

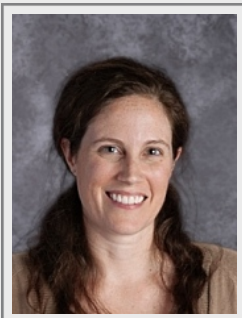
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Scripture of the Month

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. **Romans 15:7 ESV**

Teacher of the Month



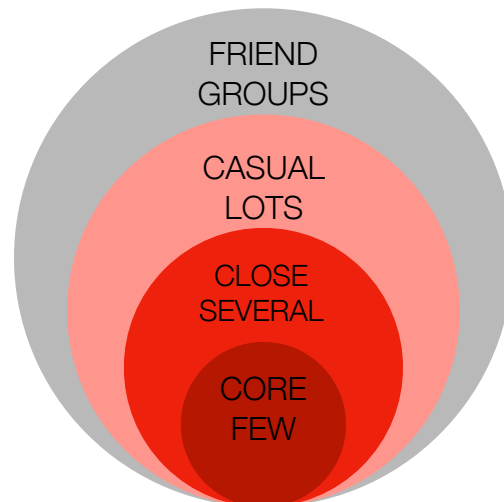
Our Teacher of the Month for September was our high school Spanish & Bible teacher, Kim Rauck!!

Congratulations; we appreciate your hard work and effort! Thank you for all that you do for OCA!!



From Head of School, Jenny Barton

A recent study shows that 65% of 12-17 year olds feel lonely on a regular basis. This statistic was staggering and saddening to me. We all have different levels of friends as shown in the graphic below:



Early Education, Teresa Wilson

It is hard to believe that we are so close to the end of the first nine weeks of this school year. The weeks seem to be flying by in preschool. Our current theme is Community Helpers. The kids have had fun learning about different professionals who help and protect us. We are hoping to take a virtual field trip of a fire station later this month. After such a long time at home, it is wonderful to see our youngest lions busy and learning. Mrs. Moates and I are thankful for the wonderful parent partners we have this year in EE.

Important Dates

- Oct 3- King Rd Clean-up & All Hands Helping (9:00 am)
- Oct 9- NO SCHOOL: FALL BREAK
- Oct 12- NO SCHOOL: FALL BREAK
- Oct 13- PAWS Meeting (Virtual) 7:45 AM & 6:30 PM
- Oct 14- PSAT
- Oct 14- Fall Sports Pictures
- Oct 16- End of the 1st Quarter
- Oct 16- Early Dismissal (K5-12) **NO AFTERCARE (K5-8th)**
- Oct 19-24- SPIRIT WEEK
- Oct 20- ACT Test (12th grade)
- Oct 22- Elementary Report Cards Issued
- Oct 22- Mandatory Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct 23- MS/HS Report Cards Issued (email)
- Oct 27- ACSI Committee Meetings (Virtual)
- **Check out all of our athletic games & events for volleyball, football, and cross country at ocalions.org/calendar**

Our casual friends will be a large group, while our close friends are normally made up of several and our core friends will be few - typically 3 or less. As parents, we may have to go out of our way to facilitate friend groups for our children. This could look like giving up some of your time to drive your kids places to see friends or hosting events to facilitate friendships or joining sports teams and extra-curricular events.

Who should we choose as Core friends?

1. Choose friends who encourage you spiritually. Friends who fill your heart. *1 Thess. 5:11*
2. Choose friends who consistently support you emotionally. This friend walks in when everyone else walks out. *Proverbs 17:17*
3. Choose friends who challenge you to think. Iron sharpens iron. *Proverbs 13:20*

Building Blocks to Be a Great Friend

- Be Cheerful - Greet people with a smile. *Proverbs 15:26*
- Be Comfortable - Relax and be yourself. *Matthew 22:39*
- Be Conversational by asking your friends about themselves. Don't always take about yourself. *Philippians 2:4*
- Be Considerate - Listen well and empathize. Listening is loving. *James 1:19, Romans 12:15*
- Be Confidential - Don't gossip. Your gossip will find you out. *Proverbs 11:13*
- Be Candid - Always tell the truth in love. *Proverbs 24:26*
- Be Christ-Like - Love unconditionally. *Romans 15:7*

Where should this training take place? In the home! Model these behaviors for your children. Reinstitute family dinner around the table. Eating dinner together and conversing about the day allows you to train your children in proper conversational skills and will fight loneliness in our kids. Let's all join together to equip, empower and encourage our kids. I love you all Oasis and am so happy and blessed to be a part of this amazing community! Happy Fall Y'all!

- Jenny Barton

