



# OTTER'S DEN STUDENT NEWSPAPER

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## Ocean Palms Honors Our Veterans



We asked a few students what Veteran's Day means to them. Evan in 3rd grade said, "Veteran's day celebrates all soldiers alive and dead and also once celebrated the end of World War 1". Abby in 1st grade said, "My dad is in the Army and I honor him on Veteran's Day."

We thank all students who were willing to be interviewed.



*Students place flags in front of the school to honor Veterans.*

*by: Keegan T. & Sam C.*

When we sat down to watch the school Veteran's Day performance, we expected a song, some thanks, and applause at the end. However, we totally were blown away. The whole school choir and Orff ensemble did a great job.

After the performance, we sat down with Ms. Shore to talk about how she pulled it off. She said that there were a few complications while making the performance. She said that many of the children she taught had never played Orff instruments before, so they took a long time to rehearse for the performance. Another complication was that many kids could not come every day so they only could practice for a few days before the performance. Ms. Shore also told us that she would be doing a winter music performance



*Ms Shore directs the student choir and Orff Ensemble.*

# Meet Your Otter's Den Staff!

## Zander B.

Hi, my name is Zander. I am in 5th grade. I am 11 years old. I enjoy having fun with my friends. My favorite subjects are Math and English. I joined Newspaper because I like writing and I love reading newspapers with my Dad. I like going in the intercostal on my boat with my family, my dad lets me drive sometimes.

## Anderson

My name is Anderson I am in 5th grade and was more than happy to join the OPE newspaper team! I am 10 years old and I like math and language arts, basketball, and other sports. I wanted to let everyone know what's going on in this school... so I joined the Otters Den!

## Dimitri K.

Hello, I am Dimitri. I am an editor for the "Otter's Den" December issue. I am 11 years old and in 5th grade. My favorite subjects are Social Studies and ELA. I like to play football and I like cats too. Remember to check the Otter's Den newspaper every first Thursday of the month when in school!

## Zofi H.

I am in 4th grade in Ms. Downey's class. The reason I wanted to be in the newspaper crew is my mom is a photographer. She owns 808 Photography, I really like the computer lab resource, I am good at taking pictures, I wanted to try something new like helping to make the newspaper and I thought it would be pretty fun and it is. Plus I might even get to make new friends. I love animals and I have 23 pets that is how much I love animals and more. I like to raise Monarch Butterflies and even more I love to sing. I am in choir. That is all about me.

## Eva S.

Hi, I am Eva. I am in 4th grade and my favorite subject in school is writing. I am a reporter in the newspaper team. I love being on the newspaper team because I love to write and love to type!

## Santana H.

Hi my name is Santana and I'm in 4th grade. My favorite subject is math, writing, and science. I chose to be in the Otters Den newspaper crew because I love to use the computer, it's fun to read the newspaper, and it's a good responsibility.

## Ashton

Hi, I am Ashton and I am an editor for the December issue on the "Otters' Den" newspaper. I like sports and travel a lot. I am in 5th grade Mrs. Kennedy's class. I wanted to join the Newspaper Leadership Team because I like computers and I wanted to inform people about what is going on in the school.

## Isabel Y.

Hi, I am Isabel. I am in 4th grade and my favorite subjects in school is math, reading, and art. I joined the newspaper team because I like to read newspaper articles. I like to draw wagons (wolf + Dragon); I also like to draw animations. Check out the Otters Dens newspaper every first Thursday of the month in school. Thank you for reading this paragraph about me.

## Keegan T.

Hello, I am Keegan. I am a Photographer for the Otter's Den, the newspaper you are reading right now. My job is to help get pictures onto the newspaper. I also write articles for the newspaper, and a third job I do is to interview anybody who is in the paper. I am in 4th grade.

## Sam

My name is Sam I am 11 years old and I am part of the OPE news crew and I am happy to be on it. I like to play sports and travel. I am in Mrs. Kennedy's class in 5th grade. My favorite subject in school is science and math.



**Book of the Month Recap***by: Zofi H.***August book of the month:****Happy Dreamer**

You really should read it.

Happy dreamer is about a kid who has a big imagination and is a very happy. The book is very funny. It is good to have a big imagination. Do you have a big imagination? Do you have a palace or maybe an entire ocean in your backyard?

**October book of the month:****Most Magnificent Thing**

Most Magnificent Thing is about a girl trying to create something and never gives up. Trying to make something can be hard but never giving up can be harder. How can you find a way to never up?

**November Book of the month:****Inventor's secret**

Inventor's secret is about how two curious boys; Thomas Edison and Henry Ford are both trying to be inventors. While Thomas Edison continues to invent many things, Henry Ford struggles to build a car. How can they help each other?

**Pillar of the Month Recap***by: Ashton F. & Sam C.*

In September, the character pillar was fairness. What does fairness mean to you? Will in 5th grade said "Fairness means that I am fair to other people, like for example I am fair on the playground and I let people play, it feels good to know my fellow classmates feel that I am fair to everyone else."

In October, the character pillar was Responsibility. What does Responsibility mean to you? Mrs. Vershaw said, "Responsibility means doing the right thing and taking care of others."

In November, the character pillar was Citizenship. What does Citizenship mean to you? Mrs. Dykes said, "Citizenship means contributing to the community."

**Habits of the Mind***by: Ashton F.*

When you are taking a test, you may get frustrated. If this happens you should remember these tips.

**1. Persisting:**

Persisting means to keep on going! Never give up or stop, no matter what happens.

**2. Managing Impulses**

Do not get frustrated in tough situations. Keep calm and keep on going.

**3. Listening with**

Understanding and empathy. Understand others and listen to what they say.

**4. Thinking Flexibly**

Do not be one-dimensional. Think differently or out of the box. There is more than one way to achieve your goal!

# Literacy Parade 2017

**Literacy Parade***by: Dimitri K.*

The Literacy Parade was held on October 27, 2017 in the morning. Students from all classes came to school dressed as their favorite book character. Students were asked to bring a book to donate. I spoke with Will and Brady, 5th grade ambassadors, about the Literacy Parade. The student ambassador team set a goal for the school to donate 1,000 books. Ocean Palms surpassed the goal and collected a total of 1,278 books to donate! Those books were donated to the Webster school in St. Augustine, our sister school. In addition, some of the books will be donated to the new school in Nocatee. The ambassadors went through a process to separate the books into bins by type, then add numbers of bins together to get a grand total.

We do the literacy parade every year to donate books to schools. We do this in a fun way by dressing up in costumes then walk around the loops to bins then drop them in to donate. That is where we come in and donate any of our extra books so all students have books to read of their liking. That will mean that they will love reading for a long time and it is a great way for students to reach out in the communities and help out one another.

## Teacher Feature

By: Eva S., Santana H., Keegan T. and Zander B.



**Ms. Eatmon**

Mrs. Eatmon has taught 4th, 3rd, 5th, Preschool, and adults. She has always wanted to be a teacher after she was an associate teacher after high school. She went to Fitchburg State College, also known as F.S.C. She has taught for 35 full years.



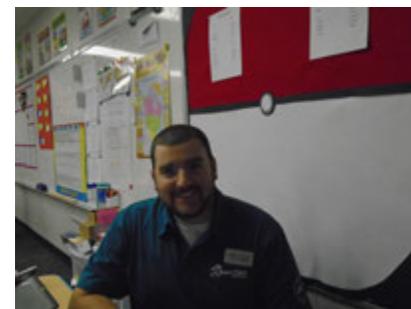
**Ms. G**

Ms.G was an intern teacher in Ms. Barley's class in fourth grade. She has always wanted to be a teacher ever since age 13. She babysat kids and loved watching them learn. Ms. G wants to teach 3rd or 4th grade. She will be graduating from the University of North Florida also known as U.N.F.



**Ms. Hendricks**

Mrs. Hendricks has taught 1st grade and kindergarten. She is currently an associate teacher in Ms. Salzman's class. She started teaching because she loved helping kids learn. She started thinking about being a teacher in college. In addition, she went to college at F.S.U also known as Florida State University.



**Mr. Arcuri**

Mr. Arcuri has taught 2nd and 3rd grade. He started teaching because his teachers had such a big impact on him and he wanted to do the same for children. He learned to be a teacher at University of North Florida or UNF.

## Student Feature

by: Anderson & Dimitri

### Evan 3rd grade Mr. Arcuri's Class

Evan is good at math, and likes to do math because he thinks it is fun and satisfying to solve hard equations! Evan likes to achieve and has a high Lexile for his grade level.

### Tess 4th grade Mrs. Gregory's Class

Tess loves to read, and make people laugh! By doing this, she likes being the class clown. She does not like it when a student is upset, so she tries to cheer them up and make them laugh. She is also a good singer and has joined Choir!

### Journey 5th grade Mrs. Kennedy's Class

Journey loves math and science also; she likes the laws of physics. She thinks her craziness makes her stand out from her peers. For example: She wrote, and shared a story in her journal about Billy the Cow, that made everyone in her class laugh.

