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Otis Spunkmeyer Results

The Otis Spunkmeyer sale was a huge success. They added the additional component of online sales as well this year. We have not received that confirmed total yet but the informal total was over \$5,000 while our normal paper order total was \$15,000 which made our profit a little over \$6,000.

Thank you, thank you to those of you who were able to participate in this fundraiser! All of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to help pay for our new bus, "The Reverend". With last years fundraiser money added to this total we will have earned close to half of the price of our new bus. To God be the Glory!

Teacher of the Month

Our teacher of the month for September is **Shirley Carson!!** Congratulations; and thank you for all that you do for OCA!!



From the Administrator

I am so thankful for our Oasis Family for so many reasons. Thank you for entrusting your most precious children to us as we partner together to help them become all that the Lord has planned for them. It is hard to believe that it is the last day of September. The year is going quickly yet smoothly. Please continue to work hard with your students in the areas of obedience and diligence. If you have any questions or need any assistance with anything, please reach out to your teachers and/or administrators and we will be happy to assist you.

Our next big event and our largest Family Fellowship Event of the year is our annual Fall Y'all Fest. We need your help in a variety of ways. They are outlined below:

- Our Fall Festival is quickly approaching on Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 4:00-8:00. We want all of you to attend and we need your help. You will receive 3 donation letters this week. We need you to ask businesses you frequent for donations for the auction portion of the Fall Festival. Gift cards, services and products are needed in order to make this year's Fall Y'all Fest a success. No gift is too small. We will be compiling some of the items that go together into baskets that can be auctioned or raffled. All money raised will be used to increase parental involvement and support our teachers in their endeavors to provide enriching activities.



Important Dates

- Oct 1- Custodial Staff Day
- Oct 4- 5th & 6th Grade Crystal Springs Field Trip
- Oct 5- King Rd Clean-up (9:00am)
- Oct 5- All Hands Helping @ King (9:00am)
- Oct 7- 12th Grade FASFA Sign-up Meeting @ Berkley (6:30pm)
- Oct 8- PAWS Meeting (7:45am or 6:30pm)
- Oct 10- Preschool Fire Station Field Trip
- Oct 10- 1st Grade Aerospace Museum Field Trip
- Oct 11- Columbus Day Break: NO SCHOOL
- Oct 14- Columbus Day Break: NO SCHOOL
- Oct 15- 10th Red- Food Bank
- Oct 16- 10th Black- Food Bank
- Oct 16- PSAT testing
- Oct 16- 8th Grade Bartow Courthouse Field Trip
- Oct 17- High School iFly Field Trip
- Oct 18- Senior Games
- Oct 18- End of 1st Quarter/Early Dismissal/Aftercare Available
- Oct 21-25- SPIRIT WEEK
- Oct 24- 2nd Grade- Hope Equine Field Trip
- Oct 24- REQUIRED Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct 25- Homecoming
- Oct 25- MS & HS Report Cards
- Oct 26- Homecoming Dance
- Oct 29- PAWS Meeting (Fall Fest)
- Oct 29- 11th & 12th Grade- Valencia College Trip
- **Check out all of our sports games at ocalions.org/activities**

• Each class will be running a game or booth at the festival. Your teachers will be contacting you in the next couple of weeks to ask you to sign up for a time to run your booth.

• Finally, invite a friend or family to join your family at this fun, safe, family event. Thank you in advance for all of your help. This fun family day would not be possible without all of your help. We appreciate our families!

Dean of Student's Corner

I recently came across a meme that summed up how I was feeling at the moment. It said, "My mind is like an internet browser. There are 10 tabs open, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no idea where the music is coming from!" There are times I'm sure we can all relate to the feeling of staying busy and barely have any time for rest. As I've sat down to attempt to write this article, there seemed to be no communication between my brain and paper, until today. Yesterday at church, I was asked to lead in prayer during our 5th Sunday prayer service. I was explicitly asked to pray for our kids, teens, and young, college-aged adults. When my time came for me to pray, I just began to pray from my heart. Afterward, something that I said during the prayer stayed with me. In Ezekiel 22:30 the Lord says, "*I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.*" This verse gives the implication that the Lord was looking for someone to step up, someone to say like the prophet Isaiah did "*Here I am Lord, send me,*" but as we read in Ezekiel, no one was found. Our students face so many new things that we, as the older generation, never encountered. What an awesome responsibility we share as parents, teachers, and administrators to protect, nurture, love, and teach our children and students.

We all share in the call to "*train up our children in the way they should go.*" (Proverbs 22:6) We look to Jesus Christ as the perfect example of how we should walk, talk, live, and love one another and our kids need to see Jesus' perfect example in us. Our theme this year is "**Raising the Bar.**" Let us make a renewed commitment to not only "raise the bar" but to also "stand in the gap" for our kids. To be willing to provide a source of strength, love, rest, encouragement, all that our students need daily. I stand in the gap, do you?

From the High School Principal

The month of September has been an eventful month for our high school students. Our student government officers were elected and we held our first class meetings. Students and teachers brain stormed together to determine our club offerings and we kicked off our clubs last Friday! Clubs will be held every other Friday for the fall semester. Finally, we had an amazing time at our See You at the Pole event. Students and faculty participated as we prayed for our friends/family, school/teachers, government/nation, and each other. We thank God for the opportunity to pray together during our school day! - Dr. P.

