# OEC Jag News







#### Week of Oct. 18th



Thank you to all our parent volunteers, including Ms. Taalbi and **Ms.** Palmer (pictured here) for helping us at lunch. You have been amazing and we love you!





# Excellent Staff Attendance

Thank you to everyone who has demonstrated excellent attendance over the first (almost 2 months of school!) Okay, we see you Ms. Peterson and Mr. Jordan!

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### Every year on October 15th, we celebrate White Cane Awareness Day.

Click to watch the video Mr. D'Angelis, our Orientation and Mobility Instructor, created with a few OEC students sharing stories about their white cane.

And read more about the history of White Cane Awareness Day from the National Federation of the Blind (NFB):

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"While it was not uncommon throughout history for blind people to use a stick or cane to navigate, society largely didn't accept that blind people could travel by themselves until recently. In the 1960s, the NFB became a leader in fighting for the rights of the blind and in pioneering innovative training programs using the white cane. At NFB's urging, the United States Congress designated October 15 as White Cane Safety Day and recognizing that white canes enable blind people to **travel safely and independently**.

While the white cane does keep blind people safe (because drivers and other pedestrians can easily see it), it is also a tool that blind people use to explore and navigate their environment. For this reason, the emphasis of White Cane Safety Day has shifted over time away from safety, and **toward independence and equality**. To emphasize the shift in focus from safety to independence, the NFB has chosen to refer to this day as **White Cane Awareness Day**." October is Family Engagement Month and the Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) is excited to celebrate at the *Young Readers Book Festival*!

Families and young students are invited to join us from 10 AM to 1 PM TOMORROW, Saturday, October 16, 2021, at the Northeast High School Football Field Supersite for a day of early literacy activities and resources, free books in multiple languages, community resource tables, and more!

Help spread the word to families, by accessing flyers in multiple languages here. Visit www.philasd.org/face for more information.

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22ND PINK DAY AT OEC!

ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 22ND, JOIN US IN

RECOGNIZING THOSE BATTLING BREAST

CANCER, SURVIVORS, THEIR FAMILIES,

AND AS THOSE WE HAVE LOST TO THIS

DISEASE.

WEAR PINK AND BRING \$1 TO DONATE TO BREAST CANCER RESEARCH.

## **OCTOBER IS ANTI-BULLYING MONTH AT OEC**

#### STAND UP TO BULLYING WITH OEC!

## **EVENTS:**

- SCHOOLWIDE POSTER CONTEST
- SPIRIT WEEK 10.25-10.29
- **DOOR DECORATING CONTEST**
- STUDENT OF THE MONTH

CHECK OUT BOOKS FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS ABOUT BULLYING BULLYING IS WHEN SOMEONE KEEPS SAYING SOMETHING OR DOING SOMETHING TO HAVE POWER OVER **ANOTHER PERSON** 

STAY TUNED FOR RESOURCES SHARED THROUGH EMAIL AND CLASS DOJO ON HOW TO COMBAT BULLYING IN SCHOOL AND AT HOME.











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MONDAY 10.25	TUESDAY 10.26	WEDNESDAY 10.27	THURSDAY 10.28	FRIDAY 10.29
DRESS TO IMPRESS	RAINBOW DAY	WACKY WEDNESDAY!	THROWBACK THURSDAY	SUPERFAN FRIDAYI
It's time to get FANCY!	WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COLOR OR ALL OF THE COLORS TO SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!	Show off those crazy hairstyles, backwards clothes, silly socks and funny hats! Wear your wackiest on this WEIRD AND WONDER WEDNESDAY!	Kick it old school! Wear your favorite 00's, 90's, 80's, or wayyyy back clothes!	Dress up as your favorite superhero or shero



## **Attention!**

# SHOWING ID WHEN PICKING UP YOUR CHILD!



Team, with masks being mandatory and the winter weather changing, it is sometime difficult to decipher who our parents/guardians are during dismissal. For safety purposes, please ALWAYS present your ID when coming to pick up your child. WE WILL ASK FOR ID.

> Thank you, Principals Foote and Easley

#### **Restorative Conversations**

Part of our new Relationships First Initiative!

When a rift in the community occurs, we'll be having restorative conversations. The following questions will be asked in a non-judgmental way, with the goal of <u>making amends</u> and <u>creating a community of support.</u>

#### **Restorative Questions**

- What happened?
- What were you thinking at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you need to do to make things right?

Relationships First in ACTION! - Quote from OEC teacher "Our **relationship** has really helped with his behavior. He is listening and following directions in class. Sometimes he has a little meltdown but just pulling him to the side and talking to him calms him down."





#### **OUT OF SCHOOL TIME** OEC's After-Care Program

WHAT

This year OEC will have an after-school program funded through the City of Philadelphia Office of Children and Families and provided by our partners at Legacy Youth Tennis and Education.

WHEN

Program start date is Tuesday September 14th Runs Monday through Friday from 2:54 to 5:30 PM 🔂 o



WHO 100 students K-5th grade, 38 students 6-8th grade

WHERE

All programming will take place at OEC (6722 Lansdowne)

**HOW** To register, please go to the link or scan the QR code below. Link: <u>https://forms.gle/Z7nEQZCNGJ7N9CUYA</u> If you already applied, you should have received a confirmation email from Ms. Caroline saying that your child was accepted.

Please review the information in that email and reach out with any questions.

If you applied, but did not receive an email, please reach out ASAP. Cell: (252) 339-1712. Thank you to all families who have completed the interest form for the Parent Flat Rate Program. The names of interested families have been shared with the school.

Please be on the lookout for an email from Lori Keefer on Tuesday stating whether or not your child is eligible for the program. If eligible, directions for payment will be included in the email. Parent Flat Rate Program



**OEC Events** Today October 2021 🔻 Print Week Month Agenda 💌 Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat 27 28 30 Oct 1 26 2 6pm Home and School As Check out the OEC 3 6 0 Calendar of **Events** on our 10 11 12 13 15 16 14 school No School - Indigenous website. **LINK** 18 20 23 17 19 21 22 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 5pm School Advisory Cou 6pm Home and School As 31 Nov 1 3 6 First Day of American In No School - Election Da + Google Calendar Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York

REACH OUT TO US ANY TIME! Principal Foote (610-731-6039) Email: mfoote@philasd.org Assistant Principal Easley (267-971-1667) Email: ayeasley@philasd.org

### Stay Informed with Parent Portal

Every parent can track student progress and attendance on-line through the parent portal. Parent portal can be accessed by going to https://sso.philasd.org/cas/login. If you already have an account, you can just sign in. If you need to register for an account, you will need your child's student ID number. Most students know this number and if they do not we can provide it to you. The system may ask for a confirmation code, we can also provide this as needed.

#### **OEC's Focus for 21-22**

#### Goals

**Culture:** We will create **safe, welcoming and healthy** spaces (classrooms) and relationships with <u>all</u> students, staff, and our OEC community.

**Instruction:** We will provide culturally **relevant and** academically **rigorous** instruction to all students.

Love to see it! **Check out** Ms. Honor's Brag **Board!** 





# **October Birthdays...**

Nia Shiels 10/1 Omari Demercado 10/1 Takiyah Johnson 10/1 Brooke Sheed 10/4 Avery Tomp 10/5 Amin Caldwell 10/5 Londyn White 10/8 Omar Abuali 10/11 Paulisha Lugo-Perez 10/11 Sophia Tucker 10/12 Riley Noel 10/12 Brise'is Austin 10/13 Milayah Dejesus 10/15

Yoshua Nocelo Andrade 10/16 Alexandria Talbott 10/17 Lucas McNeil 10/19 Darrin Williams 10/20 Charli Carroll 10/21 Ahmaya Green 10/22 Liam Woodall 10/25 Karlia Stephenson 10/25 Laylah Peterson 10/26 Emanuel Davis 10/28 Jaida Brown 10/30 Benjamin Easley 10/30



