

THE MESSENGER OWL

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Quote of the Week

"Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."

Albus Dumbledore

This quote represents that even when you feel lost, like in a dark room, you just need to think positive to turn on your light to be happy

Principal's Message

Owlberts,

I want to thank all of you for a great beginning to the school year. I appreciate your hard work during our first round of FAST assessments. Now that testing is behind us, we can shift our efforts to being the best student possible. Setting goals and striving to attain them daily is essential to finding success. One goal I had for OGA was to start this school year with positive energy. I can say that the positivity around our campus has been infectious from students, families, and staff. My next goal is to continue to build off that momentum to ensure that each of you is supported in attaining the goals that you have set for yourself.

"You never know when one kind act, or one word of encouragement, can change a life forever." Zig Ziglar



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Jane Austen

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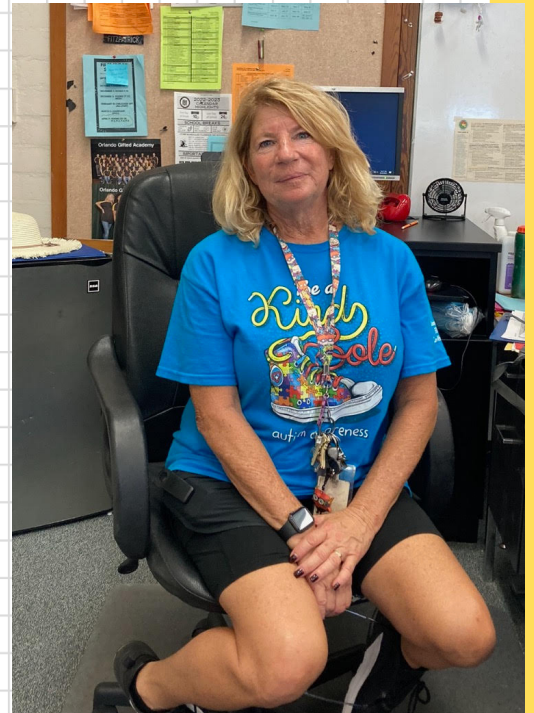
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Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Fitzpatrick

by Emi M.

This week on our Teacher & Staff Spotlight we have Ms. Fitzpatrick as our teacher! Ms. Fitzpatrick is a PE teacher who teaches many things like movement, proper nutrition, and sportsmanship! Kids grade 2nd through 7th grade has a chance to have her class! Previously Ms. Fitzpatrick only used to teach second through third grade but she recently upgraded to have more grades, including some middle school. She did this because she loves the kids and how unique they are! She is an amazing teacher, and even once was in a movie! That is super impressive! Ms. Fitzpatrick is a great teacher, you might be lucky enough to get her class one year!



Staff Spotlight: Ms. White

by Emi M.

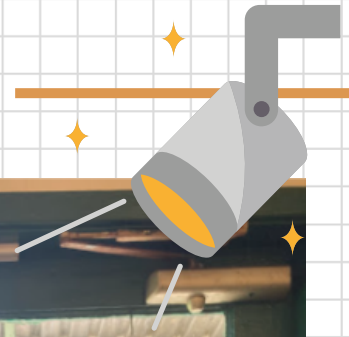


This year on our Teacher & Staff Spotlight we have Ms. White as our Staff! Ms. White is a big help around the school, balancing honor society for elementary, Individual counseling, Highschool credits, and much more she sure gets a lot done! She has been teaching for 10 years in orange county and 2 years as a counselor. For 5 years before she was a counselor, she did in-school suspension and taught elementary school which shows to follow your heart! Ms. White joined OGA because of the smaller amount of students and the kindhearted family, like the staff. She loves seeing kids excel and follow their dreams, she is amazing! She also helps with morning duty, so make sure to say hi to her in the hallways!



Student Spotlight

By Isaiah A.



Here is an interview with one of our new students, Genevieve!

Q - What school did you go to before OGA?

A - Maitlen Middle.

Q - What are your opinions on the school so far?

A - It's a great learning environment and I like how the teachers set up everything.

Q - What have you liked about OGA so far?

A - The people here are really nice, it's easy to make friends, people don't judge you, you kind of do your own thing.

Make sure to make Genevieve feel welcome to OGA!



By Isaiah A.

Class Spotlight



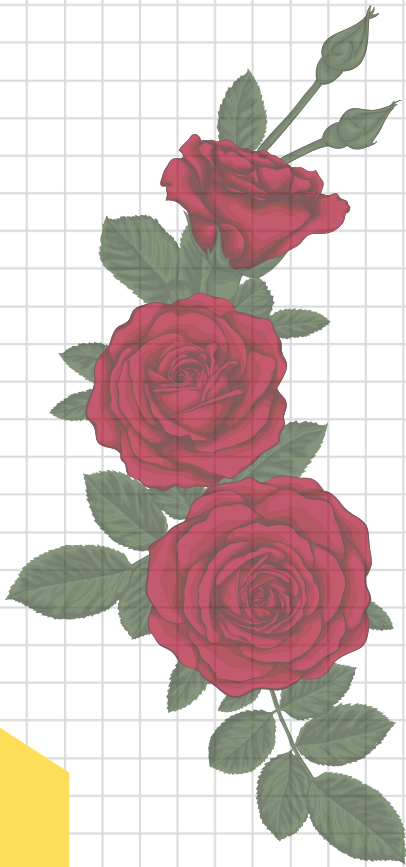
For our class spotlight, we will look at the Odyssey of the Mind class. The class is made up of two teams who will be participating in an international creative thinking competition. Teams choose a problem to solve and then compete in spontaneous and long-term creative problem-solving. Caden, an 8th grader in Odyssey of the Mind, says, "It's fun in general, some are interesting or fun, set building is fun, rehearsals, making changes to stuff, the process is fun." The class is more than doing your own thing, "it's more student organized," Caden said. When asked if he would recommend this class to other students, he said, "It takes commitment, but I would. It's a more active class, with more activities and a contest."

If parents want to coach their own team, contact Mrs. Olowu at falisha.olowueocps.net



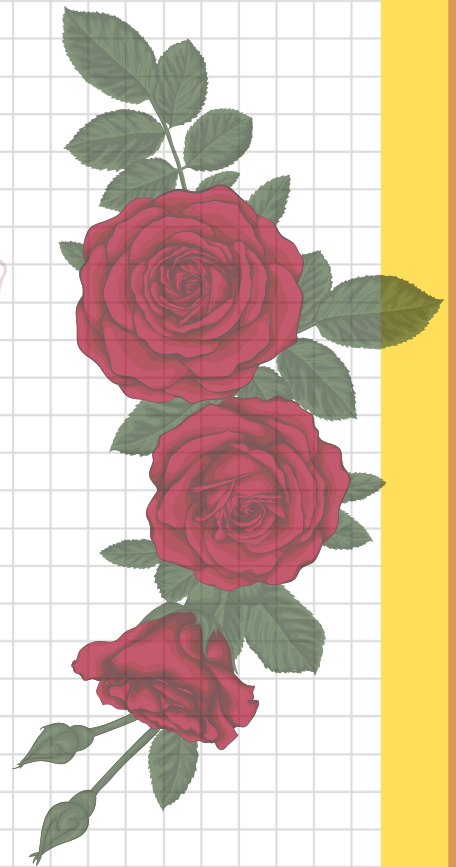
Roses remind me of...

by Anaiyah C.



My monday mornings in the fields
They manage staying the same
My mother's kisses linger here
Each one a different say
I'll surely let my friends stop by
Still, a warm touch is gone
My mother's favorite roses are here
Her arms, they fit me like a scarf

I can see the red in the greens
Prickly thorns a sharp reminder
I can feel the pink through my jeans
Maybe gardening was her only desire
White washes out all my good means
Mommy was often tired
My mother's faded roses are here
Her charm, forbidden in flowers.



by Dmitry K. **The Redundancy of the Letter "Q"**



The letter Q should not exist because it is redundant. Quite literally, every sound it makes is either the sound of the letter K or the sound of k and w in conjunction. I mean seriously, it should not exist. Not only will it be more practical but there is also the fact that we would be saving the environment. We would be removing one key from the keyboard! It may seem insignificant but when you account for the fact that there are over 352,660,000 computers in the US and UK alone! This means that insane amounts of plastic could be prevented from getting into the environment because the letter Q is on every one of their keyboards.

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All About Lilies

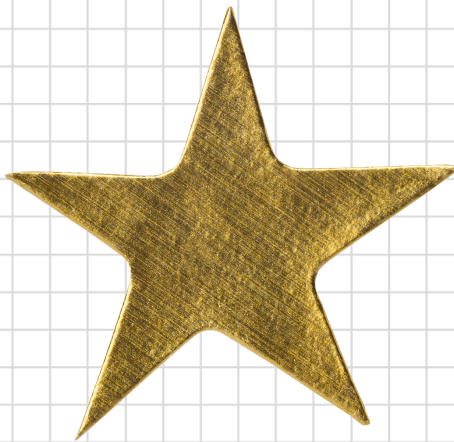
by Kristina K.

Lilies are fascinating flowers. Did you know there are over 90 types of lilies? Amazing, I know. Lilies are magnificent and hold a lot of meaning. In Greek mythology, Hera's symbol is a lily. It symbolizes innocence & purity. In China, it represents love & luck. You can usually find lilies around early spring, however, it depends because there are over 90 species. Lilies are popular due to the fact they are one of the best-cut flowers you can find. Many flowers are named Lilies, however, they are not real lilies. So be careful.



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Why is Labor Day Important?

by Emi M.

Every year on the first Monday of September we miss school because well, it's labor day. Surprisingly though, nobody knows the importance or history of labor day. It's just known as an excuse to have a three-day weekend. So, what is labor day actually for? It is to celebrate workers and the working class! In the late 1800s, having the first September off work was a big deal. Back then, employees which included many children were often forced to work 12 hours a day, six days a week, in crowded spaces with bad ventilation. Soon enough, people were fighting for better conditions by organizing violent strikes and rallies. In 1894, Labor Day was declared a national holiday. In recent years, parades were canceled due to the pandemic but hopefully, they will resume this year.

The Effects of Global Warming

by Ellie S.

All around America, and throughout the world, record-high temperatures have been popping up one after the other. The number of 2022 natural disasters is constantly climbing. And it's no shocker what the cause is; Global warming has been an enemy for quite a while. But nobody expected it to affect us so soon, and it's certainly done much more than just heightening the temperatures. The wildfires, droughts, and other catastrophes are no coincidence. And they're certainly not going away. In California alone, there have already been around 5,400 incidents involving wildfires in 2022. Droughts have also been visibly harsher and longer recently. But droughts and fires aren't the only disasters that this issue can cause. Global warming makes the surface temperature of the ocean rise a great deal - and this creates a lot more problems than one would think. A center of climate change studies found that "warmer sea surface temperatures could intensify tropical storm wind speeds, potentially delivering more damage if they make landfall." They also wrote about how hurricanes can become more wet than usual, meaning a lot more rainfall and damage. These many scenarios are all results of the overall issue; global warming itself. Living where we are, we haven't been affected by these larger issues yet. But we see global warming firsthand in ways that I think all students have noticed by now. The temperatures all over the world are rising significantly, and it's becoming quite difficult to ignore. Only a few days ago, Orlando was at a temperature of exactly 100 degrees. The students walking in the halls were sweltering, and I'm sure I heard at least 10 people wish they'd worn different clothes. Though it felt like it couldn't get any worse, it has in other places. "Europe is experiencing its worst-ever heatwave, with temperatures reaching record levels... Temps of more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit over the last few days have spelled misery for millions and shattered heat records, focusing attention on the impact of global warming." This is an excerpt from an article that spoke about the heightening temperatures, so it's clear that these conditions aren't some coincidence- and, judging by what the article provided, they aren't minor either. Of course, global warming is no joke. Its consequences are loud and clear - but not to worry, because there are many ways to help! One obvious plan to pitch in would be to use renewable energy in your home and to try wasting water/food less. Other approaches could be to use less fuel-based transportation, remember to turn off lights and electric appliances and recycle whenever possible. But the most effective way to help fix global warming is to...drum roll please...speak up! There's no better way to pitch in than letting others know about what's happening, and what they can do to contribute. Spreading awareness is what does one of the biggest jobs, and it's more effective than you might think; so don't ever be scared to share your thoughts and ideas. We can make a difference if we try - and if we don't, global warming is just going to get even worse than it already is. So let's step up, and at least just be aware of what's going on around us - because that's what makes the biggest difference of all.

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Hilarious Jokes to Crack You Up!

by DmitryK.

What do you say to a Llama that loves picnicking?
Alpaca lunch.

I can't stand Russian dolls. They're so full of themselves.

Don't ever believe an atom, they make up everything.

I'm glad I know sign language, it's pretty handy.

I dropped my toothpaste, I'm crestfallen.

What do you call a dog magician? A Labracadabrador
Retriever.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive
vocabulary? A thesaurus.



"A Collection of Terrible Puns." Will Styler - UC San Diego, wstyler.ucsd.edu/puns/.

Word List

BUS	LESSONS
CRAYONS	LOCKER
DESK	PENS
ERASER	TEACHER



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Best In Show



by Phil Juliano

Everything, Everywhere, All At Once.

by Anaiyah C

Everything is stuffed into a bagel. That is, if this everything bagel were composed of time, matter, and maybe even space itself. Perhaps that's not the easiest thing to imagine.

When walking into the theater, *Everything, Everywhere, All At Once* is one of the movies that you can immediately tell is going to have you on the edge of your seat. The soundtrack cover features an "everything bagel," that's introduced later on in the movie, and when you don't know what that is, it's like looking at an advanced black hole. A black hole made of everything sprouted from mother-daughter rage.

Evelyn Wang, a middle-aged Chinese immigrant, is the protagonist of this movie. And with being middle-aged, of course, comes a midlife crisis; her marriage was failing, her father was judgemental, and her relationship with her daughter was in shambles. If that wasn't enough for Evelyn; the multiverse the "alpha" version of her husband tells her she has to save, all while filing taxes sure was!

This movie is one of the top ones to watch with your parents, especially if you have a dysfunctional relationship. Evelyn is shown to be a strict parent and would press many of her standards on her daughter, Joy, without considering how it all bottled up in her. Having to suppress your emotions can make you evil, and in *Everything, Everywhere, All At Once* that is the exact case. When I watched it with my father, he seemed a little shaken by the harsh reality of how a parent's actions can affect their kids.

No longer in theaters, you can now find this movie for rent on DVDs, Vudu, and Amazon Prime. Many people hope that more streaming services will adopt it for the sake of accessibility. As the months go on, this fantastic movie becomes vaguer and vaguer in the minds of its enjoyers. For now, *Everything, Everywhere, All At Once* will be safely stored in the everything bagel of memories in our minds.



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10 Songs in My Playlist

by Tayden L

Here are the top ten school-appropriate songs in my playlist.

Legends never die by Mako, Against The Current, and League Of Legends

This is in my playlist because it brings back memories of my childhood growing up. It also helps me not to forget anything important in school.

Backyard Boy by Claire Rosinkranz

This song helps me feel relaxed when I am scared. To me, this is classical music. The melody is peaceful and calm.

Heat Waves By Glass Animals

This is in my playlist because the first time I listened to the song, it got stuck in my head. And I almost couldn't stop listening to it.

Radioactive By Imagine Dragons

This is in my playlist because when I listen to it, the lyrics remind me of my dad. My dad worked really hard to be where he is now. He does not complain but instead, he worked to achieve it.

Blue Bird From Naruto

This is in my playlist because it is the song from my favorite anime. yeah, I watch anime.

Tacos By Little Big

This is in my playlist because it makes my little brother stop crying at any time which is good if you are like me.

Riptide By Vance Joy

This is in my playlist because it reminds me of myself and it is positive. It also sounds like me foreshadowing.

Happier By Marsh Mello

This is in my playlist because it reminds me of how much my parents would do for me.

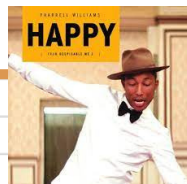


Happy By Pharrel Williams

This is in my playlist because it gives me good vibes when I am sad. The upbeat sound makes me feel happy.

Among Us In Real Life

This is in my playlist because it makes me laugh and I play the game. This concludes the top ten songs in my playlist, bye!



The Life and History of the Rickroll

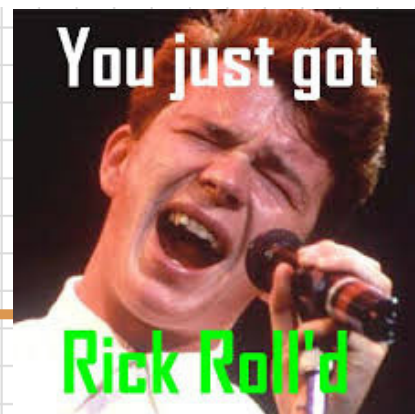
by Ellie S.

Wikipedia's definition of the world-famous Rick Roll sensation is "an internet meme involving the unexpected appearance of the song "Never Gonna Give You Up by Rick Astley." But if you are a person of merit and culture, you'll know that the Rick Roll is so much more than that. To use a more accurate explanation than our friend Wikipedia, Rickrolling someone is to trick them into clicking, hearing, or watching Rick Astley's song. If you succeed in doing so, then congratulations. That's a rickroll. Of course, if you're anyone who uses a phone or has access to one, you know this already. This is why I want to expand on the rick roll, and on its history- time to learn something new!

Though Astley released his song in 1985, the Rick Roll fad started in 2007, with just one link. The first-ever rickroll involved a link promising to be a trailer for the game "Grand Theft Auto IV," that instead directed excited gamers to the "Never Gonna Give You Up" music video. Little did the culprit, whose username was "m00t," know that they were about to launch the biggest meme sensation in internet history.

The Rick Roll has only progressed in magnitude since then, and almost every kid with a device has rick-rolled someone at least once. If you haven't, then this is a good wake-up call for you. Over 1 billion people total have been Rick Rolled so far, which is backed up by the number of views and shares on the music video. Though it's always been thriving on youtube, it's been removed twice from the site, by mistake. Even after this, YouTube still seems to love memes. They once even played an April Fools prank on their users in 2008 - every link clicked was automatically transferred to the Rick Roll video. And as you can guess, its popularity only increased even more.

The Rick Roll is known worldwide by every child - and sometimes adult - out there. Its place in the history of online memes and trends will always be alive, even when the meme itself dies out. This article is just one way of securing its place in our hearts. But even if you take nothing at all from this article, there's only one thought you have to remember; this iconic internet sensation will never, ever give you up. Or let you down.



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How to Make Homemade Bubbles

by Tayla L.

This fun how-to tutorial teaches kids how to make fun bubbles! You can do this as a fun activity as well.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups of warm water
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup blue Dawn dish soap

DIRECTIONS

1. Combine the sugar and water

Whisk the sugar into the warm water until the sugar dissolves.

2. Whisk in the soap

Add the dish soap and whisk to combine.

3. Let sit

This step is only if you have some patience or think to make the solution ahead of time.

Letting the homemade bubbles sit for a couple of hours or even overnight helps them work a bit better but is not strictly necessary.

4. Play!

Now it's time to blow bubbles with your new bubble solution!

Tips

You can also add 1/4 cup of vegetable glycerin to your homemade bubble solution if you like. Or 1/2 cup of corn starch. Or 1 tablespoon of baking powder. Each of those ingredients make the bubbles work just a tad bit better. But this is the basic recipe, and it works just fine on its own.



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A Story of a Small Cat

by Isaiah A.

I live in a neighborhood with the other cats, although they don't seem to like me, I stay with them for food. I wish to be with a family. My old family left me behind after moving away. I was alone for a long time, trying to find them as I walked throughout the rain and found a neighborhood. I found other cats and tried to talk to them, "go away." one hissed at me. Yet the others decided to let me stay with them. "He's a little cat, he needs food we probably shouldn't leave him."

They then decided to let me stay with them, but I really wanted to find a family. I once decided to walk up to a house. A tall man grabbed me and threw me. He slammed the door. I scurried away quickly. I would end up eating rats for my meals. The cats I was with were certainly hunters. They would always catch mice in the alleyways.

I never got enough attention from them. I wanted to run away but I knew life would be harder. Every once and a while they would play around but not as much as my old family. There was Sally. Her curly brown hair always blew in the wind when she took me outside. I would sometimes grab onto it but she would get upset every time I did. Once I accidentally hurt her and she got mad. Her parents didn't like me. That was probably the reason they left me. I miss Sally. She cried when I left.

I eventually saw a person moving into the neighborhood, They were walking into their home as I watched them. They walked up to me and said "aww you're so cute." I went up to them and meowed. They took me inside and I became her cat. I had found a new person.



Why the School Should Have Microwaves

By: Kristina K.



The school should install microwaves. It would just benefit everyone. People who take their lunches from school are fine because the food is already heated for them. However, people from home cannot have heated food because there is not any possible way for heating their food.

There is research on why warmer food is better for you than cold food. It's easier to digest the food if it's warmer. As stated in the test, "The human digestive system works better with foods and liquids that are at warmer temperatures because it doesn't have to work as hard to digest the food." That's why the school should install microwaves.

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Are Dragons Real or Fake?

By: Tayden L.

Are dragons real or fake? Let's dive in and find out.

If dragons are as big as people describe them, could they actually get off the ground?

A dragon with its huge size would break their legs because of the structure of its bones. Even if it had a skeleton made of metal, it would still be too heavy to fly.

If dragons are as big as people describe them, could they even find food to eat?

At that size, that animal would have to be eating constantly. And based on how big it is, there will just not be enough food. With the information, we can infer that dragons need to be smaller or live somewhere that has either more food or a larger food source. So they would have to live in another place or world.

Can dragons breathe fire?

We all heard this right? Well, even if dragons could generate fire, how would they avoid melting their own mouths? There are no real animals that are flame resistant or flame immune. But again, there could be some kind of flame-retardant mucus, or that the dragon is spitting something that then becomes on fire after it's out of its mouth. Based on this, there is a possibility that dragons could breathe fire but there is not really much evidence to prove that evidence. But the closest thing we have is a bombardier beetle. Based on Dorling Kindersley, "These insects deliberately engineer explosive chemical reactions inside their own bodies, so they can spray burning, caustic liquid from their backsides. The liquid can reach up to 22 miles per hour, at temperatures of around 100 degrees Celsius. A single bombardier beetle can discharge upward of 20 times before depleting its glands. The discharges are accompanied by audible detonations, and they have been shown to be potentially deterrent to a number of predators, including ants." But how do they protect themselves? Well, according to the Natural History Museum, "The tough reaction chamber at the rear end of the beetle protects the rest of the insect's internal organs from taking damage from the acid spray."



MRS. FAUBEL'S CLASS PHOTOS

Creative Photography students learned about the history of cyanotypes and created lovely botanical sun prints



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