

The Baldwin Brief

SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

I hope you all are enjoying your long weekend and can get some much needed rest and relaxation after a busy start to the school year!

Don't forget to return your child's Distance Learning assignments on Tuesday.

Our year has is off to a great start and we are excited to watch our students learn and grow! Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

Katie Baldwin



PROGRESS REPORTS

We are scheduled to send Progress Reports home on Wednesday! Be sure to check your child's folder to review their progress through the first half the the first quarter.

As always, reach out to your child's teacher if you have specific concerns about their progress so far this school year. We also encourage all of our parents to get signed-up for Powerschool Parent Access so that you can stay up-to-date with your child's grades all year long.

A sheet with account setup information was sent home last week. Email kbaldwin@oglethorpe.k12.ga.us if you need another copy of account set-up information!

MAP REPORTS

Along with Progress Reports, students will bring home their Fall MAP reports on Wednesday. This will give you an idea of where



your child is performing at the start of the school year. We will be encouraging students to look at their results and set goals for improving their scores throughout the school year. We are excited to see how much growth students make over the course of the year! If you have questions about your child's MAP scores, please see the resources below that help explain the assessment and how to interpret the results.



Family+Guide+to+MAP+Growth.pdf

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MAP Family Toolkit



OCES UNITED: THE HOUSE SYSTEM!

Inspired by Harry Potter, the House System is a school-wide positive behavior support system that helps increase the positive climate and culture of a school. The basic idea behind the House System is that all students and staff are divided up into groups, or houses, through a process of sorting. Once sorted into a house, the magic happens! The House System gives students a support system that will last. Unlike a class that changes from year to year, this group of students and teachers will stay together for the duration of their time at OCES. This stability and strong support system helps students feel like they are at home while at school, feel safe, feel supported, and feel as if they are a part of a larger team. All of these benefits will help students be more connected at school and, in turn, increase engagement and academic achievement.

We are excited to have all of our students sorted into their Houses! House points will be displayed in the hallway as we all work to earn our House a championship! We will be kicking off House Games this month with one grade level at a time on Friday mornings!!

PTO has ordered House shirts for each of our 3rd graders this year! We are hoping to have House t-shirts for sale schoolwide in the very near future for those who may want to purchase shirts!

OPTIMISTA

Stands for: Optimism, Positivity, Hope

Colors: Blue & White

Animal: Bear

#don'tpokethebear



CORAGGIO

Stands for: Courage, Strength, Pride

Colors: Black & Gold

Animal: Lion

#featheroar

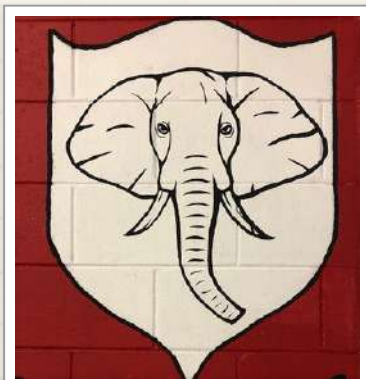
ESFORZO

Stands for: Effort, Dedication, Perseverance

Colors: Silver & Black

Animal: Wolf

#leaderofthepack



SERVICIO

Stands for: Service, Kindness, Generosity

Colors: Red & White

Animal: Elephant

#gotthatswag

ASPIRE

If you have a child who has been accepted to the ASPIRE afterschool program, they will begin on Tuesday, September 6th. If you have any questions about the OCES ASPIRE program, please contact rguest@oglethorpe.k12.ga.us.



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

We will have our first School Council Meeting of the school year on Tuesday, September 27th. We are always in need of additional parent and business representatives to join us! If you are interested in participating in this capacity, please send me an email! We only meet four times per school year (typically at 7:45am). This is a great way to get involved and help in planning school initiatives. I'd love to hear from you!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT PRESENTATIONS

Thank you to all who were able to join us for Back-to-School Night! For those who couldn't make it, please check out the presentations attached below!



3rd Grade Title One Meeting-2022.pptx

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4th Grade 22-23 Back to School Night.pptx

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5th Grade 2022-23 Back to School Night.ppt

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Testing PPT - OCES Annual Title I Meeting FY22.pptx

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ATTENDANCE

We are tracking attendance more closely this school year and really need our students to be at school in order to ensure they make the necessary academic progress to meet grade level expectations. If your child is absent, be sure that you send a note (a note from mom/dad/guardian is allowed up to 10 days) so that the absence can be excused. We will be holding School Attendance Meetings when students accrue 5 unexcused absences and Attendance Contracts will be created. We want to avoid having to create contracts or make referrals to the Risk Reduction team. Notes are essential in helping us know why your child is out. Please make school attendance a priority!



TITLE ONE DOCUMENTS

Below, you'll find copies of our School-Parent Compact and School, Parent, and Family Engagement Plan. These documents describe how OCES will provide opportunities for you to participate in your child's education and support their education. Any feedback you would like to provide regarding these plans can be sent to kbaldwin@oglethorpe.k12.ga.us.

Hard copies are available in the school office and these plans will also be accessible on our website once finalized.



FY 23 OCES School Parent and Family Engagement Plan.pdf

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FY23 OCES School-Parent Compact.pdf

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WHY READ 20 MINUTES A DAY?



Why Read 20 Minutes a Day.pdf

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PATRIOT GAMES CONCESSIONS & ICE CREAM

Unfortunately, we are having to increase the cost of our Ice Cream and our Patriot Games Concessions due to the increase in cost we are experiencing when ordering these supplies.

Ice Cream: \$1.00

Concessions: 2 items for \$3.00

I have tried to avoid this increase, but prices have gotten crazy. Thank you for your understanding!



We kicked-off our PTO Fundraiser this week! We hope you are able to help us earn money for our schools by selling items from the catalog. All orders are due back by Wednesday, September 21st. Students can bring their Hedgehog slips to the office each morning to get their lanyard and collectibles!



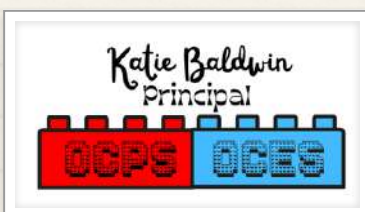
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

ACADEMIC NIGHT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
6:00-7:00PM

Grade level sessions will provide reading & math strategies and resources that can be used to support students at home this year! This is your chance to get a crash course in elementary Reading & Math!

OCES 22-23



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