peer pressure
- · making the right decisions
 - · managing stress
- conflict resolution

Then this is the club for you!

Middle school can be a tough time socially. The Athenian Society gives you a fun, relaxing group where you can feel safe to laugh, share, create, and receive insights. Each week you wil also learn a vital life skill that will help you move through middle school and beyond with more wisdom, courage, and strength. Please join us!



WHAT GIRLS AND PARENTS ARE SAYING:

Athenian Society with Ms. Tame has been a great experience this past year. I'm allowed the freedom to be me without judgement. I would recommend the program to anyone at OGA in need of a space to talk and enjoy yourself. —Natalie, age 12

The Athenian Society was a safe place to talk to Ms. Tame and other girls about how I felt and to have great conversations! It was very fun to meet up with everyone and share about how our week was! —Katherine, age 12

My daughter loved the club and connecting with her peers especially during the COVID months. Creating a safe place for young sifts to share idaes and experiences is extremely important and Athenian Society was instrumental in my daughter's development this year. She is excited to be a part of it gagin. "Rose, parent MS. KRISTEN TAME

Certified Life Coach
Florida Certified Educator
Former OGA Teacher



Would you like more information or are you ready to sign up? Contact me!

1630 EAST COLONIAL DRIVE



Kristen Tame

Educational Mentor & Consultant

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Classes are for middle school girls and are only \$10 per week or \$35 per month! Interested in joining? Please have your parents email me to reserve your spot!



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save the date









Order online: ogamemberhub.com/store

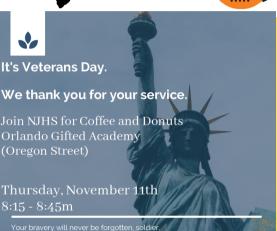
Adult & Youth sizes: \$12/ea

PTA will deliver the orders to your student's homeroom.

Email any questions: ogapta@gmail.com.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





November 18, 2021

Teach-In at OGA

Join us and share about your profession with our OWLmazing students!

For more information contact our school

counselor, Ms. Niccarra Brown

All presenters must be ADDitions approved.





Please donate the following items:

Double A batteries

Triple A batteries

9v batteries

Lego

Printer paper

Black/Blue/Gree/Red Markers



DONATIONS

MAKE AN IMPACT





Fun Spot

By: Raleigh H.

- 1. What do you call security guards working outside Samsung? Guardians of the galaxy!
- 2. How do Minecraft players celebrate? By throwing a block
- 3. How did the computer get out of the house? He used windows!
- 4. What computer sings the best? A dell!
- 5. What do you call a computer superhero? A screen saver!
- 6. What do you get when you cross a computer and McDonalds? A big mac!
- 7. How do trees get on the internet? They log in!
- 8. Why did the boy send his girlfriend's valentine through Twitter? Because she's his tweetheart!
- 9. If an apple was a pirate ship, what would the crewmates wear? An iPatch!
- 10. How does a skeleton call his friends? On the tele-bone!

CLOTHING & SHOES COLLECTION FUNDRAISER!

Bring items to the bin located at our school!

Every pound of clothing collected will raise money

THINGS WE NEED



Men's, Women's & Children's

Casual, Athletic, Formal, Jeans, Jackets, Shoes, Shirts, Sweaters

and small household items such as pots and pans (non glass items)



Upcoming Events & What's for Lunch?

By: Max C

Upcoming Events:								
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
Nov 1, 2021	Nov 2, 2021	Nov 3, 2021 College Spirit Day	Nov 4, 2021	Nov 5, 2021 School Spirit Day	Nov 6, 2021 OGA PTA Middle School Beautification Day 10am-1pm			
Nov 8, 2021	Nov 9, 2021 Elementary School Multicultural Night	Nov 10, 2021 College Spirit Day	Nov 11, 2021 Elementary School Multicultural Night 5-6:30	Nov 12, 2021 School Spirit Day	Nov 13, 2021			



Peas & Carrots

Satsuma Orange

Orange Juice

Fruit Juice

Apple Juice

Cucumber Salad

Diced Peach Cup

Banana

Check out the Photography class							
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Got an interesting story idea? email Mrs. Olowu at falisha.olowu@ocps.net

What's for Lunch?							
Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Nov 1, 20 ENTREES PIZZABOII NO NUT BU VEGETABLI Italian Blei Vegetable: Roasted G Carrots FRUITS Orange Ju Fruit Juice Apple Juic Fresh App	tter Box ES nd s slazed	Nov 2, 2021 ENTREES Beef Nachos with Cheese Sauce Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Wedges Yogurt & Cheese Cool Pack VEGETABLES Lettuce & Tomato Cup Salsa Dipping Cup FRUITS Orange Juice Fruit Juice Apple Juice Strawberry Cup	Nov 3, 2021 ENTREES Rotini Pasta with Meat Sauce Italian Deli Wrap Italian Deli - Gluten Free (No Cheese)CK BREADS/GRAINS Garlic Bread Stick VEGETABLES Tomato & Cucumber Salad Fresh Steamed Broccoli FRUITS Mix Fruit Cup Applesauce Cup	Nov 4, 2021 ENTREES Omelet, Bacon, & French Toast Platter VEGETABLES Emoji Fries Vegetarian Baked Beans FRUITS Grapefruit, Wedged Fresh Apple Slices	Nov 5, 2021 ENTREES Chicken Fajita Wrap VEGETABLES Marinara Dipping Sauce Cup Peas & Carrots FRUITS Mix Fruit Cup Orange Juice Fruit Juice Apple Juice		
November ENTREES Breaded M Sticks PBJ Sand VEGETABLI Marinara [Sauce Cul Green Bea FRUITS	Mozzarella wich Box Es Dipping	November 9, 2021 ENTRES Fiesta Nachos Chix Fajita Salad BREADS/GRAINS Com Tortilla Chips VEGETABLES Lettuce & Tomato Cup Salsa Dipping Cup FRUITS	November 10, 2021 ENTRES TUrkey American Crois Hot BREADS/GRAINS White Rice VEGETABLES Seasoned Black Beans Coleslaw	November 11, 2021 ENTREES Chicken Nuggets Turkey & American Flat Summer BREADS/GRAINS Goldfish Pretzels VEGETABLES Corn on the Cob Peas & Carrots	November 12, 2021 ENTREES Vegetarian Penne Pasta PBJ Sandwich Box BREADS/GRAINS Goldfish Pretzels VEGETABLES Garlic Spinach Cucumber Salad		

Coleslaw FRUITS

Applesauce Cup Mix Fruit Cup

Peach Cup

Fresh Apple Slices

Orange Juice

Fresh Tangerine

Fruit Juice

Staff Member & Teacher of the Week

By: Sarah T.

Mr. Miller

The teacher spotlight for this issue is Mr. Miller. He teaches Social Studies on the middle school level, Advanced World History for 6th graders and Advanced Civics for 7th graders. When asked how he felt about being chosen for the teacher spotlight, he responded with, "I'm excited for the opportunity to help aspiring journalists in achieving their goals" which is an absolutely wonderful answer. Mr. Miller became a teacher a few years ago after doing other types of work. It was not his original plan, but he and his wife decided they would both try to be teachers. An amazing example of how sometimes things don't always go as planned, but they can still turn into something good. When asked how his teaching experience has been, he answered with, "My experience has been enriching and exciting to learn from students and teach them about things I picked up along the way." At one point in time, Mr. Miller actually taught in China. He shared that the funniest story he has was when he taught there, he was the only teacher who was not originally from China and he used to have to maneuver his way around school to avoid the 1st and 2nd graders because they used to jump onto him, hold him down, and try to feel his arm hair since they weren't used to seeing anyone with it. That must have been rough, but it is kind of funny. When asked how he would like students to remember him, he said, "As an authentic educator and someone who tries his best to live by the shared agreements", which is a pretty fair ask for any teacher. As someone who is currently an educator, the advice he would have given his younger self before teaching was to "get ready for the roller coaster" which he said is up for interpretation. A couple of interesting facts about Mr Miller is that he has a very high tolerance for spicy things, which is pretty cool, he has been told he is a very good cook, for the book worms out there, he is a big reader and has read many books, and he has travelled to very many different places around the world. If you see him in the hallways, be sure to congratulate him for being the teacher spotlight.



Ms. Hale



The staff spotlight for this issue is Mrs. Hale. She is the dean and instructional coach here at OGA, and as of October 26th, she is our first-ever Assistant Principal! When asked how she felt about being elected for the staff member spotlight, she replied with, "I'm very excited about it, it makes me feel very important", good to know that she feels that way. Mrs. Hale decided to work at a school when she was in the 5th grade, so pretty early on. "I wanted to be a teacher and went to college in upstate New York. I moved here a few years ago and then I got the job as a 4th grade teacher. I switched to being an instructional coach for teachers because I wanted to build capacity in others and teach them how to teach math differently to affect students more academically." She says the most interesting thing about working at a school is that, "I get to meet really great students and parents and watch certain kids at lunch or outside of class become very different people than in the classroom. Sometimes they seem very quiet and reserved, but at lunch, they are complete social butterflies. Being able to interact with them in a different environment is great, plus the leadership team pulls pranks all the time so it is interesting to see what they come up with next." When asked about the best and worst parts of working at a school, she responded with, "The discipline and having to call parents and when they sometimes blame me is the worst part, the best part is interacting with great people and seeing their development and I get to learn every single day." which is understandable, but it must be nice to see people develop. Some interesting facts about Mrs. Hale is that she plays the piano, is very good at racquetball, math and science are her favorite subjects, she has 2 dogs and 2 kids, and she has a brother that works as an animator for Disney and another brother that was on an Olympic diving team. If you see Mrs. Hale anywhere, be sure to congratulate her too.

Is Blocking Websites on Computers Good?

By: Kai M.

I'm sure all of us have gotten blocked at some point by the school's admin. It has been annoying at times for the inconvenience, but it can also help keep you from being exposed to inappropriate content.

Schools often block websites for maturity, but sometimes when researching for a class, it can limit the information the student has access to, making it hard to do any research away from school. It can be stressful for teachers too when they want to lead the class to a website for educational purposes and some kids say: it's blocked! It can also discourage children to use the internet to its full potential. It can also be a problem when they grow up and all websites are available. By learning the dangers of the wen early, they can adjust and reduce the risk of misusing it when they get older.

Blocking websites also has a good side. It can stop students from looking at or reading violent or inappropriate content. It can also block kids from playing games during times they should be studying. Teachers do this also to stop children from visiting "mature" sites.

The overly restrictive filters on our computers can be a problem, but they also filter out inappropriate sites. Schools should block some websites to protect their students, but they also should let the students access other websites for freedom to look things up.



Thanksgiving Celebrations

By: Quinn G

Thanksgiving, it's just like it sounds. Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks, not just to friends and family, but to everyone. With it coming up we need to know how different people celebrate this holiday. There are three main ways to celebrate and they are not all on the same day.

First, Japan's version of Thanksgiving is called Kinro Kansha No Hi. They celebrate the holiday by making thank-you cards for policemen, firefighters or other community workers. It evolved from an ancient rice harvest festival, Niinamesai. It can be traced back to the seventh century A.D (B.C.E). Also, it occurs on November 23 and the date has never changed.

Secondly, Every October 25, people on the West Indian island, Grenada, celebrate their own version of thanksgiving to celebrate the day of a joint Caribbean and U.S. military invasion of Grenada in 1983. Today, the Grenadian Thanksgiving features formal ceremonies of remembrance in the major cities, but usually goes uncelebrated in less populated areas.

Lastly, the good ol' USA. The US citizens gather on the fourth Thursday of November to watch parades, football games, eat yummy food, and spend time with their families. It was originally celebrated when the pilgrims and the natives sat down and had a feast and festivities.

To conclude, Thanksgiving is celebrated in many different ways in many different countries. So, however you celebrate, just say thanks!

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Mandela Effects

By: Raleigh H.





Mandela effects happen all the time, from misquoted movie lines to recalling entire events that never happened, Mandela effects, while weird, can be quite fascinating. There are many many Mandela effects, but before we get into those, what the heck are Mandella effects in the first place? Well According to Medicalnews.com, Fiona Broome came up with the idea of Mandella effects, and she defines it as "When a person or group of people have a false memory or event" This means for example if half of OGA thought that our mascot was a peacock, but the other half knew it was an owl, that would be a Mandella Effect!

Now a few examples of a Mandela effect would be, do you think curious George had a tail? Well, you'd be surprised to know he didn't! Never did, never will. You are welcome to look him up, and he never had a tail! Another example would be, does Pikachu have a black spot on his tail? Similar to the black on his ears, does he have something on his tails? Nope! He never did! See? Fascinating right? Okay, how about the Monopoly man? Did he ever have a monocle? Nope! Never! The last one, here we go, The robber emoji, pictured here, never existed but According to Goodhousekeeping.com, over 78% of the world remembers him!

According to Theconversation.com the Mandela effect first started way back in 2010, when many many people thought that Nelson Mandela passed in the 1980s, but the truth is, he passed in 2013, from a prolonged respiratory infection. However, Nelson did get out of prison around 1980-1990. He served 27 years for opposing South Africa's apartheid system. An apartheid system is really just racist laws, encouraging segregation. But, yes. Many thought he passed, and many remembered seeing his funeral on television. The entire Mandela Effect was created by Fionna Broome, Though most believe Nelson Mandella created it when he was only the inspiration. According to Verywellmind.com, Fiona created a detailed website, talking about her experience with this phenomenon.

According to Verywellmind.com, "One theory about the basis for the Mandela effect originates from quantum physics and relates to the idea that rather than one timeline of events, it is possible that alternate realities or universes are taking place and mixing with our timeline. In theory, this would result in groups of people having the same memories because the timeline has been altered as we shift between these different realities." Take this how you must, but the way the author intended for it to be taken was as our universe has mistakes, and we go into a different timeline and see something we shouldn't, then, when we arrive back at our timeline, we all have the same memory about something that happened, when others don't recall it at all, because they didn't shift into the other timeline along with the others.

In conclusion, Mandela effects are fun to think about, but they are also a million times more fascinating, when you know the backstory behind them, popular beliefs as to why they happen, and all the examples about them.

Top Rock Concerts Of 2022

By: Sarah T.

Rock and roll fans, listen up. Your happiness level may just go up a little bit here in a minute. Covid-19 has really put a damper on festivities in the past year and a half, including those concerts we all know and love. Don't worry though, they are making their comeback. Lucky for us rock fans, 2022 will hold some amazing concerts from the beginning of the year, until the end.

- Def Leppard/ Motley Crue/ Poison/ Joan Jett and the Blackhearts- Sunday June 19th, 2022 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm, at the Camping World Stadium in Orlando
- Red Hot Chili Peppers- Thursday September 15th,
 2022 at the Camping World Stadium in Orlando
- Steve Vai– Wednesday February 16th, 2022 from 8 pm to 10 pm at The Plaza Live in Orlando
- Backstreet Boys- Tuesday June 21st, 2022 from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm at the MIDFLORIDA Credit Union Amphitheatre in Tampa
- New Kids On The Block- Sunday July 10th from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm at the Amway Center in Orlando

There are a few more happening, but these five seemed the most eye-catching. If nothing else is occupying your time that day, maybe go and check these concerts out. As always, have fun and rock on!



The History of Koi Fish

By: Kai M.

Koi are brightly coloured fish that come in the colours of cream, white, black, red, orange, yellow, blue, and many other types. This has led many people to ask the question of where they came from and how they evolved to come in so many varieties. It's Japan's National fish!

Unlike the misconception, Koi fish are more closely related to a type of carp. They originated in the early 19th century Japan when Rice Farmers caught the colourful mutations of the carp and bred them together to create more coloured varieties. Breeding Koi fish is taken very seriously in Japan, and some can sell for more than \$1,000! Because of this selective breeding, there are now a lot of different varieties of koi in the world. Now many people around the world have koi ponds and there is a competition for the best Koi in Japan.





Kids Shouldn't Have Homework

By: Quinn G.



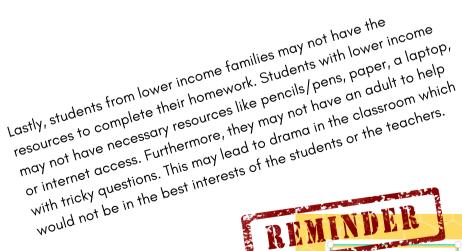
Homework, the staple of at home drama. Most of us have done it, (sadly) whether or not you have done it we all know how teachers love homework. And most things you may have homework on, were barely touched in class. These are all reasons why kids should not have homework.

Firstly, let's touch on home drama. Yet all of it is not based around homework, an astounding amount of it is. From math to reading, almost any subject of homework can cause drama at home, one example of this is if a parent asks a student why their homework is not done and they go on to have an argument about chores, video games etc. All of these things are not even relevant in comparison to the original subject... homework.

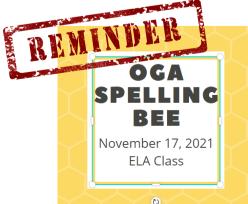
Secondly, kids do not understand half of the homework. Lots of teachers that cover lots of subjects over lots of class periods have limited time, and they even admit to it themselves. This means that they may spend more time giving homework than explaining the subject. This then leads to the student asking the parent for help, the parent asking why they didn't pay attention, and an argument ensuing. So that being said this is another example of why students should not have homework.











How Rare is Your Eye Color?

By: Anna R.

No one's eyes are exactly the same, just like fingerprints, everyone's eyes are unique and special to them. The iris of the eye, or the area around the pupil, is the colored part of a person's eye. The color of our eyes is determined by how much melanin our bodies have. For example, people with brown eyes have more melanin than people with blue, green, or gray eyes.

For starters, brown eyes are the most common eye color amongst people. Roughly about 70% – 80% of the population have brown eyes. There are many different shades of brown that can occur, and they are all beautiful. Unlike lighter colored eyes, it is said that people with brown eyes are better protected from the sun, and have a lower chance of getting any type of eye disease. This is because of the higher amounts of melanin in the iris.

Next up, only about 8% - 10% of the population have blue eyes. As previously stated, blue-eyed people have less melanin in their iris. Blue eyes can be found in almost every shade, ranging from dark blue, all the way to light blue. Unfortunately, people with blue eyes tend to be much more sensitive to sunlight than darker colored eyes because of the lower amounts of melanin.

Continuing on, only roughly 5% of the population has hazel eyes. hazel eyes are a mixture of green, brown, and sometimes even orange bursts of color. They don't have as much melanin as individuals with brown eyes, but they have a little more than people with blue eyes. A cool thing about hazel eyes is that they often can change color. Depending on someone's mood, how healthy they are, or even the sunlight outside, it can affect the color.

The last and rarest eye colors are green and gray eyes. Only about 2% - 3% of the population have these colors of eyes. The reason they are so rare is that they have an "uncommon" amount of melanin in them. green eyes have less than brown, but more than blue. That's why sometimes hazel eyes can be mistaken for green eyes or vice versa. Additionally, individuals with gray eyes have the least amount of melanin than all of the eye colors. That's why they seem almost colorless, or gray.

So, after reading about all the different eye colors, where do you fall into the categories? Each and every one of them is intriguing and special in its own way. Remember that no matter your eye color you are still very unique!

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The Antartic Expedition

By: Alex M.

There have been many expeditions to, from, and around Antarctica since one of the first expeditions led by Australian explorer Douglas Mawson from 1911-1914 in which Mawson explored the largely uncharted Antarctic coast which was previously completely unexplored explored. Another expedition by a United States Exploration Team whilst also testing the new "Antarctic Snow Cruiser" otherwise known as "The Penguin" or "The Penguin 1" and its 5-passenger Beechcraft Model 17 Staggerwing biplane in their bright red paint along with giant tires and a bright yellow, white, and black stripe across the middle and top of the "Snow Cruiser". The "Snow Cruiser" after the 11 weeks it took to build the machine along with the 1,020-mile journey from Chicago to Boston where the machine boarded the: USCGC "North Star" and started its two month trip to "Little America" in the "Bay of Whales" and in early January of 1940 it arrived, from there it made its 92-mile trek through the antarctic desert. There have been many Antarctic Expeditions and most but not all have been successful in exploring the Antarctic.

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BOO(k)!

From the Pages Character Costume Day

































Caught On Campus



Hey, Owls! Please help us give a warm welcome to our new front office clerk, Ms Jones! Welcome to our OWLsome team!

Thanks for celebrating Breast Canver
Awareness with us on 10/18 by wearing pink
and helping NJHS raise money for the
Central FL Breast Cancer Foundation.







Our 2nd Grade Owlberts are using their best animal impressions as part of their Mission Fit: Possible PE lesson. I wonder if they can do the owl...

Got pics you want to share? Email Mrs. Olowu at falisha.olowu@ocps.net



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