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The OBL Walk-A-Thon 2011

By: Maliha Tayeb



On October 14th 2011, the 3rd annual walk-o-thon will occur. This is when the OBL students gather at the walking club to walk on the path. The walk-o-thon's purpose is to allow kids to work on a healthy future. The walk-o-thon is a step to having a healthy life.

During the walk-o-thon there are songs, prizes, and more! Each of the classes has to choose a song that has to do with a walking theme. When it's time to walk, the music gets you pumped and ready for the excitement! Also, there is a particular spot on the walking path, if you are caught standing on it, you get a prize! In previous years students have gotten Chinese finger traps, jacks, and many more.

This year the walking club had a few additions to it. With the money the PTA has earned, OBL has bought fitness equipment for the students. The point of having this equipment is to build a stronger body and to focus on your health. For example, there are monkey bars, balance beams, pull-up bars, and many others. If you come across one of the fitness equipment during the walk-o-thon, you might want to try it out.

This year many of the OBL students are eager to race around the path. The new students and first graders should be full of joy for the walk-o-thon because it is loads of fun! Every student should appreciate the walking path and as always, have a WONDERFUL time!

HALLOWEEN THE REASON WE CELEBRATE IT TODAY



By

Anudeep Chennuri

A yummy milk chocolate with a nice candy cane to eat at midnight. A spooky costume that you wear to scare others. Trick or treat? Trick, a granola bar. Treat a really yummy chocolate. It is really fun celebrating Halloween. But why do we celebrate the holiday? Is it so that you can go to the dentist more often? I really don't think so. It's so that mothers can spend more money buying masks and expensive costumes. But alas, for every question, there is an answer.

It all started over TWO THOUSAND years ago in Celtic (more commonly known as Ireland). At the time, the date November first was considered the New Year because it was the last day on fall and the "deadly" season winter was up ahead. During the time, many Romans had concurred Ireland, so they worshipped their Roman God, Pomona, the god of harvest and fruit. That is the main reason why we "bob apples" today.

When the Colonials came to America, Halloween was extremely limited. The reason why was because the Colonials didn't like the rules and religion of the British. Since the British celebrated Halloween a lot, they decided not to because they didn't want to follow their religion. When more and more people came to America, Halloween grew more and more. Before they knew it, tons and tons of people were celebrating Halloween. On the date of 1846, Halloween was an official holiday and is what kids do today.



First Graders Learn About Fire Safety

By: Maliha Tayeb

For the past years at Olive B. Loss, first graders have been learning about fire safety. This year the Middletown fire department is coming to teach about safety in fire on October 21st. This day is supposed to expand a student's mind so they can be alert of a fire in the future. Who knows about what might happen in the next years, but fire safety day can definitely prepare students at any time.

When the Middletown fire department comes, they are going to bring exciting items. Usually the Middletown fire department brings their fire truck and an ambulance. The first grade students get a tour around the vehicles. They also get to actually go inside the fire truck and ambulance! Most of the students are very eager to get to meet a real firefighter and get to know what they do when they're doing their job.

I had interviewed a first grade teacher, Mrs. Barnett. She had said that fire safety day will help students understand the basic concept on how to get out of a fire, what to call, and to understand how a fire truck looks like. Mrs. Barnett had also mentioned that this day will keep the young students aware of the danger in fires. She told me that this day will part of their social studies unit.

When October 21st will finally arrive, first graders will be experts at fire safety. They will have strong knowledge on fires. They will be able to show off their skills to other students. Hopefully in the future, these first graders will be protected in case of a fire.

Olive B. Loss: Box top Contest

By: Julia Scott

Wow! Do you know what is so special about box tops? You can win something worth a million of them! Principal for a day! How cool is that?!? This year, Samantha McMahon was the lucky girl who won this awesome contest that had more than 300 entrees! That little piece of paper was drawn from a box on September 30, 2011. I know I wish I won! I quote from Mrs. Barnett, "I hope my son will win". If only she was right. There are many questions to ask, including: what do you want to say to people? (Thank you mom for buying a lot of things that have box tops on them) How many forms did you put in? (She doesn't remember) how did you feel? (Very proud) what do you want to do while you're principal? (Say "hi" to her first grade teacher and meet new people) do you want to sign up again next year? (Definitely) This was a real conversation that I asked Samantha. So, don't be shy to ask her these questions or other ones, too. She'll be loud and proud to talk about it! So, say congratulations, high five her, or even pat her on the back, she definitely deserves it! Don't worry; you might be the boy or girl to win it next year... good luck!

FALL FUN

By Patrick Robinson

October 28th is a fun time for the school because it's the fall festival. It's going to be very fun you can wear your Halloween costumes. You march around the walking path. You will have a very good day and remember to have a good time. Then you will get to your class and have a party with food and drinks and you might get a movie and popcorn. So have a lot fun and you might do a craft. Oh, I forgot, don't wear your mask on the bus because you might scare the bus driver. Hope you have a very scary Halloween.





Accelerated Reader

By: Hunter Collier

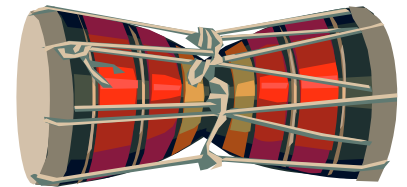
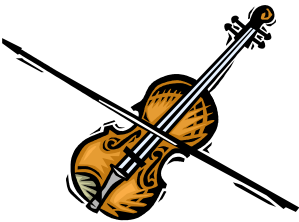
AR is a fantastic thing for you! Why? Well, AR helps you improve your reading skill and helps you learn. AR is when your teacher gives you a level like a 2.0 and even a higher level! Your teacher also gives you a type of book like a chapter book, picture book, or a nonfiction book. Once you pick out the book you want you read it as many times as you want until you think your ready for a quiz. Once you take your test you have a journal and you record your score, the date, the title, and the type of the book. Mrs. Zarzycki and Mrs. Rash are in charge of the AR. I asked Mrs. Rash how many people have to meet there goal? She said that at least 75% of the students have to meet their goal. So I hoped you learn that AR is a fun thing for you! Have fun reading!!!!!!

4th and 5th grade Band and strings

By Deja Justice

4th and 5th grade band and strings are one of OBL's most popular. Lots of students are in band and strings. The teacher's names are Ms.Euculano the band teacher and Ms.Siegel the strings teacher. There are several instruments in the OBL's music groups. Ms.Euculano is the new band teacher this year. B and B Music Sound provides the music instruments for our 4th and 5th grade students. It takes dedication and time to play the instruments. I interviewed a student named Chase Harris. He thought that the band teacher was really awesome. I also asked Chase has he been waiting to play in the school's band? He said "yes."

Did you know that the violin has been one of the most important instruments in classical music for lots of reasons? The sound of the violin stands out above any other instruments. That makes it appropriate for playing in a melody line.



Trying to Set a World Record

By Adam Usmani and Abhi Udumula

I'm getting a workout! Today, 10/12/11 we tried to break the World Record for most people doing jumping jacks. There has to be more than 20,425 students to do jumping jacks. This sounds really hard but don't worry, many schools in the Washington D.C area are working together with our school to break this record. This whole thing was started by The First Lady, Michelle Obama. Michelle Obama started this to prevent a sickness that people get when they act like a couch potato. Right now the pace is going for a minute of jumping jacks per class. Students are saying "Every minute counts" even though there's only one minute. Now, let's workout!!!!

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First Grade

By :Sydney Nau

Do you ever wonder what first graders are doing? Well apparently they are busy! In science they are learning all about the weather from clouds and rain to temperature, wow! First grade math sounds pretty fun. I know I would love to spend math time learning how to crack mysterious number combinations. Reading looks like the most crowded subject for first grade. They use graphic organizers to compare and contrast characters and notice how they are alike and different while also working on how to use the story to answer questions. Last off in writing the new students have blasted off into their imaginations and are visiting a pumpkin patch and describing their one of a kind pumpkin. So that is where the first graders are in their journey through their adventurous year in first grade.

What's Happening in 2nd Grade?

By Maddie Nau



What is going on in the 2nd grade classrooms? No one knows what but I'm going to tell you. What is behind those classroom doors now? First off, in Math they are doing the one and only magic pot and doubling numbers. Let's move on to reading. What would be a story without 2nd grade earning about characters! They are learning how they feel and act in stories. Now, my favorite subject! It's a big part of history, it's Social Studies and their learning about Leadership and how to be a leader. They even chose a class president. The next subject is writing. They are learning how to gather ideas and expand on them. I told you what's behind those 2nd grade doors so you don't have to kidnap a 2nd teacher and make them tell you.

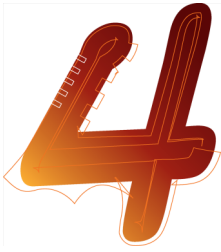
The Business of Third Grade

By Angel Chaudhary



Do you want to know what the 3rd graders are doing? Well they are doing a lot and enjoying it too!

In reading the terrific third graders are talking about QAR and ACE (both very helpful reading strategies). In math the third graders have just started their measurement unit. I just love talking about different units of measurement! Writing for the third graders is very fancy; they are talking about using temporal word to organize writing pieces. Third Graders don't have social studies but they do have science which I know is really fun, I love it! They are doing their Water unit. I wish I was in third grade! In third grade there are 5 teachers. There is a new teacher, Mrs. Brown. Her classroom is very stylish and she seems very nice. So, that was the scoop on the middle grade in the school, but not any different in fun or learning!



What's Happening in 4th Grade

By Abhi Udumula

Many things are happening in 4th grade. In Social Studies students are learning about Southwestern states, these states include Arizona, Colorado, Texas, and Oklahoma; there is lots of oil in this area, and a very less water supply. Students are learning about decimals in math. I asked a student how he felt about learning decimals, he was enjoying learning it. In reading, students are preparing for their Unit 1 test by reading stories and then doing activities that include cause and effect, story elements, and summarizing stories. In writing students are working on making paragraphs, and prewriting. Students are choosing their Walkathon song. They are also waiting for the Fall Festival.

5TH Grade News

By Angel Chaudhary



Do you know what the seniors in our school are doing? Well they are having a lot of fun while learning a whole lot. This year there is a new teacher named Mr. Hafycz. He is really pleasant. Mr. H. makes learning a lot seem so much fun. Fifth Grade's schedule is packed. In between Math, Science, Social Studies, Writing, Reading, related arts, and having fun they just don't have time to do anything else!

In Reading the fantastic fifth graders are working on developing their good reading skills, such as inferences and story plot. They are also working on grammar skills. These include antonyms, synonyms, homophones, homonyms, and homographs. These skills will prove vital in the future. I asked a fifth grader Maliha Tayeb how she felt about these and she replied "I feel good about them because I feel like they'll help me in the future with my writing and I like that it is pretty simple." Wow the fifth graders sure are having a lot of fun! The fifth graders also are working on point of view, such as 3rd and 1st person.

In writing the fifth graders are writing different writing prompts and talking about how they could improve their writing. These are skills including using conjunctions. The students are developing skills that will help them write much better in the future. I found a student by the name of Melanie Gasmen (who happens to be a nice writer) and she said "I enjoy writing very much and I feel that these skills are imperative if I want to improve my writing."

In math, the far-fetched fifth graders are working on more thought provoking multiplication and division problems. They are also studying exponents and base numbers. These things will eventually come up in middle school (more challenging) so its great that the fifth graders are getting a head start.

What's the matter Fifth graders? "Nothing! We're just learning about matter in science." The fifth graders were discussing matter for background knowledge to their new science unit mixtures and solutions. They are having a great time getting their hands messy.

In social studies the students have finished talking about the bill of rights and due process. In fact Mr. Hafycz class had a mock trial based the book the Lorax. Now they are talking a little about elections and the presidents.

So the fifth graders definitely are busy working hard. They have put in a lot of effort in all the different subjects. However they're not just working they also have time for some silent ball!



Interview of Mrs. Brown

By: Hunter Collier

Mrs. Brown is a very nice woman! For her free time she loves to spend time with her family. She loves to watch the Giants and the Yankees with her 3 kids, her husband and her 2 dogs. Mrs. Brown's kid's names are Jenna, Danielle and Jimmy. Her husband's name is David. Last of all her dogs names are Dj and Roxy. Oh! I almost forgot her name is Carrie. Mrs. Brown's favorite food is pasta. She also likes to have coffee in the morning. Mrs. Brown wanted to become a teacher ever since she was in 5th grade. Before she came here she taught at Cedar Lane and 20 years ago she taught biology. She loves teaching at OBL because everyone is very nice and helpful. She loves the kids because they are all very well behaved and they work very hard. She also coached 9th -12th graders she coached field hockey in Archmere Academy. Last of all her favorite season is summer. So Mrs. Brown loves to do a lot of things! It was fun interviewing our new teacher, Mrs. Brown.



Interview of Emma MacLean student teacher

By Eliza O'Brien

Ms. MacLean is a student teacher for Mrs. Keznor. She is from the University of Delaware also known as the U of D. Ms. MacLean likes teaching 2nd grade and loves working with kids and enjoyed elementary school as kid. Ms. MacLean favorite subject to teach is reading. Her least favorite subject to teach is social studies but only because she said it's the hardest subject to teach and it's hard to make fun. Ms. MacLean helps Mrs. Keznor with everything except writing. Ms. MacLean likes OBL because the kids are nice and behaved and the teachers are very nice and welcoming and it's a big school. She will be leaving in December. Ms. MacLean got chosen to go here because they knew she would like the kids and teachers. For fun Ms. MacLean likes to listen to music, read, and run and hang out with her friends. The 1 thing Ms. MacLean would change about OBL is that they add naptime for the teachers and students even though it would waist a lot of time.

A New Teacher-To-Be

By: Riya Setty



There's a new student teacher, ready to help shape young children's minds. Ms. Thomland, a student teacher in Ms. Conovers class, loves to work with children. She has been to two collages. She went to University of Delaware, and Wilmington University. She wants to play a part in kid's future, help them out with things they don't know, or subjects that they need help with. She wants to make sure children get the knowledge they need. Ms. Thomland's ideal grades to teach are kindergarten, first grade, or any of the younger grades. Ms. Conover is helping Ms. Thomland become a great teacher, and I'm sure she will be! I know that she will fulfill her goal of helping students really soon.

Interview of Olivia Hales

By Eliza O'Brien

Olivia Hales is a new 4th grade student at OBL. Her teacher is Mrs. Granquist Thomas. At Olivia's old school they didn't do RTI or AR. Olivia plays the violin. She said she likes the idea of having a walk-a-thon and a t-shirt contest and other fundraisers like Principle for a day. Olivia said that she likes reading The Baby Mouse books. Olivia said that her favorite subject is math and she also said that her least favorite subject to do is science. Olivia is a bus rider everyday. She said that she thinks it's an awesome school and that the one thing she would change about OBL is the Mac and cheese. Olivia's favorite colors are pink and black. Olivia's favorite animal is a horse and that her favorite food to eat is pizza. Olivia's favorite book to read is Loser. She plays field hockey. For fun Olivia likes to ride her bike and play her games.

Interview of Chase Granquist Thomas

By Eliza O'Brien

Chase is in Mrs. Taylor's class. Chase likes OBL because he said it's bigger than kindergarten and the playground's better. Chase is in 1st grade and has a sister Avery in 3rd grade. He's a bus rider every day but only in the morning. Chase's favorite color is green, and he likes nachos and shrimp. He likes to read Star Wars. Chase's favorite animal is the cheetah and he likes to play for fun baseball, football and Brazilian Jujitsu. Chase's favorite places to be in the school are the classroom, lunch and recess. His favorite thing to do is mad minutes. His least favorite thing to do is go to art. Chase said he likes that they have the marble jar because when they fill it they get to have a party. Chase likes to play video games and go to the game room. During recess he likes to play recess with the bouncy balls. Chase likes having pizza parties and hot chocolate parties. The one thing Chase would change about OBL is the running in the hallways and people making bubbles with the soap in the bathroom

A New Student in 2nd grade

By: Riya Setty

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a new student at a new school? Well, Ryan Quirk is a 7 year old second grader in Ms. McCullin's class is about to answer that question. Ryan went to TLK (Middletown D.E.) for first grade before coming to OBL. He says that he had to leave behind some school friends, but he didn't move to a different house, so he can still see them once in a while. Ryan is enjoying OBL, and is having a lot of fun. He's making some friends too. I hope he has a great year, makes a lot of new friends, and meets many new people.

Hunter's Interview

By Anudeep Chennuri

"I'm pretty nervous switching schools all of a sudden" is William's, or more commonly known as Hunter Stewart's response when he was asked how he felt about changing schools. He is in fifth grade in Mrs. Conover's and Ms. Tomland's class. Previously going to the school, Independence, he is really nervous, going to a new school with all kinds of new teachers and students. It is sad that Hunter only has one year to enjoy this really awesome school. He now feels serene and really comfortable which is really good for him. He thinks everyone in this school is really nice and enjoyable. Hunter even rates Olive B Loss five stars out of five stars. Being intelligent, Hunter thinks at all the work, tests, and activities are really easy. Well watch what you say Hunter because OBL can be really hard for every student in the building and it can be really hard for you too, even if you're the new student. Anyway, welcome to the Olive B Loss community, Hunter

MLB Playoffs and World Series

By: Adam Bonar



So far the Phillies are in the lead in the Phillies Cardinals series 2 wins 1 loss. The Texas Rangers knocked the Tampa Bay Rays out of the playoffs winning the series 3 wins 1 loss. The New York Yankees are tied up with the Detroit Tigers at 2 wins and 2 losses. The Milwaukee Brewers are in the lead in the series against the Arizona D-Backs. I predict the Phillies are going to win the series against the Cards. Maybe the Phillies can make it to the World Series. If they do go to the World Series, I think they'll either play the Rangers or the Yankees. Whatever team wins the Yankees Tigers series, the Rangers will play. If the Phillies win, they will play whoever wins the Brewers – D-Backs series. If the Phillies don't go, I would think the Brewers would go than. I think this will be the Phillies starting lineup,

Jimmy Rollins SS
Shane Victorino CF
Chase Utley 2B
Ryan Howard 1B
Hunter Pence RF
Raul Ibanez LF
Placido Polanco 3B
Carlos Ruiz C
Pitcher

The Phillies pitching rotation for the playoffs would be,

Roy Halladay
Cliff Lee
Cole Hamels
Roy Oswalt

Well the Phillies are out of the playoffs. In the NLCS (National League Championship Series) is the Brewers and the Cardinals. So far the record for the Cards and Brewers series is tied at 1-1. In the ALCS (American League Championship Series) is the Rangers and the Tigers. The Rangers are in the lead 2-1. In the next game in the Brewers Cards series, the pitchers are for Milwaukee Yovani Gallardo vs. Chris Carpenter. The Cardinals and the Rangers are in the World Series!!! So far the series is the Rangers leading it 3 wins to 2. The Rangers are just one win away from winning their first championship title. In Game 6 for the pitcher for the Rangers is Colby Lewis. His record is 1-1 and his ERA is 2.95. In Game 6 the pitcher for the Cards is Jaime Garcia. His record is 0-2 and his ERA is 3.97. I predict the Rangers are going to win the World Series because Colby Lewis is doing well and Jaime Garcia's ERA isn't good and his record isn't good. Well the Cards won the World Series!!! The thing is they may lose their 1st basemen Albert Pujols. Let's find out who will go to what team next year!!!

NHL Hockey Season

By: Adam Bonar



The Flyers play their first game on 10/6/11 against the World Cup winners the Boston Bruins. I think the Flyers will win that game because they got a lot of good players from other teams. It's too bad they lost their best goalie. After they play the Bruins they play the Devils. The Flyers beat the Bruins 2-1 and the Flyers beat the Devils 3-0. The Flyers are undefeated so far at 2-0. They play the Canucks in their next game. I think the Flyers will win. I also predict the Flyers will go to the World Cup Final against the Lightning. The Penguins are doing really well too. Their record is 4-1. I think the top 3 teams this year are going to be the Penguins, the Flyers, and the Bruins. So far the Flyers are 5-3. Let's hope the Flyers go to the World Cup this year!!!

Movie Review: The Smurfs

by Melanie Gasmen

They're blue, they're nice, and they're 3 apples high! They're the Smurfs! Someone decided to make a movie from the old TV show. This movie is a humorous family comedy for everyone to see.

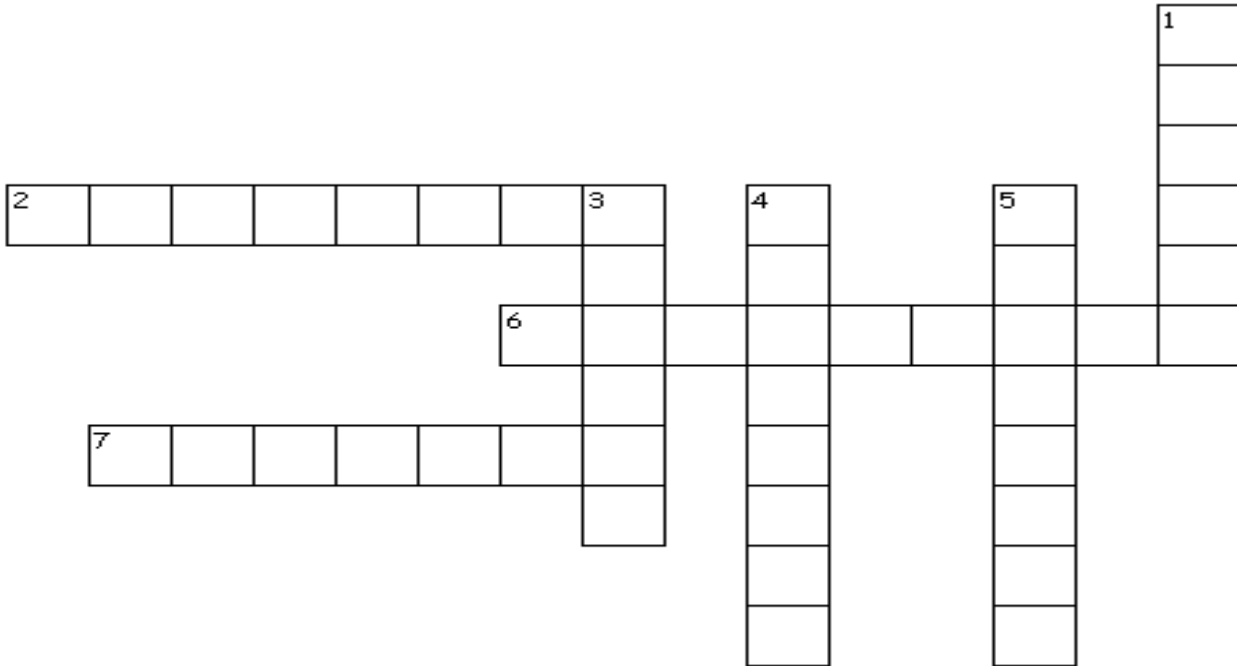
The Smurfs movie was directed by Raja Gosnell, who directed the Scooby-Doo movies. There are famous people in the Smurfs, such as Neil Patrick Harris who played Patrick Winslow, Jayma Mays who played Grace Winslow, and surprisingly the singer Katy Perry who played Smurfette. The movie was about the Smurfs (Papa Smurf, Smurfette, Clumsy, Gutsy, Brainy, and Grouchy) who accidentally fell into a magical portal that transported them into New York. Apparently, the evil wizard Gargamel wanted to kidnap them, so it's up to them and a few new friends to get themselves back home!

These Smurfs are very unique. As I mentioned, they're blue and 3 apples high. They put "smurf" in almost every sentence they use! Also, they always sing this catchy (yet sometimes annoying) tune. Each smurf is named after their talent, like Brainy, Farmer, Clumsy, and a lot more. These tiny, blue creatures live in a magical village that uses over-grown mushrooms as buildings. In this dimension, everything is safe, except when the wizard Gargamel strikes their village. It seems like this is the only bad thing in the village, until the Smurfs fall down in the portal.

The movie was probably one of the best movies I've seen so far. As I said earlier, the motion picture is an amazing family feature! These talented smurfs sure know how to act in a film!

October Puzzle

By Sydney Nau



Across

- 2. a fall sport
- 6. October holiday
- 7. a disguise

Down

- 1. a time of the year
- 3. they fall from trees
- 4. discovered America
- 5. a collection of bones

Happy Fall

By Sydney Nau

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