

October 7, 2011



The WayPoint



The Academy's Middle School (MS) preview:



There are few classes as closely knit as the MS class of 2012. This group has approximately 30 years combined experience at Academy. They are singers, dancers, humorists, and sometimes even academics.....



According to Mrs. Capps, our newest MS dolphins, Sami and Allyssa Bell, have improved the intellectual capacity of this class. As usual Alex Post is our *alpha dog* but has his hands full with the rest of the pack. First birthday goes to Kimberly Moore who turned 14 on September 13, followed by Michelle Santiago, 13, on October 7th.

These children are busy *after schoolers* participating in karate, dance, tennis, boating and fishing. Next week they are off to skate in Miami (so long as they are on pace with their Florida Virtual classes and can recite the first and second declensions in Latin). We wish them well this year and look forward their upcoming performances during the Veterans Day presentation by the VFW. They are looking forward to organizing the Academy's *Haunted Hallway*, a highlight of The Ocean Reef's Halloween Festival, Saturday, October 28th.

Word of the Week

PASSION: "You know the Greeks didn't write obituaries, they only asked one question after a man died, 'Did he have passion?'"

From the Movie, *Serendipity*. It refers to one definition of passion: enthusiasm, ardent love or strong affection for any personal interest in life.

Future Bulletins

Please let us include news and/or photographs you would like to share with our community! Send your piece to ccharles@oracademy.org



Annual Giving

We have reached out to over 700 of our constituents with a target to raise over \$200,000.

We gratefully acknowledge our most recent contributors:

Rose Capps
Hal and Alyssa Chapman
Martha Lagerquist
Richard B. Robinson

Contributors thus far:

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Kathleen Ziminsky

AMOR, ULTIMA RATIO - Love is the supreme reason

CALENDAR

10/10 Columbus Day (no school)
10/11 Christmas Card Contest
10/24 End Xmas Card Contest
10/29 Fall Festival (Halloween)
10/31 Thanksgiving Food Drive
11/2 School Photos
11/6 Daylight Savings (fall back)
11/8 Election Day
11/11 Veterans Day (no school)
11/22 Bring a Friend to School and Thanksgiving Feast
11/23 Thanksgiving Recess
11/30 Book Fair begins
12/2 Book Fair ends
12/16 Christmas Attire
Book Exchange
Santa Visit
12/19 Christmas Recess
1/2/12 Classes Resume

PTO CORNER—Haunted Hallway.....

The second meeting of the PTO will be held Wednesday, October 12th at 5 :00 in the library to plan for the “Haunted Hallway”. We welcome new faces with willing hands and look forward to new ideas. **Please join us!**

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Scott Schereschewsky, *Hallway Chair*

FIELD TRIPS

Thursday, October 13

Skating trip (4-8), 12:15-5:00 P.M.—Miami skating rink for those on track to finish FLVS before Christmas.

Thursday, October 27

Actor’s Playhouse (K-5) 8:15 am 2:30 P.M.—**Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible** for those maintaining a C or better average.

Proposed

November 3 —Snorkel trip to Nest Key (3-8)

December (2nd week?)—Seminole Indian Res/ airboat ride (4-5)

January- 20th—reenactment Flagler Bahia Honda (4-5) Dolphin Research Center, Marathon (2-8)

February—Viscaya or Crane Point (4-5)

Trip to Marathon key—(4-8) Florida Keys Electric Cooperative Association - tour of facility to include solar farm

March—Science Museum (K-8)

April—Pathfinders (4-5)

May—Safety Patrol Rapids Water Park

News From our Music Man (Mr. Falk)

The Honey Badgers will not be performing at the Home Show but do catch them at the Thanksgiving feast.

In The Spotlight



Purple Heart goes to **Ana Richiez** (yes, AGAIN) We trust this will cease to be a source of recognition!



Cheers for Ms. Capps who organized the best birthday party and ice cream cake for Michelle Santiago's birthday.



Thanks to Cody and Jimmy, Technology Team, for updating our network with "Symantec End Point Virus and Malware protection".



Congratulations to Cathy Charles and Kathleen Ziminsky who received certificates from FCIS after successfully completing the New Teacher Training.

News of Alumni and Colleagues

We welcomed back Laura Infiesta who provided substitution teaching for two days this month. Ms. Infiesta is a former teacher at The Academy. Hopefully, she will come back often!

Please send any news/pictures you may have to Cathy Charles, ccharles@oracademy.org. There is too much white space in this section.....

Quote of the Week

Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.

—Steve Jobs

Birthdays

10/7 Victor Richiez

10/27 Jake Watson

Heads Up

- www.oracademy.org is up and running. We intend it as a work in progress and user input is critical. Corrections and suggested additions welcome.
- FRIDAY is COMMUNICATION DAY for publication and distribution of Academy updates and special notices. Please be sure to check your email and/or office in-boxes.
- We could use any help, decorations, or suggestions for "Halloween Hallway" scheduled for Saturday, October 29th at 3:30 PM.