

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It's hard to believe we have completed half of the school year and are quickly drawing closer to Spring Break! We have so much to be proud of this school year from academics, to athletics, to extracurricular activities, to individual standout achievements. Maitland students continue to soar in and out of the classroom.

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I could not have been more impressed with our music programs that put on a fabulous concert series to close out 2019! The wealth of talent we have at Maitland is truly something. Furthermore, a special congratulations to our girls and boys volleyball teams who claimed an undefeated cluster championship! We are excited to kick off basketball season and track later in the spring. Go Hawks!

As we approach testing season, I understand how this can create some anxiety amongst parents, students, and teachers. At this point, it is important to remember that state testing is just part of the process and does not define a student and/or a school. With that said, we also understand that students are prepared to be successful on state tests. Students simply have to "show what they know" and the rest will take care of itself. We would ask that you please work with your student and encourage him/her to take these assessments seriously. Not only are we confident that students will perform well on state assessments, we're excited to show enough growth to remain an 'A' school!

I would encourage parents to stay connected with the learning process by checking Skyward Parent Access daily, becoming a Canvas Observer, and by reaching out to classroom teachers when questions/concerns arise. Additionally, if your child needs extra support with content, I would encourage you to take advantage of the free programs that OCPS makes available to

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students; iReady, Khan Academy, Math Nation, and virtual tutoring available through the Orange County Library System. All can be accessed from the OCPS Launch site.

It has been an outstanding year thus far, and I am excited to see how our students will continue to soar in 2020!

Andrew Leftakis Principal

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IMMUNIZATIONS FOR RISING 7TH GRADERS

Florida Statute requires that all students entering 7th grade have the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and all other required immunizations. Proof of immunizations must be provided to the school prior to your child starting 7th grade. In order to pick up your child's schedule at Device Roll Out for the 2020/2021 school year, we must have received your child's immunization record (form DH680). Don't wait until next fall! Please bring a copy of your child's immunization record, DH680, to the school front office as soon as possible.

Plan ahead if your child does need an immunization. You can get immunizations free of charge at the Orange County Health Department at 832 West Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32805. You may also get the immunization at your doctor's office, or any walk-in/ urgent care clinic. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the MMS front office at 407-623-1462.



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ADDITIONS AND FIELD TRIPS

Parents who are interested in chaperoning field trips, must have an active account in good standing in the ADDitions system. You must select opportunities at each school you want to volunteer

with in the system. For example, if you have children at Dommerich and Maitland, you must select both schools in your account. Please log in to your account and make any updates at www.volunteer.ocps.net

Currently scheduled end of year grade level field trips are:

The 8th grade field trip will be on Friday, May 8th. We are attending Gradventure, which is at Universal Studios. The 8th graders will have access to both Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. Buses



will be leaving at 4:30pm and will return to Maitland around 12:30am. A dinner voucher is included. The cost is \$115 per student and \$125 for chaperones. More information will come out right before spring break. Start saving today!

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SOCIAL STUDIES

During the 3rd quarter, 6th Grade World History students will examine the civilizations of Early China, Ancient Greece and the Roman Republic. Key events, significant individuals, ideas and achievements will be highlighted. Important connections with the world of today will be recognized.

Civics is studying the state and local government structure, and will then go into Federalism which is the shared powers between the federal and state governments. Students are surprised to see how much of their "day to day" lives are determined by their local government, but that is where the lowest voter turnout is. The three branches of government are always infused in our lessons, as well. Mrs. Dunham's classes came up with creative ways to showcase their understanding of the three branches of government. Here are a few examples.

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Eighth grade US History is heading west. After studying the early presidents, we will move west and learn about how the US grew to a nation from sea to shining sea. We will learn about the struggles of the early pioneers and their relationship with the Native Americans. There are many events that overlap in these units including women's suffrage, abolitionism, and the desire for more land. We will incorporate all those topics into our lessons. We are looking forward to a great 3rd quarter. Please continue to check Skyward and Canvas to monitor your students successes.



SCIENCE

8th grade Science

All of the 8th graders are finally finished with Physics and Space. During the second semester we will be concentrating on chemistry. We will be investigating the following topics: Introduction to Matter, Introduction to Chemistry, Atoms, The Periodic Table, Electrons and Interaction, Understanding



Chemistry, Chemical Reactions, NGSSS (Next

Generation Sunshine State Standards) preparation, This is the biggest part of our year. After we get back from spring break, all 8th graders will be completing 30 labs in three weeks. Our 8th graders will have to recall knowledge from their 6th, 7th and 8th grade science instruction.



In 7th Grade Earth Space Science Honors, the students are working hard on learning all about our home planet! We took a deep dive into the Earth and discovered its many layers by creating foldables and even used cupcakes to model how scientists use indirect evidence to

make inferences about parts of the Earth that we cannot see directly. Then zoomed back out to see how those deep layers in the Earth cause dynamic events on the surface like volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. They put together a model of Pangaea using fossil evidence as a guide. Next we'll look at how the Earth's surface changes constantly not only due to plate tectonics, but weathering, erosion, and deposition. They will discover how these processes can carve out valleys and canyons, and build deltas and alluvial fans. We'll use simulations and models to explore how

landforms formed not only here in Florida, but around the

world. We'll then visit fossils again by exploring Geologic Time and what Earth may have looked like in the past.

In 7th Grade Comprehensive Science 2, the students are welcoming their new teacher,



Mrs. Mosley and learning about DNA, genes, reproduction, and genetics. Students will use diagrams, models, and Punnet squares to better understand how traits are passed from parent to offspring.

In 6th Grade Comprehensive Science 1 students started the 3rd nine weeks investigating how the cycling of water between the atmosphere and hydrosphere has an effect on weather patterns and the climate. This let to a unit study on weather,



climate, global wind patterns and severe weather. Students investigated how natural disasters have affected human life in Florida. Students will end the 3rd nine weeks studying cells investigating the scientific theory of cells and the structure and functions of plant and animal cells.



In 6th grade Life Science students started the 3rd nine weeks studying classification where they learned how and why organisms are classified according to shared characteristics

(within an emphasis on the Linnaen system combined with the concept of Domains). Working in teams, students researched and created a station activity to learn about the Six Kingdoms. Students then studied mitosis and meiosis where they learned about cell division. This led to a unit study on heredity and reproduction where students learned how to determine the probability for genotype and phenotype combinations using Punnett Squares and pedigrees. Students will end the 3rd nine weeks exploring the impact of biotechnology on the individual, society, and the environment.

Parents, please continue to check your child's progress in Skyward. Class information can be found in your child's Science class Canvas page.



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MATH

As we move into the spring, we'd like to remind students and parents of available tutoring times:

- Stuppard: Tuesdays 8:45 -9:15
- Fugate: Tuesday and Thursday 8:45 -9:20 or at lunch
- Carlson: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8-8:30 and 4-4:30
- Rivera- Tuesday and Thursday 9-9:20
- Klammer -By request
- Kempe Daily during 8th grade lunch and Tuesday and Thursday from 4-4:40

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

The soft scratch of pencil on paper and the click clack of laptop keys mean students are writing, writing, writing! We have a little extra time to prepare for the FSA writing test, which takes place in early April. Sixth and seventh grade writing tests are paper/pencil; eighth graders will use the computer-based writing test. Gearing up for the assessment, kids are diving into myriad writing territories about topics ranging from courage and heroism to whether teens should have jobs. Of course, reading is still a daily component of language arts classes. Students strive to support their thinking with evidence from a variety of texts, to craft sentences and paragraphs that flow and are engaging to read. Students are also getting the chance to read and analyze ideas, point of view and the beautifully complex language of texts. Higher level thinking muscles are being strengthened as students break down the structure of text and infer why the author chose to structure the story, play, poem or article that way. Academic discussion that is accountable to the texts being read is a focus of district-wide professional development, which meshes seamlessly with all we do in our classrooms.

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MAITLAND BASKETBALL ROSTER 2019-2020



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- Amaya Bien-Aime
- Atravia Simmons
- Calista Rand
- Dazia Tyree
- Ellison Kingsley
- Frances Liffey
- Kaliah Simmons
- Katie Halligan
- Loralei Duque
- Presley Howard
- Rhianna Wilkerson
- Riley Sherman

Boys Roster: Head Coach: Coach Zaccardi Assistant Coach: Coach Carter

- Christian Kombe
- Erik Boyer
- Hassan Efford
- Hayden Orsolits
- Jameson Foglesong
- Jatorian Mack
- Jonathan Gebaide
- Josh Anderson
- Kymani Weathers
- Malakai Washington
- Noah Daniels
- Omair Asif
- Patrick Clelland

GIRLS' AND BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to both the girls' and boys' volleyball teams for finishing the season as undefeated Cluster Champions!







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FINE ARTS

The Chorus and Musical Theatre Students had a musical second guarter. Sounds of the Season were in the air as the groups sang all through the holidays. Musicale Chorus sang at the Lake Lily tree lighting service in December. They also spent an afternoon singing for Dommerich Elementary classes. All the groups combined for a fabulous concert at Winter Park HS before the winter break.

Congratulations to the All County Chorus singers. These students were selected by audition and joined with other outstanding OCPS singers in November for a week of music. Way to go Sadie Abate, Sophia Blankenship, Olivia Corker, Jake Cukier, Elleah Francis, Hannah Panchelli, McKinley Preisser, Serene Sabbagh, and Valeria Salazar!

The Boys Choir loved hearing our Honorary Teacher For the Day, Deanna Carolina as she presented for Teach-in. She played electric harp and even let the students strum the harp. They learned all about this musical career and creativity.

Many thanks to all who participated in the music department fall fundraiser with orders and volunteering! A team of parent volunteers helped to distribute our order in November. Many hands make light work!



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Students in art classes have been learning about India and its beautiful art. Mrs. Fisher had the opportunity to visit India on a Fulbright seminar last summer and is sharing her experience with her students. They are finishing up their third style of creating art in the India style. 6th grade students will be going on a field trip this month to the Maitland Art and History center. They will get to see the current "Juicy" exhibit and spend some time drawing en plein air. Each student should be working on their quarterly sketchbook project which is 20% of their final grade and due on March 6th. Keep sending in used magazines and anything else you think the art room could put to use. Thanks for your support.



Blue elephants: Hope GebelHoff Arms: Laurel Jozik Red piece: Dahlia Larson

Sixth grade art classes attended a field trip to the Maitland Museum of Art and History this week. The trip was entirely funded by the United Arts. We got to visit the current exhibit in the museum called Juicy. The students were amazed at the giant pictures of cut citrus. They spent some time touring the beautiful grounds with art in every corner. They brought their sketchbooks and sketched 'en plein air'. They also got to do a short activity making rubbings of tiles with Mayan inspired faces. It was a great opportunity to visit a community treasure.



ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2019-2020

| Monday | February 17 | Presidents' Day Holiday (Schools Closed/District Offices Open) |
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| Thursday | March 12 | End of Third Marking Period |
| Friday | March 13 | Teacher Workday/Student Holiday |
| Monday-Friday | March 16-20 | Spring Break (Schools Closed/District Offices Open) |
| Monday | March 23 | Begin Fourth Marking Period |
| Monday | May 25 | Memorial Day Holiday (Schools and District Offices Closed) |
| Wednesday | May 27 | End of Fourth Marking Period/Last Day of School |
| Thursday-Friday | May 28-29 | Post-Planning (2 Days) |



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LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

Students interested in participating in our Battle of the Books Club should plan to join Ms. Delaney every Monday during lunch shifts to discuss the books and practice our trivia skills. The club is open to ALL students. We will winnow down our team as we get closer to the battle in March. Stay tuned for a link to vote for your favorite Sunshine State Book for 2019-2020 via Canvas in March.

Keep up to date on library events and book suggestions by following our library accounts: @MaitlandMS_ OCPS on Instagram and @ MMS_HawksMC on Twitter.





OCLS VIRTUAL LIBRARY CARD & LIBBY

Did you know that ALL OCPS students and staff have a Virtual Library Card provided by our friends at the Orange County Library System? Students can explore all of the tools OCLS has to offer by logging into their accounts at www.ocls.info Username is the student id number and the password is their birthday in YYYYMMDD format. Need some homework help? Want to build your technology skills or explore a new language



with Mango or Rocket Learning? Check out the available online tools with your Virtual Library Card. Ms. Delaney shared a tutorial in Media Center Canvas page about the free Libby app (sponsored by Overdrive) that will allow users to download audio and e-books. Check it out!

Promoting Diverse Books. 2020 award winners, including the Printz Award, the Coretta Scott King Award, the Pura Belpre Award, the Newbery Award, and the Caldecott Award.

For a full list of winners from the American Library Association, check out this link:

ALA Youth Media Awards 2020

• Celebrate Literacy Week January 27-31st

Students and staff participated in *Adventure Awaits!* themed events this week to promote a love of reading and literacy.

• Breakfast Book Swap: Students and staff came together to discuss books and enjoy a light breakfast.



During our Wednesday Drop Everything & Read event, participating students read 8,892 minutes.

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NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

National Junior Honor Society at Maitland welcomed approximately 40 new members. National Junior Honor Society recognizes students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character, and service. NJHS Club partners with the PTSA for the annual Food Drive. In the near future, students will promote Pennies for Patients to help cancer patients and fundraise for our local chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Wondering what to do with that spare change? Give it to a great cause! Collection is coming soon.







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