



# Ocean Studies Charter

## November Newsletter

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 1<sup>st</sup>** Coastal Cleanup Harry Harris
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>** through the 6<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair
- November 16<sup>th</sup>** Fall Performance 6:00 PM
- November 17<sup>th</sup>** School Board Meeting at 5:00 PM
- November 23<sup>rd</sup>** through the 27th Thanksgiving Holiday



**TURTLE CLASS NEWS** We have packed all of our skeletons back into the closet and are preparing to bring out the turkeys! November will be an exciting month with lots of learning! We are preparing for our Fall Performance which is on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Murray Nelson Government Center. We are asking that all students wear red, white or blue to represent our patriotic theme. We are continuing to work on our reading skills and all of our students are progressing quite nicely! Math is exciting too and Kindergarteners are working on establishing a solid foundation of number sense, while 1<sup>st</sup> graders are working on number bonds and addition and subtraction. We will have a pot-luck Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, so keep an eye out for a sign-up sheet on our door. Please don't forget that we have the entire week of Thanksgiving off from school. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday filled with delicious food!

### **DOLPHINS CLASS NEWS**

Hello Dolphin friends and families! We can't believe how fast the beginning of the year is going! October was a fun time in the classroom - the students have been working on sportsmanship and cooperation in both sports and in classroom settings. We continue learning about our local and global weather through hurricane and leaf studies and daily wind reports. Ask your child if our classroom boat went out to the reef for the day! We look forward to the Fall Performance on November 16, 2015. We will be putting up details for costumes and songs for the children later this month. Please continue to send in healthy snacks- it makes a world of difference in their learning and behavior. For attendance we ask each student what they had for breakfast - remember that breakfast is a perfect time to fill your child with healthy proteins, fruits and veggies!! We are thankful to have your children this month and throughout the year. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Each month a special staff member will be featured in our newsletter to be recognized and honored. The "**Staff Member of the Month**" will have a preferred parking space in the front of the school. Make sure to look for this and congratulate them. This month we are featuring Ms. Daniele Kasper.

Ms. Dani has been a teacher at Ocean Studies for two years now. She has developed and grown as a teacher. This year she is a member of our on-campus Leadership team; helping to develop and implement curriculum and keep our standards high. Her love and dedication are evident in the students that she teaches. The Shark class is always abuzz with new and inviting activities. Each year her students look forward to interactive, engaging units like "The Oregon Trail". For your easygoing demeanor and happy smile in the halls, we like to say "We love you, Ms. Dani !!"

### **MANATEE CLASS**

Brr! It's starting to get chilly! Welcome to the cooler weather and breezes of November. We hope everyone enjoyed the Halloween brunch and we thank everyone for their dedicated help. The Manatee Kingdom has been actively learning about the state of Florida as well as the pirates who used to wander the waters of the Caribbean. This month we'll be working on fractions after learning more about division and multiplication coupled with estimation. Please have your children practice memorizing all facts through their 12's. We are also practicing for our FALL PLAY which will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The Manatee classroom will present a patriotic play which will include a flag ceremony and the Pledge of Allegiance. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Mr. Tom & Ms. Juliane

**PE News** "The whole is greater than the sum of the parts" - Aristotle

In life it is important to understand how to work with others as a team in order to accomplish any goal. P.E. is the perfect setting to practice working with your peers, while having fun.

This month's focus in P.E. is sportsmanship. Students participated in activities and games that require communication and teamwork. Over the month of October, classes have received points for sportsmanship based on their abilities to play fair, show respect to each other, and accept the outcome of the game. There has been significant improvement in all classes from the beginning of the year and I am thrilled with the results from this month's topic.

## MARINE SCIENCE NEWS.

Happy November from marine science! The Turtles and Dolphins are excited to finish testing their handmade boats and will be presenting them and giving them their final sail at Harry Harris Park. Manatees and Sharks are finishing their projects comparing the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean basins and will also be presenting their hard work over the next couple of weeks. 4th-5th grade parents, I will be sending emails with your child's project information and for some of you the PowerPoint file that he/she started at school. Please help remind your child to finish their project. I have read some very interesting essays! We will all be starting our new unit on The Practice of Science where we will be preparing for our science fair in January. Keep an eye out for emails and science fair packets in the near future. Turtles and Dolphins will be doing class projects in school. We had a great time learning how to swim or improving our stroke with Coach Jon Olsen and we owe many thanks to him! We are enjoying our new school bus as we visit Harry Harris for snorkeling, photography and kayaking. Manatees and Sharks will be snorkeling at the coral reef with Captain John Oughton during the first week of November. Don't forget to check our website for the most updated field trip information. There will be no field trips during the last week of October. Happy Halloween!



## PTO NEWS

Scholastic Book Fair 1<sup>st</sup> Week of November – Look for volunteer sign-up sheets to help with sales! We are looking for Winter Holiday Parade Float ideas! This year's theme is "Dashing through the Seas" in honor of the Theater of the Seas' 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please submit your student's idea for our float to the office! We are looking for volunteers for:

**Box Tops for Education** coordinator,

**Labels for Education** coordinator,

Parent Leader for the **Coral Club**.

## COASTAL CLEANUP

Hello Ocean Studies Parents,  
Our next coastal cleanup at Harry Harris Park will be on Sunday, November 1, from 10 am - 12 pm. We were very successful in removing a lot of garbage, over 350 lbs., during the last cleanup and could do even better with a few additional participants this time around. If coming please bring a handful of garbage bags. I will have buckets and extra bags for those that aren't able to bring their own. We'll meet at 10 am at the north end of the park by the ball fields, I hope you can make it to help keep our local park looking nice.

## THANKS FROM MR. MIKE

Mr. Mike would like to extend a big thank you to the following moms for taking our yoga mats home and cleaning them.

Thank you to: Dana Helfeldt, Elizabeth Ender, and Aixa Galvez.

## SHARKS CLASS

Dear Parents,

The holidays are just around the corner. Please keep an eye on the planner for notices that come home about the Thanksgiving Party and Winter Break Party. We will continue to do breakfast, so check the door a week prior to the party for a sign-up sheet. Please make sure to continue checking the planner each night and signing it along with the reading log. Also, please keep an eye out for information from Ms. Martha, in emails and packets sent home, about science projects. We will begin Student Council in the first week of November, so please talk to your child if they are interested in running for a position. They should think about preparing a speech for their campaign. Our Fall Performance is just around the corner too. Talk to your child about what we are doing and about any costume needs for the show. We hope everyone can join us and invite all your friends to join in the fun!

Thank you!

Ms. Carole and Ms. Dani