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March Madness and Glory, Too

March is more than just leprechauns and layups

Dear Parents and Guardians,

If the beginning of your spring season is as busy as mine usually is, then March really is Madness!

For many of us, besides the wearing o’ the green on St. Patrick’s Day, there is also that whole Cinderella basketball road trip, a.k.a., NCAA March Madness. What can you say about days on end when it’s okay to throw on your favorite college jersey, and let the hubs crank the cable until the last hoop swishes? Awesomeness!

And as if this isn’t enough fun, during the same month our schools decide to top everything off with a big heap of Spring Break. That’s the month, folks. Am I right? Well, almost.

Did you know March is also National Women’s History Month? In 1987 Congress declared March should be days of celebration and appreciation for the vital role women play in the rise and riches of our country.

The movement to formally recognize the contributions of women in society gained momentum in the late 1970s, when the Education Task Force Commission decided

to address the issue that women’s history was virtually an unknown topic in K-12 curriculums. By the late 1980s, state departments of education started encouraging women’s history celebrations in classrooms, and as part of secondary curriculums. Finally, Congress declared March as National Women’s History Month in perpetuity, and a special Presidential Proclamation is set forth every year to honor and acknowledge the extraordinary achievements of women past and present.

Heritage celebrations like Women’s History Month make me proud to be an American. Furthermore, given the outstanding education and support our female charter school students receive, we should all be hopeful and excited as to exactly how far, and fabulous, our Charter Girls will take us into the future.

Here’s a tip o’ the ole bonnet to our American Brains and Beauty!

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School News



Making the Connection...

Heading into the testing season, aligning classroom student grades with predictable test scores is the goal of our charter school teachers and students.

Currently, 90% of Oasis Middle students are consistently receiving classroom grades of As, Bs, or Cs; while 6% are receiving Ds, and 4% are taking home Fs.

Cherry-picking this type of data shows us that OMS students are definitely understanding material, as well as interpreting subject content, both of which are critical skills to master as they attempt a high score on a cumulative Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) exam.

Harvesting this information also tells us with intensive preparation, students are more likely to move forward with confidence, and less anxiety, as they successfully work through a standardized test.

Uncovering this is the kind of student data is exciting and encouraging, says OMS Principal Donnie Hopper. "This is the kind of performance information we really like sharing with parents, because they can clearly make a connection between the classroom environment, and the pressure cooker of FSA testing, and hopefully support their kids even more than they already do."

What's the final score? Parents remind your child they are more than academically prepared to ace any FSA exam because they are well prepared, and supported at both school and home.

Scenes Around the Campus

Ms. Sherri Dahl's Art Classes
Oasis Middle School



Mosaic Silhouette Art

If you are big on joy and color, then take a stroll down Oasis Middle School hallways and parade along with the oversized silhouettes of kids being, well, kids!

OMS art teacher Sherri Dahl had 8th grade students tape poster boards together, and then carefully trace a friend in whatever pose best suited their personality. Next they added a little spray paint to cover the surface, and poured some sprinkles of colored dots all over, *et viola!* Instant happiness!

"The students will tell you it was time-consuming," said Mrs. Dahl, "But they loved bringing themselves to life in such a colorful and fun way."

Thanks to the bright wall art, daydreaming middle schoolers walking the halls like zombies treading in quicksand are no more. These days it's a more like an amusement park. Is there a fan favorite? "Oh, the silhouette kid dabbing," says Dahl "Everyone loves him; he's one of my favorites, too!"

Where in the World is Tyler?

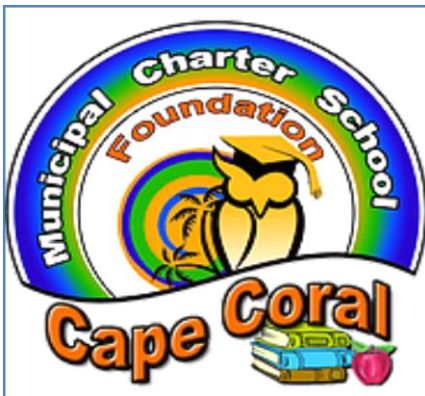


Oasis Middle School student Tyler Feichthaler is a National Geographic State Bee Semifinalist!

Tyler and his parents were notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2018 Florida National Geographic State Bee. The contest will be held at Jacksonville University on Friday, April 6, 2018.

To celebrate the 30th annual National Geographic Bee, the cash prize for the top three students in each state has doubled. Each state champion will receive \$200, the National Geographic Visual Atlas of the World, 2nd Edition, and a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent their state in the National Geographic Bee Championship to be held at National Geographic Society headquarters, May 20-23, 2018.

Tyler says he is more than ready to tackle the stiff worldly competition. "I can't wait!" says the spunky OMS 6th grader. Seems like there's no mountain high enough for this earthly student! Go, Tyler!



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

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