



Ocean City Primary School Fall 2019 Newsletter

OCPS ROCKED into the 2019 school year! Kindness campaigns, visiting with veterans, character education, spooky Halloween costumes, PTA crafts, a citizen of the year, and a WE ROCK garden are just a few of the many highlights we look back upon.

A message from Principal Smith

As you can tell by the picture below, I couldn't be more excited about the 2019-20 school year. We have been so busy learning and having fun learning, while working to be good friends to everyone! WE ROCK!

Please look at our busy year so far!!!!

Please continue to help your children read and practice their Math Facts! Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Have a Happy Holiday Season!
Thank you for all you do!





First Day of School!!

Welcome back! Students entered the building eager and excited for the many lessons and adventures ahead of them!



Welcome new teachers and staff



Devon DeVries



Katie Johnson



Scott Cooper



Jennifer Christiano



Cheryl Cantwell



Delonce Hargrave



George Plamantouras



Donna Wagner



James Graham

WE ROCK!

This year the Ocean City School District was recognized as a NJ Lighthouse District. Throughout our schools we are celebrating the awesomeness of our students, teachers, administrators and staff with a "WE ROCK" campaign. The Primary School put on a special celebration and students designed their very own rock garden as a daily reminder that "WE ROCK!" Thank you Ms. Merritt, Mrs. Libro and Mrs. Porter for leading the WE ROCK campaign at the Primary School!



Veterans Day!

Each year our students honor our local veterans to thank them for their service. This year, a Veterans day breakfast "Pastries with Patriots" and poems read by 3rd grade students at the Tabernacle, were a few of the many ways we honored our veterans. Thank you to our own veterans Bob Krayner and Joel Dougan for their service.



Raider Ready

We welcomed our future Raiders to the school with our preparatory Raider Ready program. Future students are welcomed to the school environment to prepare them for success as they transition to kindergarten!



FULL STEAM AHEAD!

Students continue to explore STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) in the OC TECH Lab.

Engineering, computer programming, and robots are just a few of the many fields students learn about. Our LEGO Lab, with over 75,000 LEGOs, is a student favorite. This year, the New Jersey School Board Association honored our STEAM program with the NJ School Leader Award.



World KINDNESS DAY

The Second Grade teachers organized the Giving Thanks Service Project. OCPS students, staff, parents and OCHS Key Club buddies came together for a great cause. The kindness and generosity of all of you was overwhelming! Our day of Service was a huge success with over 600 sandwiches and a countless number of snack bags made with love for those in need in our community! All the prepared foods and numerous other donations were delivered and received with tremendous gratitude! [#worldkindnessday](#). Thank you Mrs. Porter and the second grade team!



Citizen of the year!

Congratulations to Carrie Merritt for being the OC Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year! Mrs. Merritt is loved by all at the Primary School and has won numerous awards including, Teacher of the Year and Healthy Educator of the Year! The impact she has on her students will last a lifetime and we thank her for her work and dedication!



Character Education

Character education is all about building kindness and happiness amongst our students. Each month we learn about different character traits and celebrate students who exhibit those traits on a daily basis. The pictures below were those celebrated for the traits of "Courage and Respect" Way to go!!



OC LIFE 21 CLUB

Ocean City's LIFE 21 Club, a technology and design club led by Mr. Kohr and Mrs. DeVlieger is gearing up to participate in an *INTERNATIONAL* coding competition. Teams of 5 students will code through robot missions in order to learn about programing, problem solving and teamwork. Good luck OC LIFE 21ers!



PTA CRAFTS!

CRAFTS, CRAFTS, CRAFTS!!! Our PTA does an incredible job creating holiday craft sessions for our students. This Fall students participated in Halloween and Thanksgiving crafts that included weaving, necklaces, turkeys, and other amazing projects that students proudly display at home. Thank you PTA! What an impact they have on our school!



HALLOWEEN PARADE!



OCPD SAFETY ASSEMBLY!

Officer Jenn and the Ocean City Police Department came to teach our students about bicycle and pedestrian safety. The students learned a lot and they love when the officers drop a cantaloupe on the floor to simulate the importance of wearing a helmet. Thank you OCPD for keeping our students safe!



OCFD FIREHOUSE VISIT

Our kindergarten students paid a visit to the Ocean City Fire Department to learn about fire safety and the job of a firefighter (and to sit in the giant firetruck of course). Thank you Ocean City Fire Department! Our students had a blast!





PTA SHOE TYING CLINIC

Thank you PTA and other community volunteers for lacing up your sneakers spending time with our students. Shoe tying can be a tricky task at an early age, but thanks to our PTA our students are way ahead of the curve. Thank you to all who participated!



PARENT Visitation

Thank you to all of our parents!!!!



