

# Pride Press



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**Vision Statement:**

“Celebration K-8 School will be a nationally recognized, top performing school in the state.”

- Mr. Weeden, Principal
- Mrs. Connolly, Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Jones, Assistant Principal
- Dr. Pollzie, Assistant Principal
- Ms. Dicesare, K-3-Dean
- Mr. Cruz, 4-5-Dean
- Mr. Smith, 6-8-Dean
- Ms. Croft, K-2-Counselor
- Mrs. Martino, 3-5-th Counselor
- Mrs. Howe, 6-8th A-K Counselor
- Mrs. Callahan, 6-8th L-Z-Counselor
- Mrs. Long, Literacy Coach
- Mrs. Bradford, Math /Science Coach
- Ms. Desimone, Testing/MTSS Coordinator
- Ms. Stewart, RCS
- Mrs. Campos, ESOL Specialist
- Mrs. Velez, Executive Secretary
- Mrs. Pinheiro, Parent Liaison/  
Pride Press Editor

An Area of Focus in the Celebration K-8 School Improvement Plan for this year is decreasing the number of students who are considered chronically absent. Chronic absence-missing 10 percent or more of school days due to absence for any reason-excused, unexcused absences and suspensions -can translate into students having difficulty learning to read by the third grade, achieving in middle school, and graduating from high school (attendance Works). When it reaches high levels, it can also harm students who are not chronically absent because teachers find it harder to engage all students when they are focused on helping students who were absent catch up on missed learning. Over 200 students were considered chronically absent at our school last year. We believe that we can lower that number by educating about the importance of attendance and early interventions. We will include information about attendance in each of these newsletters and look forward to working with you to lower the number of chronically absent students.

-Gary Weeden, Principal

Teacher	Out of Field Assignment	Teacher	Out of Field Assignment
Balba, Olga	ESOL-E	McGaughey, Kathy Jo	Gifted-E
Cancel, Isis	ESOL-E	Motolenich, Meghan	ESOL-E
Childs, Jamie	ESOL-E	Olsen, James	ESOL-E
Cummings, Courtney	ESOL-E	Padilla Hernandez, Yomara	ESOL-E
Davis, Alyssa	ESOL-E	Pfeiffer, Heather	ESOL-E
Deats, Kory	MG Math 5-9	Phipps, Abigail	ESOL-E
Ethridge, Jennifer	MG General Science 5-9	Respass, Sheridan	ESOL-E
Fleming-Dunn, Aleisa	ESOL-E	Rodriguez, Patricia	ESOL-E
Glah, Jennifer	MG English 5-9/ESOL-E	Sepulveda, Sharon	ESOL-E
Gray, Regan	ESOL-E	Sinanan, Jessica	ESOL-E
Lawrence (Henderson),Alaina	ESOL-E	Zavieh, Silvia	MG Math 5-9

**CK8 Business Partners**

- Publix Celebration Water Tower
- Celebration Foundation
- Tropical Smoothie
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- Illuminate Church
- Flipper's Pizza
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- Addition Financial
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If you have questions or would like to become a Partner contact, Linda Murph in the front office @ 407-566-2300. Please support our Partners in Education. They support us :-)

Check out the Osceola County School District website for information and resources for all of your needs.  
Osceolaschools.net

Official CK8 Social Media Sites to get the Latest News & Info:




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**E**ffort



Celebration School  
To 81010 @sdock8s



Cellphones should be kept out of sight from arrival until dismissal.

## Mark Your Calendar!

**10/02– MS Cheerleading Tryouts**

10/03– MS/Elementary Cross Country meet at Poinciana High School

**10/03-10/5– MS Volleyball Tryouts**

10/04– MS/Elementary Golf Match

**10/06– Drama Club– Music Room at 8am**

10/07- Elementary Cross Country meet at Flora Ridge Elementary School

**10/09– Literacy Night at the Book Fair**

10/11– NJHS Induction Ceremony

**10/12– Dress Down - Wear your Heritage Shirt**

10/13– Student Holiday

**10/16– SAC meeting at 5:15pm**

10/17– MS/Elementary Cross Country meet at Kissimmee Middle School

**10/18– 2nd Annual CK-8 Unity Day**

10/20- Drama Club– Music Room at 8am

**10/26– Chick-Fill-A Fall Spirit Night**

10/27- Drama Club– Music Room at 8am

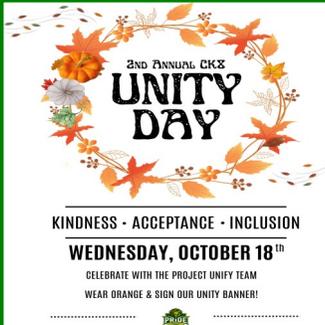


**Panorama Student Surveys:**

Beginning of Year – September 11 - October 27 – All grades 3-12

Mid-Year - December 11-February 15 – Grades 6-12 only

End of Year – March 18-April 30 - Grades 3-5 only



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Square one art fundraiser is under way.

Students are making beautiful art that can be made into various items for purchase.

More information will follow in November!



**SGA School-Wide Spirit Week Fundraiser**

November 6-9–Themes to be releases in October

**SGA MS Fall Dance-** Dance the afternoon away on Nov.9th! Space is limited and tickets will go on sale in mid-October

**CELEBRATION K-8 PTA FALL SPIRIT NIGHT**

**COME HAVE DINNER, SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION K-8 SCHOOL AND VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE CLASS PUMPKIN!**

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**Chik-Fil-A**  
October 26th, 2023  
4:30-8 PM

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**AVID Advancement Via Individual Determination**

Did you know Celebration K-8 has a college preparatory elective available to our 7th and 8th graders called AVID? AVID is a yearlong elective aimed at providing our students with academic, social, and emotional support to develop their academic skills and enhance their scholastic success. AVID is for students who have the desire and willingness to work but may not have all the tools they need to flourish. AVID teaches students the skills and behaviors required for academic success. Over the year they will work together as a class learning WICOR (writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading), plus time management and problem-solving skills. AVID students are proven to graduate and attend college at higher rates; but more importantly, they are more equipped to think critically, set high expectations, and confidently conquer the challenges that await them.

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You are invited to the Celebration K-8 PTA's

Friends giving

NOVEMBER 2ND, 2023  
5 - 8 PM  
Artisan Park Clubhouse

This holiday season help us bring smiles and joy to families in need. Please bring a board game or crockpot that will be distributed by Embrace.