

“Four Schools, One Vision”

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Happy New Year Charter Schools!

Looking onward and upward.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year to our maturing and ever-improving Charter School System! It's hard to believe in October we will be celebrating our 14th year of operations, but we are doing just that, and in excellent condition.

Did you know Oasis High School is ranked 47th in the nation as one of America's most challenging high schools, and our elementary schools, Christa McAuliffe and Oasis are among Lee County's highest scoring public schools on the Florida Standard Assessment tests? And when you say "Oasis Middle" remember, we are the GATE keepers. The list of our student achievements is long and continues to grow.

Our faculty is also continuously enriching their knowledge and expertise. For example, we now have a Curriculum Specialist, and at least two educators who have achieved their Doctorate in Education. From the elementary to the high school, there are teachers and staff baring Master of Education degrees, and attending cutting-edge teaching seminars. Our students are in highly qualified hands and they know it, this year nominating a record 250 teachers for the Lighthouse Award.

Despite Hurricane Irma and her ill-effects on our communities, our buildings are safe, and our system is fiscally holding the line, coming in at budget, completing capital improvement projects, and preparing for our future.

What's our recipe for success? Besides using old school intervention strategies, and new school project-based learning methods? It's you – parents and guardians who stay involved with their children's education, and engaged with their educators and community. Together, we are "**Four Schools, One Vision.**"

It's going to be an awesome second half to an already excellent year!

Be wise and be well,

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School News



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This year our Charter Schools are implementing Project-Based Learning (PBL) techniques in our classrooms. You may have heard of this innovative and complex teaching method, but what exactly is PBL, and what will it do for your child's academic life?

PBL is a teaching method that uses real-world scenarios to help your child meet the team challenges and multiple problem-solving skills necessary for the workforce of the future. By teaching your child diverse problem solving techniques, goal setting strategies, and encouraging deep critical thinking, our Charter School educators are helping your child develop intellectually and emotionally, as well as academically.

Throughout the last year, our Charter School educators attended PBL workshops to help them better understand how this style of teaching could revitalize our classrooms, and provide our Charter School students with a world class academic learning environment right here on our campuses.

Teachers are reporting that students are engaging with the new curriculum instruction at a deeper level, and discovering team work and self-management are worthy skills they can easily learn and expand. In addition, peer projects have also taken an upturn in creativity and depth of knowledge, proving our Charter School students are truly learning, and highly competitive with other school systems.

Scenes Around the Campus

Mrs. Hoover's Math Scavenger Hunt, Oasis Elementary School



Mrs. Hoover's OES 5th grade class participated in a math scavenger hunt.

Twelve clues were placed around the playground which required the students to use the math skills they have learned so far this year, including multiplication, division, expressions, and place value with decimals.

The solutions to the math problems gave students hints for the combination to a lock, which was being used to chain a stuffed bear to a bench.

The goal was to figure out the combination and free the bear!

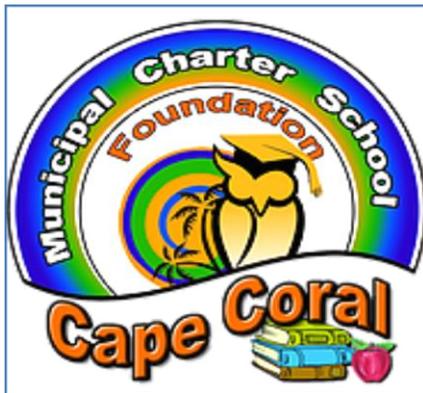
All seven of the groups were successfully able to solve all of the clues and free the bear!



Mrs. Martin's OES 4th grade class learned about immigration and cultural diversity during the month of November.

The unit culminated with students creating projects, including a "Friends Festival," where students spoke about immigrants, immigration, cultural diversity, acceptance, and friendship.

After their presentations, students enjoyed some fellowship and tasted food from around the world.



Important School Events

April 7

Charter Authority Rally German American Club Gates Open 3 p.m.

May 4

Lighthouse Award Dinner, Yacht Club, 6:00p.m. Teachers, Family, Friends and Parents are invited to attend.

May 19

Oasis High School Class of 2018

Senior Graduation

OHS Gymnasium, 10-11am

May 25

OMS 8th Grade Graduation

OMS Gymnasium. 6:00-7:30pm

Foundation News

Who We Are

The Foundation is the fundraising arm of the Cape Coral Charter Authority. We are made up of parent volunteers who want to help the school. We invite anyone to join us at our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the High School cafeteria.

What We Do

Our main initiatives are:

- Charter Authority Rally
- Lighthouse Awards
- Mini-Grants for Teachers
- Scholarships for Students

The Rally 2018

The Charter Authority Rally is our largest system-wide fundraiser that benefits all four schools and the Foundation. This year the event will be held on Saturday, April 7th at the German American Club; gates open at 3:00p.m. We are looking for sponsors, donations and volunteers. For more information, visit www.charterauthorityrally.org

Lighthouse Awards 2018

The Lighthouse Award Recognition Program is administered by the Cape Coral Charter School Foundation and overseen by the Lighthouse Award Committee, comprised of members of the Charter School Foundation. This program is designed to honor the most deserving teachers and staff within our Charter School System. This year the Lighthouse Awards dinner will be held on May 4th at the Yacht Club, at 6:00p.m. For more information or to volunteer to support this event contact www.capecharterfoundation.org