

THE MESSENGER OWL

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Quote of the Week

"The first day of school is always a fashion show.
The rest of the school year? A pajama party."

-Unknown

55+ inspirational school quotes for every student. (2022, July 8). Ideas & Inspiration.
<https://www.shutterfly.com/ideas/school-quotes/>

Principal's Message

Hey Owlberts!

I sincerely hope you each have the opportunity to spend valuable time with your family and loved ones during this Holiday Season. I am grateful for our OGA family as we strive to make our school the best it can be.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Mr. Maguire

Thanksgiving Break - 11/21 - 11/25

School-Wide Spelling Bee - 12/2

Chillin' With My Gnomies Dance (Middle School) - 12/15



CHILLIN' WITH MY GNOMIES MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER DANCE

December 15th, 2-3 pm

Snacks and drinks for sale by MS Odyssey of the Mind

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 will 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 every one and share about how our week was! —Katherine, age 12

My daughters loved the club and connecting with her peers especially during the COVID months. Creating a safe place for young girls to share ideas 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 again. —Rose, parent

Hosted by

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!



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Classes are for middle school girls and are only \$30 per week or \$35 per month!

Interested in joining? Please have your parents email me to reserve your spot!

KristenTame@gmail.com. Please sign up quickly as the class is limited to 12 girls.



\$! POPSICLE POP-UP

Wednesday and Friday
afternoons
outside the Auditorium

All proceeds support
NJHS
&
MS Odyssey of the Mind

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/o4p6JvMUT5ksBMKD6>

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GRADES
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**BRING A MAT



YOGA CLUB

WITH MS. KRISTA SHIRLEY

EVERY TUESDAY

3:15P-4:15P

AUDITORIUM

**BEGINNING 11/15

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You may also donatee
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Kids Obsessed With Their Grades

By: Danna C

We all know that one kid who is obsessed with their grades, right? Well in my opinion they are overthinking everything. Sometimes even when they get a 90, they have a mental breakdown. Some say they have reasons, yet reasons or not; an 90 or up is still good and they shouldn't stress out. In my opinion, if they are in middle school they shouldn't be that stressed unless they are in high school. When you're entering college they don't look at your middle school grades they only look at your high school grades. They shouldn't be so obsessed with if they are in middle school with their grades, as they are not going to count when entering college. They would not be really important, only your high school grades are the ones that come to play when they look at your grades in college, as stated in the "Role of grades" only high school grades matter when it comes to college. In high school, you really should care about your grades but still not be obsessed with them and when you get a 90 or higher you shouldn't care it is still good and it will help you get into a good college so my opinion overall is you shouldn't be obsessed with your grades.



Socialism

By: Caden

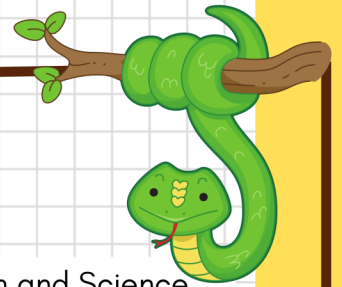
According to Oxford Languages, socialism is the "political and economic theory of social organization which advocates that the means of production, distribution, and exchange should be owned or regulated by the community as a whole." It is a diplomatic approach that is truly for and by the people. Many consider socialism a bridge from capitalism to communism from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. As such, the general population deems it an iniquitous political ideology whose success is impractical. Yet, if Soviet principles were what constitutes socialism, the thought would have perished long ago. Social theorists persist in studying such principles to propose "explanatory speculations about how and why human societies-or elements or structures of such civilizations." One such individual is the Polish sociologist Zygmunt Bauman who has dedicated over half a century to his work. As stated by Bauman, "socialism, as an ambition in 'solid' modernity, sought to produce an organized 'gardening state': patterned, regulated, and ordered." Instead, we have acknowledged a perfect, unachievable idea of socialism in which we are all perfect humans.

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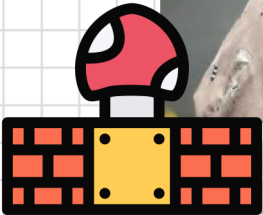


Teacher Interview

By: Kristina K



Mr. Dennis teaches 6th grad math and Science Olympiad. He has a daughter that fabulously does his nails. Mr. Dennis loves the atmosphere of the staff and school and came here because of recommendations from teachers. He enjoys cheeseburgers and spaghetti and has a striking resemblance to Mario. If you see him around, say hello.



Staff Interview

By: Kristina K

Mrs. Hirata is the front office operator. She does deliveries, mail, and the clinic. This is her first year at OGA and she loves the kids here. She enjoys peanut butter and jelly. She was born in California and moved here in 1992. She is 45 and has kids. If you see her around, give her a wave.



It's Corn!

By: Ellie S.

"It's Corn!" explained young Tariq, with a smile on his face and an ear of corn in his right hand. Indeed it is, Tariq. Of course, we don't need to question this, because he knows more about corn than any average person. As he so expertly describes, it's "a big lump with knobs." I really couldn't agree more. Plus, "it has the juice?" Accurate, and genius. So what's the origin of Tariq's fame, and the celebrated clip of him with our beloved vegetable? Let's find out.

Tariq was born on June 21 of 2015, and is currently 7 years old, living his best life. Tariq's net worth, after his surge of fame, is around 53 million dollars. And all for his love of corn. Tariq's big break was completely accidental. An interview show named "Recess Therapy" gets its content by interviewing random people in their area. On one fateful day, they were scratching their heads over a question idea. When they couldn't think of one, they decided to just take it easy and ask kids what their favorite things were. Spotting Tariq on a bench nearby, eating his heart's desire for corn, they decided to hand him the mic.

When the question was asked, Tariq didn't hesitate. "It's Corn!" he said, in an enthusiastic tone that would make any person smile. He would go on to explain how he couldn't imagine a more beautiful thing - and that when he tried it with butter, everything changed. After Recess Therapy posted the video, it went viral almost instantly. People around the world felt their heart melt for little Tariq, listening to his feelings about the vegetable on repeat. And soon after, remixes of the interview flooded the internet. It became a song that was used on multiple platforms - Tiktok, Snapchat, Instagram, and more. South Dakota even gave Tariq the title of "Corn-bassador," and pledged a new holiday for September 3rd every year. Kristi Noem, the governor, named the day "Official Corn-ambassador Tariq Day" in honor of him. Tariq met tons of celebrities and creators and was featured in many of Mr. Beasts Tik Toks. The most recent clip showcased Tariq with his new Halloween costume on - and the costume was, you guessed it, an ear of corn.

The Corn Kid is an inspiration and icon to children and adults all over the world. Tariq's love of corn promotes the consistency of appreciating and loving your surroundings and remembering always to show it. He can inspire us to be positive and to be a bright light in a dimming society. We all cherish different things - our family, our friends, our pets, our home - and sometimes we forget to be grateful. Tariq is forever grateful for one thing above all else; one thing that's motivating him to be a better person, and a positive one too; "It's Corn!"



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The Misunderstanding of Bipolar Disorder (BPD)

By: Yoyo C.

**This article is student-researched and written. This is not meant to lead to a diagnosis. If you are experiencing any signs or depression or self-harm, please see your parent/guardian, Mrs. White, another trusted adult, or call 211 for help in your area or 911 for emergency assistance.*

Bipolar disorder isn't known to have exact causation, as one may develop it for many reasons. These include childhood trauma, stressful events within one's lifetime, the chemistry of one's brain, and substance abuse. While it's always disturbing to know someone whose mind may be working differently than yours, it's ever so important to remember that people with BPD aren't savages or anything, they're real people too.

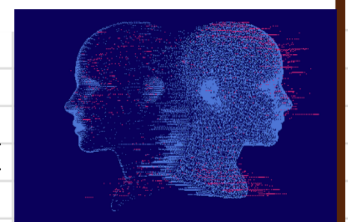
When living with this disorder, one may experience mania, mixed episodes, depressive episodes, and overall major mood swings. If you don't know that someone has a diagnosis of this disorder, you may identify them to be "odd" or maybe even "toxic". While, yes, this can cause people to exhibit behaviors that would demonstrate such, it's important to remember who they are when their disorder isn't in action. In that case scenario, someone may still be a generally bad person when their mind isn't affecting them, and in no way should you use their mental illness to excuse the way they treat you.

Several people come to think that people with mental illnesses beyond depression can be scary, and that's completely reasonable. On TV, we see people who have these disorders act out in horror movies or as the crazy person in a family television series. Though, when you look at the statistics, 2.8% of people in the U.S. population have been diagnosed with BPD. This means, there's a slight chance that someone close to you may have it. Have you ever thought of that person as insane, or scary? Do you think you should avoid them? Assuming not, then take that thought with you whenever dealing with someone with Bipolar Disorder. They don't want to hurt anyone most of the time, but these people need help to stay their best selves.

Dealing with someone who has BPD may be a huge burden, and it's okay to step back and just say "I think we need some distance," so that person has the time to get the help and resources needed to become okay again. For those who either don't want or don't have that option, there are always ways to communicate and help loved ones with this disorder. Learning about Bipolar Disorder can help you predict the person's patterns of actions/emotions. Being patient will help you a whole lot, as you don't want to further frustrate the person if they're experiencing mania or a depressive episode, they cannot control their emotions. If this person is family, you may even want to help locate a trustworthy professional psychologist or counselor for them.

Always, recognizing people who act differently than what seems socially normal and acceptable can be scary. These people who have Bipolar Disorder sometimes want nothing more, though, than to be seen as socially acceptable. This is why, at the end of the day, it's important to treat these people with the same respect and kindness you'd show to someone else without this disorder.

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How to: Sleep

By: Caden M

As you grow up you may find that you are finding yourself under increasingly stressful situations. Regardless of whether the situation is about work, school, or even your personal life, it is inevitable that you come under stress. This stress affects everybody differently, yet one of the most common scenarios is a lack of good sleep. Sleep is crucial to everyday life



and negligence will have a massive impact on your mood throughout the day, especially for teenagers. As kids grow into puberty their bodies undergo rapid growth and in turn need an hour or so more sleep than they used to, bringing their needed sleep time to around 9 hours. Yet, despite this requirement, many teenagers actually get less sleep than before, likely because of the new environment that comes with middle school or just the sheer workload. Nevertheless, many teens do not get their required sleep. So, here are a couple of tips to help anyone get a better night's sleep:

Follow a regular sleep schedule - Get into a habit of falling asleep and waking up around the same time.

Avoid napping in the late afternoon or evening - Napping can and will keep you awake at night.

Stay away from electronics - The lighting and content from devices can keep you awake.

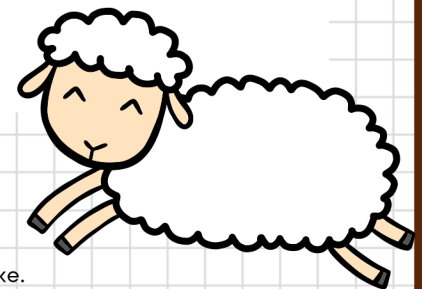
Find a comfortable temperature for your room - Too much heat will make you sweaty, and too much cold will keep you awake.

Use low lighting in the evening - Calms your eyes before bed.

Form an exercise routine - Tiring yourself through physical activity is a great way to fall asleep quickly.

Avoid eating larger meals at night - It builds excessive energy and works your digestive system over time.

Stay away from caffeine - This one is fairly obvious.



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My Top Ten Songs !

By: Dmitriy K.

1: Cbat by Hudson Mohawke

This is a timeless classic that many listened to that recently resurfaced in popularity due to various internet posts that became very well known.

2: Heartless by Kanye West

This song has a nice flow and vocals and is about a man being taken advantage of by someone who is "Heartless"

3: Звезда по имени Солнце (Star by the name Sun) by Viktor Tsoi

The most popular song is by Viktor Tsoi who is one of the most popular musicians of all time. This song is about a town devastated by war and one of his many criticisms of the USSR and war.

4: АВГУСТ (August) by Intelligency

A nice beat with good lyrics is the best way to describe this song which recently burst into popularity in Eastern Europe.

5: Killer: Yoshikage Kira's Theme

A song almost entirely on piano and despite being simple it perfectly portrays and conveys the song's point.

6: Where Is My Mind by The Pixies

This is a song about a man "swimming" through life wondering where his mind is. This song is a staple in 90s rock and is forever a classic.

7: National Anthem of the USSR

Another really old song that used to be played on the radio every morning all over the Soviet Union and hundreds of millions of people have listened to it making it one of the most popular songs.

8: Rasputin by Boney M

A song based on the true story of Rasputin a Russian monk named Rasputin who was very close with the royal family before his death during the Russian Revolution.

9: American National Anthem

One of the oldest songs in this country it is played in schools across the country and is the song representing our country.

10: Richest Killers by MTSG

A very famous song hailing from Great Britain and is one of the only British rap hits where the artist raps about his money and fancy clothes.

New School Rules

By: Yoyo C.



OGA is one of the most relaxed schools in Orlando regarding rules and regulations. Dress codes have been loosely followed, everyone was practically free to walk to where they needed to, and in classes, people were able to have fun while keeping their learning progress going. However, recently students have taken advantage of these privileges, which has led staff to implement changes. The final decision implied that if we want to act like a normal middle school, then it only makes sense that we get treated like one.

Our school has never been completely strict on hall passes, so as you can imagine, students were everywhere. If you were to talk to one of them here, like Ceci, a 6th grader, you may hear of the instances that chaos was caused in the bathrooms or hallways; as she exaggeratedly explained, "There's just some people here who ruin it for us all, not saying names." Following her statement, students have been skipping classes, hiding in other classrooms, and taking joy walks around the school. Because of this havoc, administration, OGA staff, as well as outside middle schools with related rules already in place have decided to execute a hall regulation system. Each student must have a verified (by a staff member) pass to be in the hallways during non-passing periods, when they're going to the bathroom, and leaving the cafeteria during lunch hours. As you can imagine, going from the luxury of practically nonexistent rules to more commonly used ones within stricter schools was a drastic change for most students. 8th grade's Saiah dramatically compared the new hall pass system to a famous dystopian book when he said "This is *1984*."

While there are OGA members who have strong opinions against this new system, there are also ones who are almost completely for it. Mrs. Cross, a well-respected middle school teacher here, explained that she, and many others, have worked at regular middle schools before, so this hall-pass system isn't new to them. However, Mrs. Cross did mention that the hall-pass system can cause some disruptions. More hands are occupied with the task of hall monitoring, and more importantly, signing paper passes to people who need to leave the classroom is time-consuming and takes away instruction time. Overall, though, she truly believes that this can be a good change for our school because students were skipping their classes and missing valuable educational time. Things were getting worse with bad behavior and even classroom participation. Peeling away from the argument, some students simply don't have an opinion on this school principle update. An anonymous middle school student simply shrugged and mumbled, "It doesn't affect me," as they don't often use the bathrooms, or try to get out of doing classwork.

With all of this in mind, there's a need for a hall monitoring process. The one currently in place may not be the best one for the upper grades of Orlando Gifted Academy, and that's all right. As new flaws in this occur, the administration can find out what works and what doesn't, so that one day it can be perfected to a point where students and teachers are satisfied. Cary from 8th grade personally suggested; "I think that school should be ended **right now**. We should pay kids to snitch on the real bad guys."

"A better one" By: Danna C

I checked my grade "79." I was terrified it was a horrible grade. I usually get straight A's but this? This was the end of me I was going to fail that class which is also World history in other words I have never failed this class or gotten less than a "90" I'm not ready to fail, I just go straight to my world history teacher as soon as school ends and I am dismissed. They say I can do extra work for extra credit and that should bring my grade up to a B. I'm not usually okay with this but I rather have a B than a C. It is the most upsetting thing that I was going to get a C! I still don't know what I did but I also asked my teacher the answer was short "You turned in one of your double-graded assignments late Shelby." They say. Well least is A better grade.



All About the Kiwi Bird

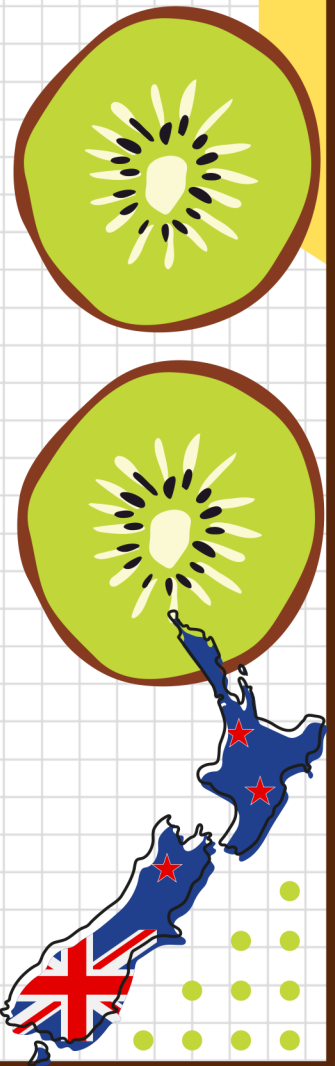
By: Dmitriy K.

On the other side of the globe is none other than the country of New Zealand which harbors quite an interesting animal known as the Kiwi. No, not the fruit, the bird. They belong to the ratite group which consists of birds such as the ostrich. Unlike their much more known cousins, however, the Kiwi bird is only roughly the size of a chicken despite belonging to a group full of ostrich-like birds. Not only this but they have more in common with mammals than birds making them quite the unique critter. Sadly, there are only roughly 68,000 left in the wild making them in danger of extinction. They also have very powerful legs giving them the ability to run as fast as a fully grown person. In conclusion, Kiwi birds are some of many lesser-known animals that are in fact very interesting and I highly recommend looking into them because I only gave a few of the many interesting facts about them.



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Lilo and Stich

By: Sellers L.

Lilo and Stich is a movie on Disney+ about a girl coping with the loss of her mother and father and living her life with her sister who is trying to take care of her. One night a rocket ship fell somewhere near their house and an alien came out. Ultimately becoming her best and one of her only friends. They go around causing a little havoc while having fun while both of them try to cope with their different problems. At the same time, other aliens try to capture Stitch to bring him back. Lilo and Stich is a good family movie that you can watch to bring your family together. It has some funny, interesting, loving, and sad moments but is a really good movie that I recommend.

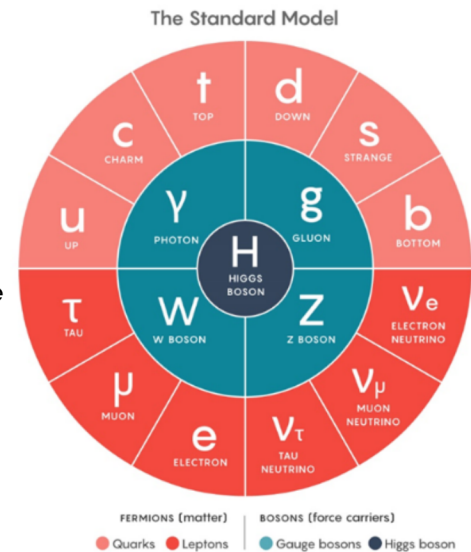


The Higgs Boson

By: Lily S.

Everyone has heard of the big bang before, but what happened after it? I'm not talking about all of modern history I'm talking about only a trillionth of a second after the big bang. Something called the Higgs boson appeared. The Higgs boson is a particle associated with something called the Higgs field. As Wikipedia says "The Higgs field is a field of energy that is thought to exist in every region of the universe." The Los Angeles Times say that "Peter Higgs and Francois Englert theorized way back in 1964 that this is how things in the universe - stars, planets, even people - came to have mass."

Although the Higgs boson was theorized in 1964 they didn't know that it was a thing until July 4th, 2012 when CERN discovered it. CERN was founded in 1954 and the people there are working to "uncover what the universe is made of and how it works. We do this by providing a unique range of particle accelerator facilities to researchers, to advance the boundaries of human knowledge." Over the past 10 years, CERN has discovered over 50 new particles called hadrons. But how do they do it? They use a large hadron collider (LHC) which is the most powerful particle accelerator ever built. The LHC is sitting 100 meters underground in a tunnel at CERN. How it works is "the LHC consists of a 27-kilometer ring of superconducting magnets with a number of accelerating structures to boost the energy of the particles along the way. Inside the accelerator is, two high-energy particle beams travel at close to the speed of light before they are made to collide." this was found from the CERN website.



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Student Survey

By Ellie S.



Today's student survey is one of the most well-known and debated topics in tons of schools: Cats vs Dogs. Some eighth-grade students, 22 to be exact, were asked which they preferred; cats, dogs, or neutral. Under the category of neutral - meaning they like them both equally - were 4 of the students. 6 students, without hesitation, voted for dogs.

And the final group, with 12 students overall, chose cats. There was overwhelming support for the felines, which is clearly shown in the results. The dog lovers were half as much, and the neutrals were a third! It may be different for other OGA grades, but the favorite pet in 8th grade seems to be none other than cats - and I can't help but agree with the outcome. Go cats!



The History of Covid-19

By Kristina K.

Covid-19 caused a pandemic that is still going on today. Many people disregard that the pandemic is still happening by not wearing masks, ignoring the 6ft rule, and not taking vaccines. Covid has evolved into different variants, some more harmless, some more harmful. Covid-19 is induced by a virus named "SARS-CoV-2."

Covid is a respiratory virus that spreads through coughing, sneezing, and speaking. This disease originated in China and then spread all over the world. Hundreds of thousands have died due to Corona in the U.S and it has killed many loved ones. If you are older or have some other sort of disease, Corona could be more dangerous or even fatal.

Post-Covid is also a problem with covid. Post-Covid can last for a while, to weeks, to months, and to years in rare cases. Post-Covid has many symptoms, but the general symptoms include sleepiness, fever, and post-exertional malaise. Unfortunately, there isn't a test to diagnose post-covid, so for some people, doctors are still unsure whether they have post-covid or they are suffering from something else. Doctors are still learning new things about covid and post-covid. People still need to be careful with covid.

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Jokes and Puzzles!

By: Tayden L.

The first pieces of the space station launched in 19____.

$$\text{✂} \times \text{✂} = 81$$

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$$\text{👨🚀} - \text{🔧} = 20$$

$$\text{🔧} + \text{✂} = ?$$

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Thanksgiving WORD SEARCH



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| CORNUCOPIA | GRAVY | PLYMOUTH | THURSDAY |
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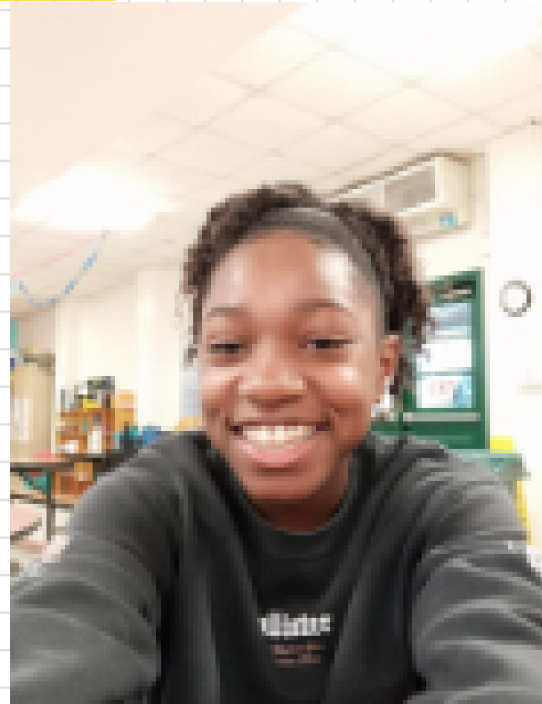
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Student Spotlight

By: Lily S

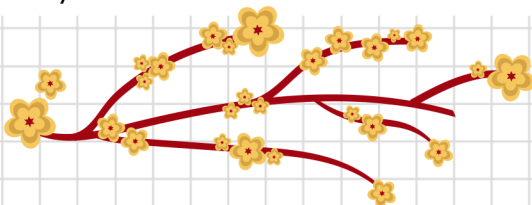
For this student spotlight, I chose London H! She is in 7th grade and likes reading. Her favorite book is Matilda but her favorite book series is Divergent. Although she enjoys reading so much her favorite class is civics but she says that ELA is a close second. Make sure to say hi to her if you see her in the hallways.



Class Spotlight

By: Lily S.

This class spotlight is Mrs. Cybulski's Mandarin class! And it seems like it's a very fun class. I talked to the class and they said that Mrs. Cybulski makes the class fun by allowing them to use actual horse brushes for calligraphy and learning how to write the language! They also said that they get to learn different stories and mythology about Mandarin or Chinese cultures. I talked to Mrs. Cybulski and what she likes about teaching Mandarin is that Mandarin teaches students a brand new culture, opens students' minds to other historical cultures, and that it's cool that OGA is one of the only schools in the US that teaches Mandarin to elementary students.



What's OGA Up To?

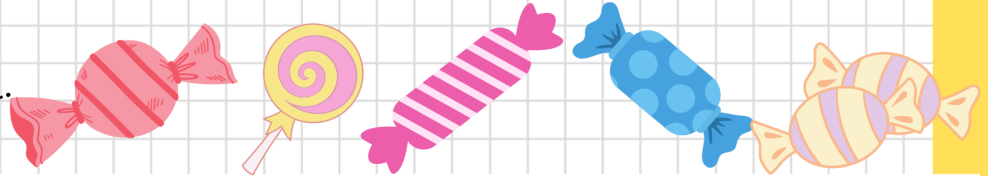
Two of our talented students have artwork on display at the OCPS District 2 Hispanic Heritage Celebration at Colonial High School. Please join us in congratulating Abigail C. and Avery M. on being selected for the exhibit. Great job artists!!



Congratulations to Wesley L., Joshua B., Mj N., Hieu N., and Benson N! They were recognized by the district for playing 100 or more Fast Chess games during the Back to School Blitz in September. Way to go! Who will represent OGA in this month's challenge of 100+ puzzles?

Candy!

By: Sellers L.



Candy is a wonderful treat that pleases the tongue with a sour or sweet taste. But let's take a Sweetened adventure back to when the first Candy was created starting in the 3100 B.C when the Egyptians would combine fruits, honey, and nuts to make a sweet mixture to please their tongues. In the 16th-century modern candy started to be manufactured like chocolate bars by mixing cacao butter, cacao, and sugar in a mold to create a bar or Fry's chocolate cream, which can be considered the first candy ever made sold officially in the market. Candy has some boons and flaws (boon is good and flaw is bad), One flaw being it's bad for your teeth or you can't have a lot at one time because it isn't healthy. And a boon is there is a good stress reliever and it can improve focus which is scientifically proven and its taste really good depending on the person. All and all candy is a surgery treat of amazingness that cant be eaten every second of the day but is to be treated as a delicacy and eaten every once in a while.

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