

CK8 Parent News

December, 2022

An "A" Rated School for 18 Consecutive Years



Welcome to Our New Families!

We are excited to have your child enrolled in our school and hope this newsletter provides you with the information you need to stay informed about your child's education. Each month we share reminders about school policies and procedures and we inform you of upcoming events.

We are very proud of our school's history! We are one of the highest ranked K-8 schools in the state and have maintained our status as an "A" school throughout the pandemic. For the past two years, we have been the only "A" school in Osceola County out of all of the elementary, middle, and K-8 schools. This speaks to the dedication of our teachers and staff and to the support we receive from our families.

Our administrative and leadership team is here to support you as your child begins their educational journey with us. Links to our previous parent newsletters are below. They contain answers to many of the questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any additional questions.

[September Newsletter](#)

[October Newsletter](#)

Winter Spirit Week



This coming week is Spirit Week in preparation for the winter break. You can find all of the information that went home earlier [here](#). Please make sure your child, especially if he or she is in middle school, follows our dress code guidelines carefully. We want this to be a fun event for our students, but will have consequences for those students who don't follow the rules.

District dress code is no spaghetti or strapless clothes, no super short skirts or shorts, no leggings without shorts or a dress covering them, and no tears or rips in clothes.

- **Monday** - Ugly Sweater Day (or just a holiday sweater)
- **Tuesday** - Flannel Day (wear your flannel shirt to school—NO PJs as that is on Friday)
- **Wednesday** - Winter Wonderland Day (You can wear blue, red and white, red and green, or anything that reflects your Winter holiday.)
- **Thursday** - Wear Your Favorite Sweats Day (Students may wear sweatpants to school. Middle school students **MUST** make sure their sweats fit around the waist and do not fall halfway down their hips or they will be sent home to change.)
- **Friday** - Wear Your PJs to School (**No slippers, please, as they are unsafe on stairs. ALL PJs NEED TO BE PANTS. NO PJ SHORTS OR NIGHTGOWNS.** Please make sure your child (especially middle schoolers follow these guidelines or they will be sent home to change).



Hurricane Makeup Days

As you know, we have missed several days this school year due to hurricane. The district has determined that we do not need be make up the days we missed due to Hurricane Ian as we have enough instructional time in our calendar to make up the time lost. The district is currently looking into when we will need to make up the day lost due to Hurricane Nicole. As soon as we have

that date, we will notify you.



Progress Monitoring

As you know, each year Florida students were required to take a high-stakes, standardized test (FSA) to demonstrate proficiency on grade level standards. This year the state is initiating a new method of determining student learning. Rather than a one-time

test at the end of the year, students will participate in progress monitoring three times during the school year.

During December, students in Kindergarten through eighth grade participated in the second round of progress monitoring and you may begin to see those test results in Focus soon. Students were tested on their grade level standards to gauge their knowledge of what will be taught this year.

The goal of progress monitoring, rather than taking one high-stakes test, is to make adjustments to instruction throughout the school year so that all students can demonstrate high levels of growth by the end of the year. **Our initial scores are out for reading and our students have made great gains on this second assessment outscoring both the district and state averages.**

Progress monitoring during the year is not new to school districts. We have always used progress monitoring to help identify academic needs during the year. The difference this year is that statewide all schools will do the same progress monitoring under the same testing conditions that were required of FSA testing. This means that test items may not be shared, but testing results can be. Your child's teacher will be able to discuss the results of the progress monitoring once all data has been posted.



SPORTS NEWS

We are often asked how students find out about upcoming sports tryouts. We have several ways to communicate with students about sports including announcements at PE, in the cafeteria during lunch, and on the morning show. If you are interested in getting information sent to you regarding elementary or middle school athletics, you can access it by signing up through Remind.

- MS Athletics Remind code is @cmsteams22
- Elementary Athletics Remind code is @ck8ele
- Text the code to #81010 or search for it on Remind

CK8 Middle School Sports

OCSMAC Sport Season Dates -- (Subject to Change)

	Sport	Practice Start Date	Championship	Location
Boys and Girls	Cross Country	Mon Aug 22	Tue Oct 4	Austin Tindall
Boys and Girls	Golf	Mon Aug 22	TBD	Royal St. Cloud
Boys and Girls	Soccer	Mon Aug 22	Thu Oct 13	Austin Tindall
Boys and Girls	Volleyball	Mon Oct 17	Thu Dec 15	
Coed	Comp Cheer	Mon Oct 10	Wed Feb 22 -Harmony HS Wed Mar 1 – Celebration HS Wed Mar 8 -St. Cloud HS	St. Cloud HS
Boys and Girls	Basketball	Mon Jan 9	Thu Feb 23	
Boys and Girls	Wrestling	Mon Feb 27	Sat April 15	Osceola HS
Boys and Girls	Flag Football	Mon Feb 27	Thu April 20	
Boys and Girls	^Track and Field	Mon Mar 8	Regionals: May 2– EAST May 3 – WEST – Poinciana HS Finals: May 10	
Girls	Softball	Mon Mar 27	Thur May 11	St. Cloud HS

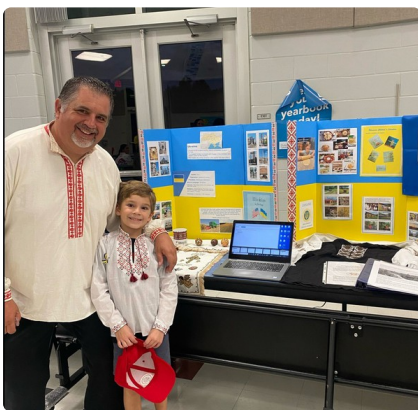


We follow our district uniform guidelines regulating student dress code. Uniform guidelines can be [found here](#) or by clicking the button below. In addition to the district's uniform, we allow students to wear either hunter green or gold polo shirts. On Wednesdays, students are permitted to wear either college or military shirts as part of our AVID program. On Fridays, students are permitted to wear a Celebration spirit. Spirit shirts can be purchased online through our [PTA Spirit store by clicking here](#) or on the button below.

Uniform Policy and Student Dress Code

Multicultural Night

This year we celebrated our first annual Multicultural Night to celebrate the diversity in our community and the similarities around food and family that we all share! Thank you to all of the families who came out and participated. We enjoyed seeing the presentations you shared and tasting the food you brought! Thank you also to our teachers who came out to the event in support and to our Dual Language teachers for showcasing our students!



Ukraine



Morocco



South Korea



Mrs. Alfaro Representing Peru



Mr. Pacheco and Mrs. Santiago Representing Dual Language



Dr. Pollzzie Representing Italy



Sweden



Venezuela



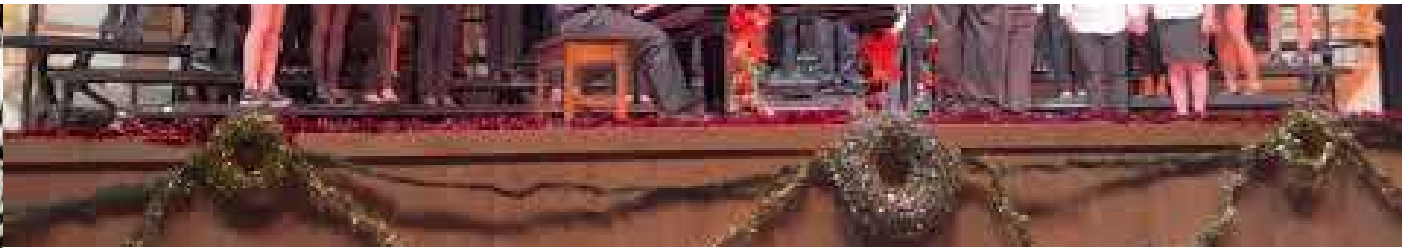
Brazil

Chorus Concert

Please enjoy this short video of our Chorus performing. Thank you to all of the parents who came out and supported our kids! Thank you for your financial support as well! We raised \$1,475 that night which will go towards new music for our groups and busses for our performances. This is a private video so you will only be able to access through this link. Please do not share outside of our families.

Chorus Concert, Dec. 2022





Blue Ribbon Band Performance

As a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, our band is invited every year to perform at the Yacht Club for their opening breakfast to the National Conference. Here our a few pictures of our band while performing and afterwards on their field trip to Epcot!



Important Dates



December 2022

12/12 Elementary Chorus & Drama Spectacular @Celebration High School Auditorium, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

12/12 MS Volleyball Semi-Finals @TBD, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

12/14 MS Volleyball Finals @Osceola High School, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

12/15 MS Band, Chorus and Orchestra Concert @Snow is Falling, Downtown, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

12/16 End of Second Grading Period

January 2023

1/3 Teacher Work Day / Student Holiday

1/4 Classes Resume, Beginning of Third Grading Period

1/10 All County Band Rehearsals @Osceola School for the Arts, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

1/16 Martin Luther King, Jr Day

1/17 Parent Portfolio Night (3rd Grade only) @Media Center, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

1/20 All County Band @OCSA, all day

1/23 SAC Meeting @Great Hall, 5:15 pm

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