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Middle School Monday Message

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General Announcements



Thank you for opening this attachment.

For parents who are new to Middle School, consider this your weekly insider information about what is going on in each class and what projects/quizzes are due. This week we will just be sharing contact information and bios.

Please ensure your child brings a computer AND charger to school every day!

*If your child is feeling sick please do not send him/her to school!

Language Arts

Hello Students and Families!

While many of you know me as the Music teacher of OEC I am happy to re-introduce myself as the 6-8th grade literacy teacher. I am thrilled to embark upon another wonderful year of learning with you all! We will spend our time developing essential listening, speaking, reading and critical thinking skills.

As the middle school literacy teacher my expectation for student success is high. To achieve this goal we will work together creating teacher-parent partnerships while also focusing on student accountability. To ensure we are all on the same page I am asking that all parents/families attend our fall back to school night on September 8th, where additional information will be provided. I can't wait to begin our time together.

Mr. Rivera

jarivera@philasd.org



Writing

Dear Families,

Welcome back to what will be an exciting and enriching year at O.E.C. I will be your child's writing teacher. This is my ninth year here!

I am very excited to be taking on a slightly different role at school this year and am thrilled to be working closely with Mr. Rivera everyday to provide writing instruction in correlation with his reading content.

Additional course information and expectations will be shared with you at our open house on September 8th from 5:30-7:30pm.

I am always available to speak with you regarding any questions or concerns. The best way to reach me is through email at jpresser@philasd.org. If I do not yet have your email, please send me a message. I look forward to a wonderful partnership with you this school year!

Sincerely,

Jen Shaw
jpresser@philasd.org



Math

Hello!

I hope everyone had a fulfilling summer and is excited for the new school year. For those of you who are new to OEC, I want to extend a warm welcome and introduce myself as your scholar's math teacher. For our returning families, I'm so happy that I will continue having the pleasure of seeing your scholars in class every day.

I will be reaching out to you over the next few weeks to catch up/introduce myself, but in the meantime, please take a look at the syllabus that was handed out to students today. **Their first homework assignment is to get this syllabus signed.**

I can *feel* that this year will be a great year for all of our students! Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Mathematically yours,

Ms. Fong



Science

Hello families and welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. I am looking forward to another great year at OEC. This will be my 7th year at OEC and 22nd working in the School District of Philadelphia. I feel incredibly fortunate to work at a school with a staff as great as ours, and with such wonderful and supportive families. Once again, this year I will be teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science, as well as providing support through small group instruction in your child's math class.

Please continue to check in with your child weekly about their supplies (for all classes) that may be gone/lost/used up (such as pencils, paper/notebooks, etc.). Many middle schoolers seem to think their parents are mind readers and should "just know" when they need more supplies. I will continue to assure them that as parents, although we have many skills, mind-reading is not one of them.

It is also important that each student brings a charged Chromebook to school each day. Although I try to use hands on activities to illustrate concepts whenever I can, there will be many times when we will need our computers in class work on a lab using an on-line simulation, or to create graphs, or for an interactive assignment. I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out through email, phone or text.

Chris Lawson cell: 267-968-6521 email: calawson@philasd.org



Social Studies

Hello families and students,

Welcome back to school! I hope you had an enjoyable summer break. I am so thrilled to join the OEC community this school year. A little bit about me: I grew up in the Philadelphia area, but I lived in NYC for 10 years. I have taught World and American history at the middle school and high school level, however, middle schoolers are definitely my FAVORITE age group to teach!

The OEC Middle [website](#) explains the MS social studies courses in greater detail, but 6th graders will be in World I, 7th graders will be in World II and 8th graders will be in US History.

I look forward to meeting you all as the school year progresses.

Excited to make history together!

Ms. Levy



After the first week, please check your scholar's grades continuously online.

For steppers on how to see your scholar's grades, please see below:

- [Registering for a parent portal](#)
- [Viewing report cards in the parent portal](#)
- [Viewing report cards in the student portal](#)
- [Video on the portal backpack](#)
- [Website with more information and instructions](#)



Please have your scholars bring their Chromebooks and chargers to school **every day.

Students **must** have a school district-issued Chromebook and charger.

They will be used in class and help us provide them with an equitable education.*

The School District of Philadelphia will loan a Chromebook to every District K-12 student who needs one. The loaner program is **free**.

If students need their Chromebooks repaired, or if they need help getting their issued devices up and running, please stop by one of the District's three Parent and Family Tech Support Centers.

Broken Chromebooks with chargers can be exchanged for new ones at OEC, but **chargers must be turned in with the Chromebook.**

Parent & Family Technology Support Centers

Hours:

-Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

-Wednesdays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Fitzpatrick Annex Building**
(rear of Fitzpatrick Elementary School)
4101 Chalfont Drive, Philadelphia PA 19154
- **Martin Luther King High School** (parking lot entrance on Haines Street)
6100 Stenton Avenue; Philadelphia, PA 19138
- **South Philadelphia High School** at 2101 South Broad Street

Parent & Family Technology Support Hotline

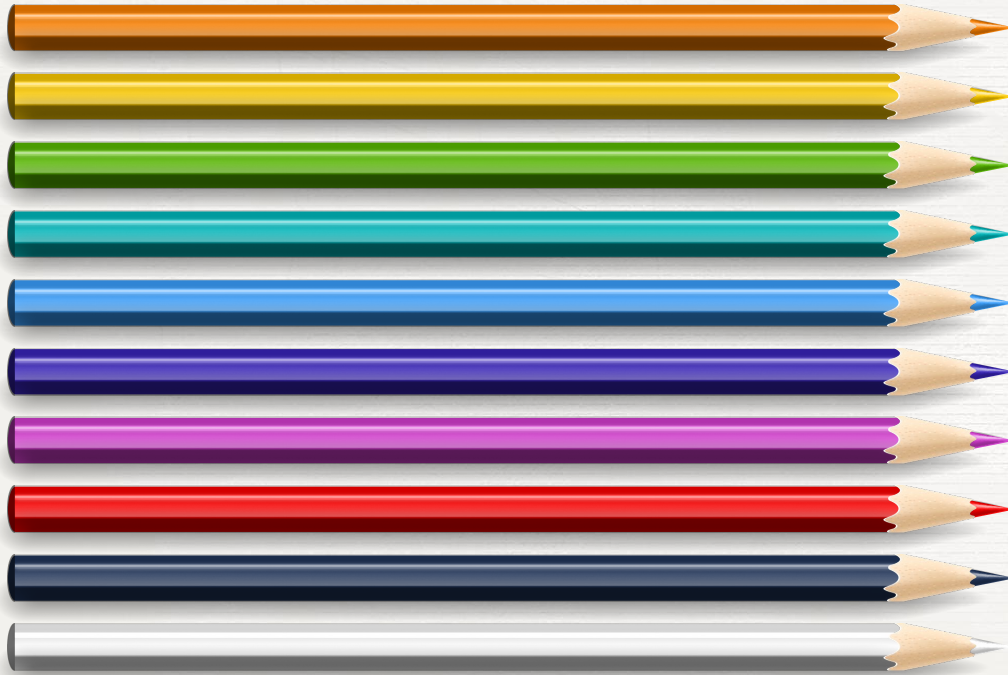
Support for parents and students to help you get your District-issued devices up and running, and to address more basic technical issues with broken or malfunctioning computers.

T: **215-400-4444**

F: **215-400-4445**

E: **FamilyTechSupport@philasd.org**

Extra resources



[OEC Middle](#)

[Classroom.google.com](#)

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