

The Jaguar's Roar

Potato Power

Stephanie--5th grade

You're probably used to using a calculator for math that is powered with batteries, but we used something that is edible. We used potatoes! Yep. That's right, potatoes. It wasn't easy, but we were successful. You want to know how we did it?

First, we got two potatoes and we tested the watts in each potato. Next, we took a nail and a copper bar and stuck them into the potatoes. After this we attached one end into the potato and the other onto the back of the calculator where the batteries go and, voilá, we got energy---watch out for those potatoes
Progress!

**Super Spud
to the
rescue!!!**



Coming Events

Wednesday, October 7

FLU Shot event 8:30-11:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 8

Art in the Garden

Pre-K Family Fun Night

Thursday, October 15

Edgewater Homecoming Parade

Sunday, October 18

Mercy For Children Walk

Friday, November 13

End of Food Drive

Sunday, November 15

Fall Festival

Educational Outfitters

New Hours

Sept- June 10am -6pm,

Closed on Tuesday &

Saturday.

July -August 10am-6pm

Closed only on Sunday

Cheerleader News

OJA cheerleaders are going to be performing in the Edgewater Homecoming Parade October 15th, 2009.

After Care Payments Due

Please remember that August and September After Care charges must be paid by the 20th of October.

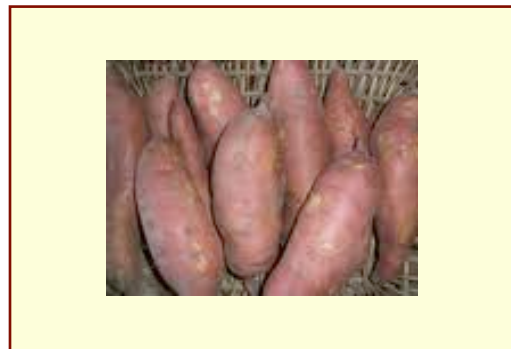
Parent Teacher Conference- October 21-23, 2009.

Yum!
Grayson--5th grade

Sweet potato fries sounds good to me! On August 27, the fifth graders headed to the garden to dig for potatoes. How big will they be? How many will we find? What will they taste like and smell like? These questions were running around in our minds as we began to dig.

We found the most spectacular sweet potatoes ever! That Friday Mrs. Butler came and had a lab about potatoes with us. The best part of the lab for me was making sweet potato fries ---we loved them! We had to test them with sugar, BBQ sauce, ranch dip, and ketchup. Most everyone liked the ranch dip the best!

We also tasted baked sweet potatoes, but many people did not like them cooked this way. So, next time your mom or dad goes to the grocery store, ask them to buy big, juicy sweet potatoes, or better yet, grow them! YUM!



Growing Herbs
Adrienne Lopez

The 4th graders are growing herbs in the OJA garden! After planting basil, oregano, parsley, dill, and rosemary seeds, the students are watching to see how their herbs grow. Basil seeds were planted in pots about 3 weeks ago and they are already growing!

The class is planting herbs to sell so we can earn money for our field trips. We are very excited to plant, water, and weed in the garden to make sure our herbs grow healthy and strong. When the herbs are ready, we can't wait to sell them to the OJA families so they can add the herbs to their home cooked meals!



Adventures in After School Care

Kindergarten -Second graders are enjoying crafts with Ms. Seana, Ms. Mariah and Ms. Karla. This age group is also given time to do homework or read.

Third to Fifth graders have been working on a lego city! Ms. Charney and Ms. Shimika keep the children very busy between activities and homework. We are trying to build up a library in this aftercare location. If you have books that you would like to donate for this age group, we would welcome them. We just ask that the books are age appropriate and in keeping with Christian values.

The Middle Schoolers have been working on team building activities. Mr. Jerome and Mr. Ryan are enjoying interacting with the kids and getting to know them. There is time provided everyday for homework, so please talk to your child about making the most of this time so they have their evenings free to be with family! If your child does not have homework, this is also a great time for reading. There is quite a large selection of books in the aftercare room, but if none of these books appeal to your child encourage them to bring one from home.

OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE

Maintaining our facilities is an important part of operating a successful school. We want our buildings and grounds kept in a condition we can be proud of.

A generous donor has established a Matching Grant opportunity for OJA! For every \$1 raised for building and capital improvements, the donor will match \$1 up to \$50,000! This means by raising \$50,000 OJA will receive the matching grant and have \$100,000 towards our building projects. We have raised \$ 6,862 so far.

The roof replacement project has started. Our air conditioning system has been improved and repaired. If enough funds can be raised, the old windows along the Evans Street side of the building, will be replaced with energy-efficient functioning windows!

Please share this tremendous opportunity with family and friends to help OJA reach our \$50,000 goal. These donations will add to our loan dollars to keep our school in good repair. Please contact the office for more information.

Early Childhood Chatter

Life in Pre-Kindergarten is fast paced and exciting! Pre-K4 visited the Build A Bear Workshop on September 16 and had a wonderful time choosing, stuffing, fluffing and naming their new bears. Such well behaved children: you would think that the children had many years of field trip experience by their wonderful behavior!

Pre-K4 children have been studying about their emotions and their family tree and how we are all very different yet we are also very similar.

Pre-K3 has been learning about the Garden of Eden and what it means to be obedient.

Both Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 have begun the Reading Buddy program, partnering with the 6th-8th graders. This program is beneficial to all of the children involved. It gives the older children a chance to practice being nurturers and the younger children love the attention. Good job middle schoolers! I can see that you are going to be terrific Reading Buddies!

Our first Pre-K Family Fun Night takes place on Thursday evening the 8th of October at 6:00p.m. We are planning a lovely evening for you and your children. We will start the evening off with a special worship given by the Pre-K Staff and then we will serve you dinner and finish the evening off with some fun fall crafts for you and your child to do together. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can make enough dinner for everyone.

I hope you have had a chance to visit the school website at www.oja-sda.com and click on the *Early Childhood* tab. You will find photographs of Grandparents Day and the Build A Bear field trip.



Grandparents Day Turnout

Wow, OJA is a busy school! Our first event this year was Grandparent's Day which brought **88** grandparents and great-grandparents out for the celebration!

Grandparents came from as far away as New York, Bermuda, Texas, Miami and Tampa. Parent and Student Ambassadors helped the event go smoothly.

Photographs are available for viewing on the school website under the School Events tab.



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Art In the Garden

On Thursday, October 8, we will be hosting our first annual *Art in the Garden* event. Artists from various disciplines, including music and literature, will converge upon our *Pollinator Garden* to explore how creativity affects the educational process. For more information go to the school website under the *School Events* tab.

Homecoming Parade

Our next event is on October 15 at 6:30 p.m. when we will participate in the Edgewater High School Home Coming Parade. OJA will have a float in the parade this year, a cage large enough to hold our beloved Jaguar! We also need some little Jaguars. Anyone interested? Boys and girls who played basketball last year are also needed to don their uniforms and proudly represent OJA's winning basketball teams. Come out and support your OJA Jaguars with a big JAGUAR ROAR when our float goes by. Look for photos on the *School Event* tab after the parade.

Food Drive

This Thanksgiving season we want to partner with Orlando Central Church to make a fine Thanksgiving dinner for needy families. We want to collect enough cans and boxes of food items to go all the way around the school! Think we can do it? I know we can! Bring in your non-perishable food items by Friday, November 13, or bring them to the Fall Festival on November 15 and get a ticket for a free cotton candy!

Fall Festival

Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, November 15, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Come one come all for a day of family fun! This year's festival will be the best ever, with new activities, events and prizes. Pull out Grandma's best pie recipe and enter our first ever Pie Baking Contest. Feeling creative? How about entering the Crazy Hat Contest? This year's event will have fun, frolic, live music, ponies, cotton candy, great international food and more. You won't want to miss it!

Stay tuned, OJA is going to be a busy place this year!



OJA HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

We had a great turnout for Back to School Night/Movie Night, our first HSA event of the year. We had some technical difficulties in the beginning, but Mr. Henley eventually got us started. A big thanks goes out to Ms. A for helping us with vespers! Thank you to all the parents who helped us put this event together, as it was a big success.

The next HSA event will be a parenting seminar this Saturday, October 3, from 3 pm to 7pm. It will be at Forest Lake Education Center (FLEC) located at 1275 Learning Loop in Longwood, FL. It is sponsored by the Children's/Family Ministries Department of Florida Conference and also by our neighboring Adventist churches. At this program you will learn hands-on strategies to change the way your family relates.

The presenter uses humor, drama, and real-life stories to illustrate a practical approach to family life. You will go away refreshed, encouraged, and armed with specific plans that work. A children's program is provided for children ages 3-12. During the class you will learn, in fun and exciting ways, how you can enhance family life. There is a nominal fee of \$10 and you can register online at www.incm.org or by calling (407) 869-0680. You can also register the day of the event and pay at the conclusion of the seminar (sunset). We hope to see you all there!

If you have any questions or comments about OJA or HSA, please contact Robert Henley, HSA leader, by phone at 407-489-2500 or by email at rhenley@secsda.org. You can also contact Aurora Realin, HSA assistant leader by phone at 407-304-0937 or by email at aurora.realin@filhosp.org.

FYI

Parent Teacher Conference
October 21-23



Please mark these dates in your calendar and be prepared to accommodate the schedule of the teacher. Remember to act promptly to scheduling request so everyone's needs can be met.

****You will not be able to receive your child's first quarter grades without a parent teacher conference.****

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Roof work began in September and will continue until the end of October or even into November. Roofers will be on our campus working on both the ECP building and the main building. Their normal work hours will be in the evenings (6 pm until 6 am) but there may be times when they are here as early as 4 pm.

Our after-care workers have been notified that no child is to be sent anywhere without an adult. Please reiterate with your child at no time are they to be alone, open a door, entertain or assist strangers or people unknown to them at any time.

If you have questions, observe suspicious behavior or are concerned at anytime please let me know ASAP.

I appreciate your careful attention to this serious matter.

Ms. A.

Out Reach Opportunity

Mercy for Children Walk-a-thon

Share your spare change:

Tuesday: Pennies

Wednesday: Dimes

Thursday: Quarters

Friday: Dollars

Our project for October is focused on service to the world. We will be supporting Mercy For Children at their annual walk-a-thon October 18, 2009. Please Join us.

We will also be adopting and supporting a child for a year. During the week of October 6-9, we are asking you to send in your spare change each day. We will add all this change along with other donations and present this gift of our support to the organization.

MACBOOK FOR SALE

- HD 80 GB
- 1 GB Ram
- 13 inches screen
- Camera built-in
- CD burner
- Wi-Fi
- 4 hours battery life
- Leather cover
- Software included:
 - Photoshoop, Indesign, Illustrator CS loaded
 - Final Cut Xpress
 - Iwork 08
 - DivX Video Converter
 - Flip 4 Mac



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