

# OLDSMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 2024

## Principal's Corner

We want to continue to thank our amazing community for its support.

We will continue to do things here at the school to support those effected by the storm.

At this time, we are scheduled to have one hurricane make-up day on October 14th.

Our focus this past week has been one of building strong connections and revisiting processes.

Learning will always be kept in focus, but emotional well-being is just as important.

Together, we are Oldsmar Strong!



[www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern](http://www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern)

## Staff Shout Outs

We like to recognize our staff daily. If you have shout out for ANY staff member, please email Principal Logan [logang@pcsb.org](mailto:logang@pcsb.org) Thank you

## Upcoming Events

- 10/14/24- Kids come to school!
- 10/17/24- JGoody Cafe & Bakery Spirit Night 5p-9p
- 10/22/24- Wendys Oldsmar Spirit night!
- 10/29/24- Picture Retakes

## Cafeteria Chatter

Parents: Please remember to send your students to school with water bottles.  
Ice Cream will resume on 10/18



## PTA NEWS!

Great things coming soon!

Please sign your trunk up for Trunk or treat! We are looking for Candy donations that can be dropped off in the office or sent to school with your child.

Many opportunities coming for Volunteers please watch and volunteer; in order to make events happen we need the volunteers!

Astro Skate: Please remember this is a PTA event, all kids are reminded of how they should respect and act while they are there, after a warning they will not be allowed back if they continue with bad behavior.

## Family and Community Liaison- Alisha Reith

Please Sign up to be apart of our amazing Great American Teach-in coming fast! November 13.

The Q.R. Code on the flyer will allow you to sign up to present. We are looking to make this a day full of fun for the kids!

### Mentoring:

**We are in need of Mentors in school. If you are interested in spending 30 minutes once a week with a child who needs a friend please contact Alisha Reith - reitha@pcsb.org**

**GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN**

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13, 2024  
Oldsmar Elementary School

You are invited to come in and speak with students about your occupation, hobby or other area of interest. Choose the school you would like to visit and the amount of time you wish to speak for- one hour to an entire school day! If you are interested in participating, please scan the QR code.

SCAN TO SIGN UP!

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## COUNSELOR CORNER

### Red Ribbon Week – October 28 – November 1, 2024

Oldsmar will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 28 to November 24 this year. It is time again to renew our commitment to a safe, healthy lifestyle. The national theme this year is Be Safe, Be Kind, Live Drug Free. This is a time for schools and communities to join together in support of a safe, healthy lifestyle. It is also a good opportunity to stress the Commitment to Character traits (Respect, Responsibility, Honesty and Self-Motivation) when describing people who make a pledge to stay safe and drug free and make healthy choices.

Students and staff are encouraged to participate in our Spirit Week.

**Monday will be LEI OFF DRUGS DAY.**

Students and staff are encouraged to wear a Hawaiian shirt or a Hawaiian lei.

**Tuesday will be FUTURE IS BRIGHT DAY.**

Students and staff are encouraged wear sunglasses and bright neon colors.

**Wednesday will be WEAR RED AND TWIST OUT DRUGS DAY.**

Students are encouraged to wear something red.

**Thursday will be SAY BOO TO DRUGS AND YES TO HEALTH CHOICES**

Students and staff are encouraged to wear black and orange or Halloween Theme clothes.

**Friday will be BE WHO YOU WANT TO BE DAY.**

Students and staff are encouraged to dress up in a future career outfit.



### UNITY DAY – Wear Orange October 16, 2024

Help your child take a stand against bullying/cyberbullying by having them wear ORANGE on Unity Day, Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Make it orange and make it end! Unite against bullying/cyberbullying! For more information, please check out Pacer's National Bullying Prevention Center at <https://www.pacer.org/bullying/> and <https://pacerkidsagainstbullying.org/>.

### Digital Citizenship Week

Digital Citizenship Week is Oct. 14-18. The annual campaign promotes a healthy, balanced, and positive approach to media and technology use for young people. During this week students will be learning about internet safety and responsibility. They will discuss how to take a break from technology and how we leave a digital footprint. Students will also be reminded not to be “Mean behind the Screen”.





## LIBRARY MONTH WITH MRS. JONES

TRICK  
OR  
TREAT

A small black spider is positioned near the word 'OR' in the 'TRICK OR TREAT' graphic.

We are so excited that OES will be participating in the 2024-2025 Boys Read Book Battle! The competition has grown by leaps and bounds. This initiative is designed to encourage male readers in grades 4-5 to engage with literacy in a fun and collaborative way. Our group of boys have already started reading the first of five books, Zion Unmatched, and they are very excited for the program.

This year, students in grades K-5 will participate in 4 Digital Responsibility lessons. These are part of a statewide initiative to keep kids safe online. The program has lessons on balancing your digital life, recognizing clickbait, being safe online and cyber bullying as well as other topics.



Battle of the Books is coming soon! Here is a link to the battle books if your 3-5 student would like to participate:

<http://bit.ly/3Y88Pfk>

## GIFTED NEWS FROM MRS. CAMPOGNI

Analogies are often used in education to help students understand new concepts by relating them to known ideas. They are commonly used across school subjects. I have included several for you to try at home with your children. The possibilities are endless! 🍷

- "A book is to a library as a fish is to an \_\_\_\_\_."
- "A teacher is to a classroom as a \_\_\_\_\_ is to a ship."
- "A bee is to a hive as a bird is to a \_\_\_\_\_."

Possible answers might include aquarium, captain, or nest. I'm always surprised with students' thinking when generating possibilities, so all answers that make sense are accepted!





TOYS FOR TOTS – Registration is open from September 1 – November 10 Pinellas County Schools is partnering with the “TOYS FOR TOTS” program in Pinellas County to meet the needs of our students and their families. “TOYS FOR TOTS” is able to provide low income families with gifts for up to five children, ages infant-12 years old. The number of gifts provided is based on availability at the time of your scheduled appointment. TOYS FOR TOTS strives to provide each child with at least one chosen toy, a stuffed animal, one game (maximum of 3 per family,) one coloring book, and stocking stuffers. Bicycles may also be available (one bike per family) and must be requested at the start of your appointment, if you would like one.

#### Eligibility Criteria

1. Resident of and children living in Pinellas County
2. Children ages 12 and under as of 12/25/24
3. Financial need (i.e., receiving financial assistance of some type, homeless, or has recently had life changing event such as unemployment, fire, hurricane damage, etc.)

How to Request Toys from Toys for Tots 1. Go to <https://t4tpinellas.ptaptsa.org/pre-registration> between September 1 - November 10th to register. Registration will close once all appointments are full.

2. Enter your e-mail address. You will receive an email from Toys for Tots with a link to the registration page.
3. Fill out the form entering your family name, address, and your preferred date and time for toy pickup as well as information for each child (ages 12 and under) by adding their name, age and school they attend. Submit the registration request after confirming all information is correct. The screen should now tell you that you have an application pending. You can check the status of any application at any time by going to <https://t4tpinellas.ptaptsa.org/pre-registration> and re-entering the email address you used at registration.
4. You will receive an e-mail acknowledging your request and another email when you have been approved by December 10th.
5. You will receive a confirmation e-mail.
  - You MUST acknowledge this email and confirm your appointment by December 15th.
  - Failure to respond will remove you from the approved list.
  - Upon acknowledgement of this email you will receive your bar code.
6. Toy pick up will be held on 12/20/24 and 12/21/24. Toys for Tots will send you an e-mail with the pick-up location. Please arrive no earlier than 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment. You must bring your bar code with you to distribution (either on your phone or a printed copy).

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact Debbie Manning, School Counselor at 813-855-7316 or [manningde@pcsb.org](mailto:manningde@pcsb.org)





## October Comeback Kid

Each month our teachers are encouraged to nominate a Comeback kid per grade level.

These students have shown improvement in their grades, behavior, work habits or attendance. Please help us congratulate the following Comeback Kids for the month of September:

Prince Davis – 1st grade

Brylee Megee- 4th grade

## Oldsmar/Eastlake Rotary Club Student of the Month

Veronika Berezovska, from Mrs. Spindola and Mrs. Pantages's fifth grade class, was selected as the Oldsmar Elementary Rotary Student of the Month for September. Veronika was nominated for her positive attitude, determination, and leadership skills. Veronika and her family were recognized and honored at a luncheon on September 19, 2024, sponsored by the Oldsmar/Eastlake Rotary Club. The teachers and staff at Oldsmar Elementary are very proud of Veronika and this accomplishment.

## October is National Bully Prevention Month

During the month of October Oldsmar Elementary will be celebrating Bully Prevention Month. The theme is "Bullying Ends Where Kindness Begins". Classroom lessons will be presented in each classroom (K-5) that will deal with Bully Prevention. Students will learn the definition of bullying, conflict, and horseplay. Students will also be taught ways to handle the situation if they are being bullied or if they witness someone else being bullied. The students will discuss the difference between "Tattling" and "Reporting" and will be educated on the importance of reporting bullying so that it can be dealt with appropriately. Students will also be encouraged to accept other's differences, respect each other and become an "Upstander" and stand up for those being picked on or made fun of and not to just stand by.

## Districtwide Application for Magnet, Fundamental and Career-focused Programs

Pinellas County Schools offers more than 80 magnet, fundamental and career-focused programs. Learn all about them at District Application Program events.

Prepare for the Application Period, which will take place Jan. 7, 2025 through Jan. 17, 2025: Please join us on Facebook Live or YouTube on Tuesday, September 24 at 5:30 pm. This event will be recorded and posted for those who cannot attend. o Facebook Live Link: <https://tinyurl.com/pcsDAP> o YouTube Live

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/allaboutDAP> Magnet Fairs: Explore magnet programs and meet representatives. Note: Special times at our Saturday fair.

- North County Programs- Thursday, Oct. 10: 6:00 to 7:30 pm at Tarpon Springs High
- All County Programs -Saturday, Oct. 19: 9:00 to 11:30 am at Largo High
- South County Programs - Thursday, Oct. 24: from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at Northeast High Discovery Nights: Visit schools and explore programs in more detail.
- Discovery Nights run mid-October through mid-January. Discovery Nights date and times can be found on the PCSB website.

There will also be Spanish-language Virtual DAP workshops in October, November and December. Find all these events and the District Application Programs Guide at <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/34171> If you have any questions about District Application Programs, please contact the Student Assignment office at [StudentAssignment@pcsb.org](mailto:StudentAssignment@pcsb.org) or 727-588-6210.