

THE MESSENGER OWL

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Quote of the Week

"I know two things are infinite. The universe and human stupidity and I'm not sure about the universe."

Albert Einstein

Principal's Message

Hello Owlberts,

We have reached the end of our first quarter. Where did the time go? As we move into the second quarter, students, remember this is a fresh start. Many of us were adjusting to new classes, new teachers, and new expectations. This quarter, the adjusting is done and the second quarter will hold students to higher standards of competencies and even more engaging learning experiences.

There are so many things to look forward to this quarter - our multicultural celebration, Math night, and Character Day. I even heard a Bee is coming in November. Hopefully, you are studying hard. Continue to be owl-some by checking Canvas and Skyward and talking to your teachers when you need help. We are all here for all of you!

Mr. Maguire



Air Pollution by Kristina K.

Pollution is when something that can hurt the environment is introduced into the atmosphere. Pollution is caused by nature and humans. An example is volcanic ash. You might know more about human pollution, like car exhaust. These harmful things are called pollutants.

Pollution is a big problem in the world, and it also adds to global warming. Gasses build up in the air, trapping heat in the atmosphere, therefore causing global warming. It's also harmful to us because we breathe this air and it enters our bodies.

There are a lot of this that contribute to air pollution. Car exhaust, smoke from coal, factories, and so on. This hurts many things, including humans, plants, and the environment. The text states that bad air can cause lung cancer, burn your eyes, and difficulty breathing. In worse conditions, you could die. Air pollution needs to stop. Ride a bicycle or walk somewhere. Try to stop using your car so much. Try not to burn too much coal or buy items you don't need. Everything helps to stop this tragedy that is happening.



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GARAGE SALE

Saturday, October 15

8am-1pm

All proceeds benefit the middle school Odyssey of the Mind class at Orlando Gifted Academy

Orlando Gifted Academy, 1121 N Fern Creek Ave.
Garage sale donations can be dropped off at the school between 7:30a-3:30p thru 10/14

\$! POPSICLE POP-UP

Wednesday and Friday afternoons outside the Auditorium

All proceeds support NJHS & MS Odyssey of the Mind

COSMIC KIDS YOGA

Open to 2nd and 3rd grade students

Wednesdays (8:00-8:35)
Room: 7

Club begins on 9/22/22

Must bring your own yoga mat and comfortable clothes



There are only 8 spots available. Sign up using this link:

<https://forms.gle/yjf3n4JDN7RRReKHu8>

Any questions? feel free to contact Mrs. Cortes at yohana.cortescgarcia@ocps.net

ORLANDO GIFTED ACADEMY ODYSSEY OF THE MIND NEEDS YOU!

We are in need of large boxes and cardboard, insulation foam board, plywood, building tools, crafting supplies, acrylic/spray paint, fabrics, packing materials, and all of your other odds and ends. Please drop off at 1121 N Fern Creek Ave. in care of Mrs. O.

You may also donate @ tinyurl.com/OOTM2122



Elementary Creative Art Club

Elementary students of all skill levels are welcome to join. We will be painting, sketching, and creating sculptures using recycled materials.

Art club will be hosted in Room 14 by Ms. Sunderman.

We will meet on Thursdays from 3:15 pm-4:00 pm.

Our first meeting will be September 22nd

It is recommended that students have their own sketchbooks.

Please note that we are limited to 12 students.

Scan the QR code below to complete the google form sign up sheet. If you have any questions please email me at Hanna.Sunderman@ocps.net



<https://forms.gle/o4p6JvmUT5ks8MKD6>



Teacher Spotlight

By: Lily S

Mrs. Faubel was born in New Jersey, and she worked at lots of different schools before coming here to OGA. Mrs. Faubel likes OGA because at other schools that she worked at that were bigger she couldn't really get to know the students the way that she can get to know the students here over the years. Another reason that she likes oga is because the students here respect and celebrate each other's differences. Mrs. Faubel is our elementary art teacher but she has some middle school electives also, like middle school art 1 and photography. In case you were wondering, she doesn't have any favorite class or favorite student because she loves all of her classes.



Class Spotlight

By: Danna C

French Class

For class spotlight I did French class with Ms. Cuomo. Her answers are awesome, including why she is teaching French. She said she does it to encourage multilingual students - how kind! "Why does she teach middle schoolers?" is a good question, don't you think? Well, she explained it was because they are more independent and because of their autonomy. Great answer! "What do you hope that they use their French in?" was another question, in which she said it was for business and class degrees, and to be a teacher and inspire others. How kind once again! So to conclude, Ms. Cuomo is very sweet. She also hopes that they use their French for a major change in the world. Well that is it for this class spotlight, but how beautiful!



Student Spotlight

By: Danna C

For the student spotlight, I interviewed Mason Barnhart from sixth grade. I asked simple questions, such as "What is your favorite subject in school?" And as an answer, I got, "ELA because it is quite easy and a fun class, and I enjoy it," which I think most of us can agree with! And the next question was the opposite, being, "What is your least favorite subject?" Mason replied, "Science. Honestly, for me, it's very difficult but if it wasn't that hard, It would probably be easier to like." The last question was, "What do you enjoy the most about school?" And he answered, "That my friends are here." A straightforward answer, but a lot of truth comes out of it!



Staff Spotlight

By: Lily S.



Mrs. Shield was born in Ohio, and went to college in Michigan. She then moved to Florida, and worked at multiple schools before coming to OGA. She works as a behavioral specialist, but she actually didn't plan to. When she was younger, she wanted to be a radiologist - but when she went to college and took a biology course for it, she found out that being a radiologist wasn't for her. So she switched, and eventually got a career that made her a behavioral specialist for OGA.

In The News! Pakistan Flooding

By Emi M.



In 2022 Pakistan reached a record of flooding, with over 33 million people being forced out of their homes. It has left over half a million civilians homeless. Thousands of roads have been covered with water and a third of the country is completely submerged. This is devastating for countless Pakistanis throughout the country. The worst part? It could take three to six months for the water to recede. That's about 4 ½ months of living on an island - or on water and boats - and then being stranded with your roads and house being flooded? Sounds like torture.

Here are 3 ways you can help!

- Donate to organizations helping people in Pakistan. Such as Save the Children, International Rescue Committee, International Medical Corps, and UNICEF!
- Do research about the topic! The more you know about the actual things happening in the world, the more you can educate yourself and others!
- Spread the word. The best way to get more people to help is to spread awareness about the cause!

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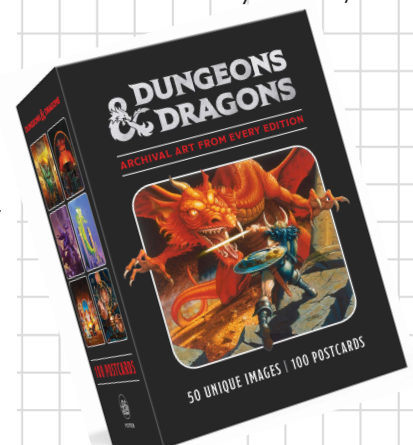
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Dungeons And Dragons

By Lily S.

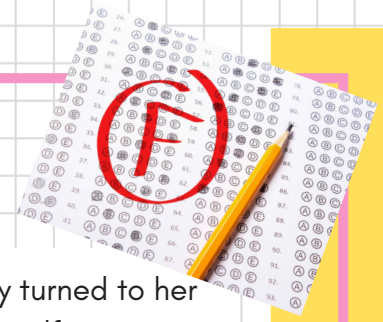
In 1974 Gary Gygax and Dave Arneson created dungeons and dragons, a fantasy tabletop role-playing game. To start out playing you have to create your own character, you choose a race and a class. Your race is who you are like a dragonborn, dwarf, elf, half-elf, gnome, etc... And your class is what you do or specialize in like barbarian, bard, cleric, druid, fighter, monk, etc... To play dungeons and dragons it's better if you have more players than less but not too many, 5 is a good group so that the team doesn't just blast through everything like you would if you had 10 players. But you also don't want to have 3 people in the group because you would have to have multiple characters that you play as. To begin an adventure, you have to have a dungeon master in your group. The dungeon master will guide the characters through the story and is basically a narrator, the dungeon master also does all of the voices for the characters that you talk to on the journey (make sure that the dungeon master can do good voices).

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Cheating PSA

By Emi M



Tap, tap. The sound of pencils tapping against the hardwood desk. Symphony turned to her paper. "This is worth 75% of my grade I can't fail this now." She thought to herself. Symphony lifted her head to gaze at Tony. Tony was, to be put simply, a slacker. Symphony shook her head at the sight of Tony struggling.

"I told him to study with me all last week and he kept denying, do this was his fault." She sighs and continues working on her test. This time when Symphony lifts her head though, she was not greeted with the bittersweet sight of her best friend struggling. She was welcomed with Tony stretching. Nothing out of the ordinary, but when she peeked closer she noticed Tony was glancing at the smart kid, Junipers, paper.

"What are you doing? You're going to get caught ch—" Symphony whispered in a panicked tone before getting cut off by the teacher. "No talking." The teacher said sternly. Symphony rolled her eyes and continued working. When the teacher got up to do a walk around, the worst scenario happened. Tony got caught.

"Tony, you get a 0. Go to the principal's office now." The teacher screamed. Holding back angry tears, Tony storms out of the classroom. Symphony laughs to herself and continues the test. When the test was over, Symphony packs up and starts walking home. "Wait up Symphony!" Juniper yells as they dart over to Symphony. "Did you hear what happened to Tony? The cameras caught him cheating and he failed the test. The failed grade lead to him not passing the class and he didn't pass this school year! He's going to be held back!" Juniper says between pants. "I told him not to cheat. I even went as far as inviting him to our study sessions. He had it coming." Symphony says as she walks off. "Yep! That's why you don't cheat, especially on big tests. Wish he knew. See you tomorrow Symphony!" Juniper says as they run off home. "Bye!" Symphony says with a smirk.



Are Frogs Good Pets?

By Tayla L.

We've all heard of frogs as pets, but are they really as good as they seem? Frogs usually have something that can hurt your hands if you hold them, so is it really worth it? Or maybe they are lower maintenance, which is good for busy people. Well in this article, we will discuss whether frogs are all they're cut out to be.

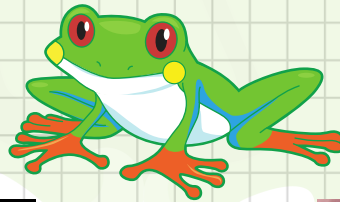
Frogs can be very easy pets for busy people. For example, according to the article "Why Frogs Make Good Pets," they don't need a lot of care or need you to constantly pick them up. Because of this, people who don't have time for an animal like a dog or cat can always have a frog! Next, if you don't want to buy expensive pet food for your frog, you can always catch bugs outside! Of course, this only applies to people who can handle bugs and like them. Third, frogs can live up to 15 years if handled properly. This summarizes why frogs can be good pets, but there are also some negatives of course.

Frogs have many positives, but a similar article, "Are Frogs Good Pets? The Honest Truth," provides that frogs cost more than you think. Frogs can cost 70-330 dollars when you first buy them and way more over the years. Next, frogs need live food for feeding. If you heard a website say that frogs can eat pellets, it's wrong! Frogs thrive on live food and without it, they will die. Lastly, frogs need to have their tanks cleaned up often. This can bother you because you have to spend a lot of time cleaning up after the frog.

So, knowing all this info, do you still want a frog? I'm not trying to make you reconsider, but knowing this stuff if you're thinking about getting a frog is very important. Frogs can be cute, but they need care as well, like any animal. If you want to catch a wild frog to own instead of spending money, think again. Wild frogs have some unsanitary things on their skin, remember? Well, this all pretty much summarises this article, thanks for reading!

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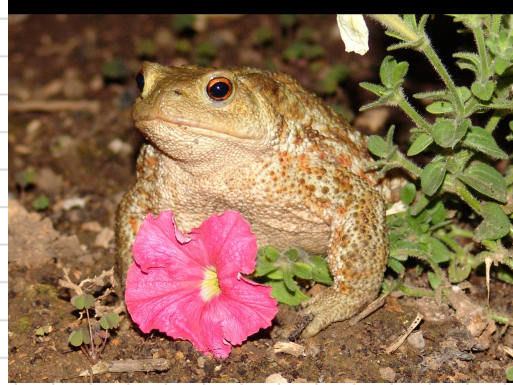
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How to Catch a Frog

by Tayden

1. Go to a humid place
2. Put on the gloves
3. Look for a frog
4. When you find a frog move closer to the frog slowly
5. When you are ready jump to the frog in a fast motion
6. When you catch the frog hold its legs so it doesn't escape
7. Congratulations, now you've caught a frog!



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How to Catch a Sand Crab

by Tayden

Things needed:

- A net
- A bucket
- Gloves



The First Way:

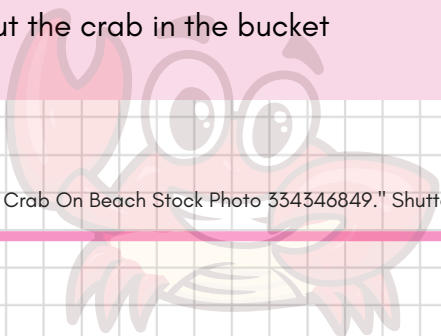
1. Drive to a lagoon or sandy beach
2. Get in the water
3. Flip over rocks until you find a sand crab
4. Place the net over the crab and move it closer
5. When you are ready, scoop up in a fast motion where you see the crab
6. Put the crab in the bucket

The Second Way:

1. Drive to a lagoon or sandy beach
2. Get in the water
3. Look for a lemon shape in the water
4. When you find one check if it have eyes to make sure it is a sand crab
5. Place the net over the crab and move it closer
6. When you are ready scoop up in a fast motion where you see the crab
7. Put the crab in the bucket

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Jokes to tell Your Friends

by Tayla L

Have you been through a day where you wished you could laugh or smile? Here are some funny jokes to tell to your friends that will make your day brighter:

What do you get when you put some ducks in a box?

A box of quackers!

Why did the student eat her homework?

The teacher told him it was a piece of cake.

What did the left eye say to the right eye?

Between us, something smells.

What did the mayonnaise say to the refrigerator?

Close the door, I'm dressing!

What do cats call mice on skateboards?

Meals on Wheels.

What's in an astronaut's favorite sandwich?

Launch meat.

Why do fish avoid the computer?

So they don't get caught in the



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day	rotation	revolution	summer
fall	spring	winter	equator
Axis	Sun	earth	

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Gordon Ramsay

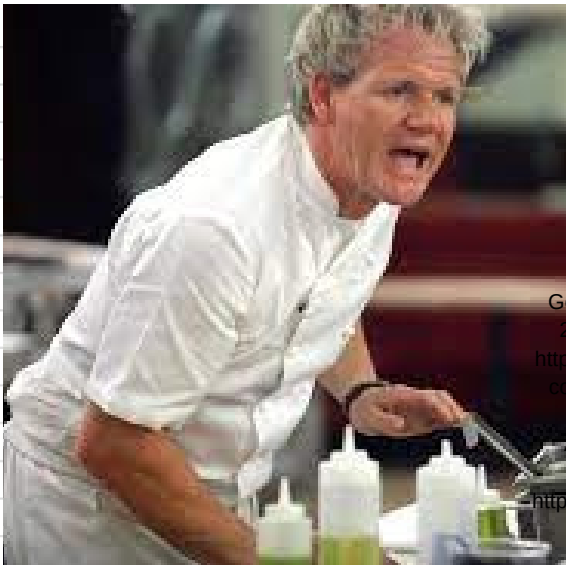
By Isaiah A.

Gordon Ramsay is one of the most famous chefs in the world. He's been in 51 movies and television series, including his own. He is well known for his cooking skills, his television series, and his personality. You have likely heard of him before, probably on tv or from people talking about him. Because of these many reasons, Gordon Ramsay is one of the most well-known chefs in the world.

Gordon Ramsay was born on November 8, 1966, in Johnstone, Scotland. When he was only a child, he and his family moved to England. As a teen, he played football for the Oxford United youth team. His football career ultimately ended due to an injury to his knee. He then went on into hotel management and got a vocational diploma in hotel management from attending North Oxon Technical College.

His cooking career began after he began working in a restaurant in London. After a lot of traveling, he ended up as head chef of a restaurant that gained 3 stars from the Michelin Guide. He then set off to make his own restaurants. Gordon opened up 8 restaurants across the world, Most are now closed. He currently owns 35 restaurants in the United Kingdom and the United States. One of his American restaurants is Gordon Ramsay Burger which is located in Chicago, Las Vegas, and Planet Hollywood. Another restaurant is Gordon Ramsay Fish & Chips located in Icon Park here in Orlando, as well as Las Vegas. Another two he owns are Gordon Ramsay Food Market, and Gordon Ramsay Pub and Grill.

He has his own cooking classes that you can sign up for on his website, gordonramsayacademy.com, As well as many books! If you want to check those out, they are available on Amazon as well as Barnes and Noble. Gordon is definitely one of the greatest chefs of all time.



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Perfect Toppings for Pizza

By: Caden M.

Pizza is one of the most loved foods in the world because of its extensive variety of toppings to suit almost any individual. In fact, this uniqueness causes an impressive 98% of Americans to agree they like pizza. However, this does not mean that all toppings are equally delicious. In fact, there is a reasonably obvious hierarchy when it comes to these flavourful additions, such as pepperoni when contrasted with anchovies. Personally, I love spinach and mushrooms on my pizza and am only revolted by tomatoes and pineapple. This does not account for everybody of course, as a survey involving a little over 6,000 people revealed that pepperoni is the most popular topping with a staggering 64% loving it. Sausage was second by quite a bit with around 56% enjoying it. Mushrooms are a close 3rd with 54% liking them. Extra cheese enjoyers take up about 52% and onion enjoyers take up 48%. These 5 toppings take the leaderboard spots for the best, but what about the worst? Of these 6,000, 61% stated that they hated anchovies, bringing it to the top of most people's least favorite toppings. This does not mean that it alone is hated, however, with around 52% disliking eggplant, 44% hating artichoke, and 39% hating broccoli. The most controversial of the toppings, however, is pineapple, which has around 35% stating that they hate it and 26% stating they love it.

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Coraline Movie Review

by Kristina K.

Coraline is a classic movie, beloved by many people. Coraline was initially made as a book produced by Neil Gaiman. It is a "scary" story, made for children. However, many young adults love it too. It is mostly a horror and fantasy book and has been one of many faces of children's horror tales.

Preview-

Coraline is a girl who has moved into The Pink Palace, missing her old house and friends. She loves the outdoors and enjoys gardening with her parents - though, her parents don't have time for her. She finds a small door but, when she opens the door it opens to a wall of bricks. She goes to bed, but she notices a mouse, so she follows it to the door she found before. The mouse slips inside the door. She opens the door, and it leads to a tunnel where the brick was before. (This is based on the movie, not the book.)

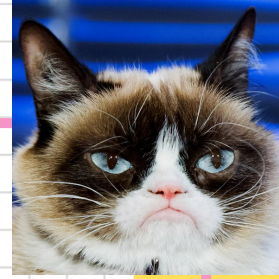
Neil is 57 this year, and he's one of the most successful authors in the world. Over a million copies of Coraline have been sold. Neil Gaiman has sold over 45 million copies of books. He is one of the most famous authors in the world. From the beginning, Neil always had a book in his hand, no matter where he was. He has definitely been an inspiration for many people.

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Cats Are Mean

By Caden M



The argument of dog/cat supremacy has been a continual debate for a while, but there is yet to be a concrete case as to whether one is truly superior to the other. I am biased towards dogs because I believe cats are mean-spirited animals; they do not care for their owners outside of receiving food and shelter.

A study from the University of Lincoln found that cats do not love their owners- at least not in an expressive way. They executed this study through a psychology experiment called "the strange situation." This experiment involves observing their behavior upon the abandonment and reunion with their owners. The conclusions drawn from the study actually showed that cats are uninterested both when their owners leave and when they return. In fact, dogs seem to demonstrate large quantities of attachment to their owners- becoming more disturbed while absent.

Despite this study, some may argue that their cats show devotion through actions such as rubbing against a person's legs. However, this is a way for cats to mark their territory rather than display affection. It is similar to purring in that they have mimicked the tone of babies to trigger innate parenting instincts to get food. They do not constantly purr in this style; however, they will imitate this distinct sound to efficiently acquire food. In conclusion, cats are evil creatures who do not deserve the widespread affection that they are given.

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Music In My Playlist.

by Saiah A.

1. Around the world by Daft Punk

I like the rhythm of the song, it is kind of groovy

2. Are You Bored Yet? By Wallows

I enjoy this song because it is calming to listen to, and I like the vibe of it.

3. Oh Klahoma by Jack Stauber

This song has very creative lyrics, I like songs that require interpretation to understand.

4. Moment by Vierre Cloud

I like the vibe of this song, it is very calming to listen to.

5. Gravity by Vierre Cloud

Same as a moment but with fewer lyrics, It has a very nice vibe, as well as a very calming

6. Bubble Gum by Clairo

I really like the lyrics and flow of this song, it helps me concentrate well.

7. Dance With Me by Beabadoobee

This song calms me down when I need it, it is slow and relaxing.

8. Imagine by Vowl and Shiloh Dynasty

This song is a good lofi song, it helps me focus.

9. Simple. By cold brew

Another lofi song that helps me focus, lofi is one of my go-to focus music genres

10. Amnesia Was Her Name by Lemon Demon

It is a groovy song, it is very funky.

Just One Step

By: Danna C

I look up at the sky, clear as a white page that needs to be written on, which reminds me I have to write an essay for Ela; but yet I haven't come up with any ideas.

And if I don't pass this essay, I don't pass at all.

"Just one step sweetheart," my mom had said the night before.

This is not that hard, I try telling myself. But nothing is helping.

Eventually, I call my friends to help me again. All I can hear is "just one step."

I have never been able to complete something by myself without some kind of assistance. They were trying to help me, but it wasn't working. It made it all worse.

I have always needed help from someone, but today I wanted it to be different. I wanted to change.

I keep trying my best with what I have until I finally get an idea.

It's a weird thought but I try my best to keep it working. Eventually I finish writing my paper.

All I wanna do is be grateful. I took that one step everyone told me to take, just like mom said.

"Just one step sweetheart." I love them all, and they love me too I just Thank you.

Announcements

The PB Battle of 22 is officially over! Thanks to all who sent in donations to support Feeding America food banks in our community. In total MS ELA classes collected over 280 pounds of nut butter. The winning class was Mrs. Olowu's 5th period with 74 lbs, followed by Ms. Cuomo's 2nd period with 64 lbs. The kids will get to pick their "sweet treat" from The Cheesecake Factory later this week (weather permitting - LOL).



Here's pieces in the Peace and Love Art Exhibit created by our artists here at OGA!



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