



January

Bulldog Banner



2012

Featured OMS Activity

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County Northern Division Champions in 2002, 2003, and 2004.

On January 18th 2012 OMS competed against Manatee Middle School. The Bulldogs had an impressive victory. The final was OMS 220 And MMS 20.

Way to go Bulldogs!!!

Upcoming Events

Jan 18th—Scholar Bowl Match

OMS girls Basketball practice

Jan 19th—Scholar Bowl Practice

OMS Boys Basketball practice

Jan 20th—Builder's Club Meeting

OMS girls Basketball practice

Academic World Quest Practice

Jan 23rd—FCA (Brenco) (Gym)

Fl. Phenoms (7th gr) (gym)

Hancock to Big Cypress Swamp (1 & 6)

Jan 24th—Math ELO (9-108A)

Hancock to Big Cypress Swamp (3 & 5)

Jan 25th—REPORT CARDS

NJHS Meeting (3-211)

Hancock to Big Cypress Swamp (4 & 7)

Jan 26th—Scholar Bowl Practice (3-107)

Math ELO (9-108A)

OMS Boys Basketball practice (gym)

Jan 27th—Student council meeting (6-101)

OMS girls Basketball practice (gym)

Jan 30th—FCA (Brenco) (Gym)

Fl. Phenoms (7th gr) (gym)

Jan 31st—LA ELO

Math ELO (9-108A)



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Report Cards

Experiment of the Month - The Naked Egg

Have you ever seen a raw egg without its shell? Do this experiment and you will.

MATERIALS:

1. 1-pint glass jar with a lid
2. 1 raw egg
3. 1 pint of clear vinegar.



PROCEDURE:

1. Place the whole raw egg into the glass jar. Do not crack the egg.
2. Cover the egg with the clear vinegar.
3. Put the lid on the jar.
4. Observe immediately and then periodically for the next 24 hours.
5. Every day, GENTLY take the egg out and wipe off the egg with a paper towel. You may need to change the vinegar once or twice also.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Bubbles start forming on the surface of the egg shell IMMEDIATELY. This is because vinegar is actually a chemical called acetic acid. Egg shells are made of another chemical called calcium carbonate. When you put an egg in vinegar, the acetic acid and the calcium carbonate create a CHEMICAL REACTION. The bubbles you see are a byproduct of this reaction. Can you guess what those bubbles are? That's right, it's carbon dioxide! Once the shell is gone, the egg is held intact by a thin, see-through membrane around the outside. You should be able to see the yolk through the membrane and VOILA: the Naked Egg. You can hold your egg, just be careful or the YOLK will be on YOU!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Need to get involved! Check out these clubs and activities offered at OMS.

Activities/Clubs

A number of clubs are available to students who are interested. Clubs are often initiated due to student or teacher interest. The clubs are as active and strong as their members; therefore, some are much more active than others.



Builders' Club - Builders Club is a "student-led" community service organization for middle school students sponsored by the Kiwanis. It is the younger version of Key Club for high school students. Students are provided with leadership opportunities through events and programs the club sponsors. The club at Oakridge Middle School meets weekly and hosts events, activities and school-wide recycling program. Fund raising proceeds are donated back into the community to groups such as Laces of Love, Habitat for Humanity, Grace Place of Golden Gate, Relay for Life, Shy Wolf Sanctuary, and Heifer Project. The motto of Builders' Club is building leaders. Students at Oakridge are learning and living the ideals of voluntary service and giving back to their community.

Meetings are held in Mrs. Sullivan's room (5-112) every Friday starting at 8:30 a.m. If you are a bus rider, come as soon as your bus arrives.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes - FCA is a non-denominational faith-based organization that is currently active in all high schools in the county as well as in many of the middle schools. Here at Oakridge we are blessed to

have a very active chapter. We meet every Monday after school in the gym from 4:00 until 4:50. We engage in a short Bible study, followed by an activity and snack. The cost for the snack is 75 cents, which includes soda and a snack. All are welcome! You do not have to be an athlete, and you do not have to have any professed faith. It is important to know that we discuss the teachings of the Bible, centered around Jesus Christ. School contacts are Coach Joseph Shumway, Coach Christine Brenco, Dawn Dell and Deputy Suttan. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Brenco via email brencoch@collier.k12.fl.us

Media Assistants - Students complete a job application at the beginning of the school year. Media assistants create bulletin board displays, help plan book fair activities, organize magazines, and shelve books. They receive permanent passes to the media center.

News Crew - Students complete a job application at the beginning of the school year. Once accepted, the students produce the morning OMS news show.

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Math Club/Math-Counts - Middle school students are welcome to participate in the Math Club. Eight members of the Math Club compete in Math Counts, a regional competition hosted by FGCU in mid-February.



Student Council - The purpose of this organization is to help students and staff to cooperate with each other, to encourage good citizenship in the school, to provide fair and efficient student government, to promote Oakridge Middle School in the community, and to promote school spirit. Throughout the year, special days are planned for student involvement and enjoyment. The year's activities will include school colors' day, seasonal dances, special / fun dress up days, and many other activities. Student Council officers have been elected and will be introduced at assemblies in September. Committees will be composed of elected representatives and alternates from each homeroom.

Major functions of the student council are:

- * To provide meaningful activities and projects for the student body.
- * To present the views and opinions of students to the school administration.
- * To represent Oakridge students at city and state Student Council organizations.

After School Program

Oakridge Middle School offers a wide variety of after school programs. The program will run from 3:50 to 4:50 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, mid September to early June. It is divided into two semesters. You can sign up at any time by filling out the form in the front office. Transportation is provided. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Walker at WalkerTe@collier.k12.fl.us



From your NCH School Nurse



Conjunctivitis

Conjunctivitis (pink eye) accounts for more than 3 million school days lost in U.S. Public Schools.

What is it?

Conjunctivitis is the medical term used to describe swelling and irritation of the conjunctiva – which is the thin membrane that covers the inside of the eyelids and the white part of the eye. Conjunctivitis can be viral, bacterial, or allergic. “Pink eye” is the most common form of conjunctivitis.

How do you get pink eye?

It can be very contagious. Children are susceptible because they are often in close contact with each other. Some of the most common ways to get the contagious form of pink eye are:

- Re-use of towels or handkerchiefs when wiping your face or eyes
- Not washing your hands
- Touching your eyes frequently
- Using old cosmetics and/or sharing them with others
- Improper cleaning of your contact lens



How do you prevent it?

Practice good hygiene. If a child has been diagnosed with infectious conjunctivitis, make sure you do the following to prevent the spread:

- Encourage children to wash their hands often
- Advise them to avoid touching their eyes
- Use separate towels, washcloths, handkerchiefs, and tissues to wipe their eyes or face. Change daily.
- Change their pillowcase frequently

Treatment:

If symptoms persist please follow up with your physician as soon as possible. Antibiotic ointment or eye drops may be prescribed. Students may return to school 24 hours after beginning treatment for infectious conjunctivitis. We want your student back in school and ready to learn.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

It's happening everywhere. New families, new schools, new communities and new businesses are rapidly being



built across Collier County. With the new construction, it is extremely important that we all begin to engage in

construction of a different kind as well - character construction. Our mission is to inspire and support educators, parents and others who touch the lives of youth to instill in them the traits of positive character.

Character education is vital to the future success of today's youth. Florida statute requires that all school districts develop a Character Education Program for students in Kindergarten through Grade Twelve. All schools in Collier County have developed such programs to meet the needs of their unique student populations. A wide variety of activities specifically designed to match the demands

of character education traits are conducted in an ongoing manner to fulfill the goal of "Building a Community of Character in Collier County". The information provided on this website is to assist schools in that mission.

Character Traits

Self-Control

Self Control

Control of one's emotions,
desires, or actions by one's own

CONTROL YOURSELF, CONTROL YOUR FEELINGS,
CONTROL YOUR ACTIONS, DEVELOP GOOD HABITS,
DON'T GO OVERBOARD, DON'T GO TO EXTREMES,
DON'T BE GREEDY, DON'T BE SPOILED

SELF CONTROL

He is not strong and powerful
who throws people down;
but he is strong who withholds
himself from anger.

"Rule
your
mind or
it will
rule
you."

Horace

Book Nook

Dog Breath!: Horrible Trouble With Hally Tosis by Dav Pilkey

If you like puns and sight gags, then you'll love Dav Pilkey's *Dog Breath*, subtitled *The Horrible Trouble with Hally Tosis*. This crime-fighting canine story is one pun after another. Those adults who don't appreciate a good (or a really bad) pun may groan, but kids will eat it up and ask for seconds.

Hally, the resident dog in the Tosis household, has breath so bad that when she opens her mouth, the leaves on the houseplants wither and die, the wallpaper curls up, and the picture of Mona Lisa holds her nose. Her breath is so bad that Mr. and Mrs. Tosis tell the kids the dog must go. The kids try everything to fix Hally's aroma -- the breath-taking view doesn't work, neither does the movie that promises to "take your breath away."

That night, two burglars, whose arrival has been heralded all through the illustrations, break into the Tosis house. The only thing that stops them from making off with all the family's stuff is, what else, a big, wet, sloppy, stinky slurp from Hally. Mr. and Mrs. Tosis can't kick a hero out of the house. Because, after all, life without Hally... no, I'm not going to spoil one of the best puns in the book for you; you'll just have to read it yourself .

Pack Trip (Saddle Club) by Bonnie Bryant

The Saddle Club, Stevie, Lisa and Carole are invited on a five night wilderness ride with Kate, Eli, Jeannie, and three others, John. Amy, and her brother Seth. From the beginning of the trail ride, everyone except Lisa can see Amy is dangerous. She gallops a horse down a hill, nearly injuring him, dives into an unfamiliar lake, and more, including almost getting Stevie, Lisa, Seth and herself lost with a "broken ankle". Lisa, however, is convinced that Amy's problem is her parents. Every time Amy does something, Seth comes running, with Lisa on his heels, convinced that she's the one who can make Amy's world right for her. It takes nearly getting killed by a forest fire to put Lisa's mind straight. A night filled with smoke and danger leads Lisa to see how foolish she was acting. A must read. Buy it, and I can guarantee you will love it.

ANGEL is a Web-based course management and collaboration tool that helps instructors, students and parents communicate and collaborate quickly, easily and effectively. Using ANGEL and a Web browser, teachers can easily distribute course content such as homework assignments, quizzes and tests, lessons and presentations taught during class, and links to articles and web site resources. Instructors can use ANGEL features such as discussion forums, drop boxes for electronic retrieval of assignments, survey tools, and course email to encourage student participation and collaboration.

Logging into ANGEL

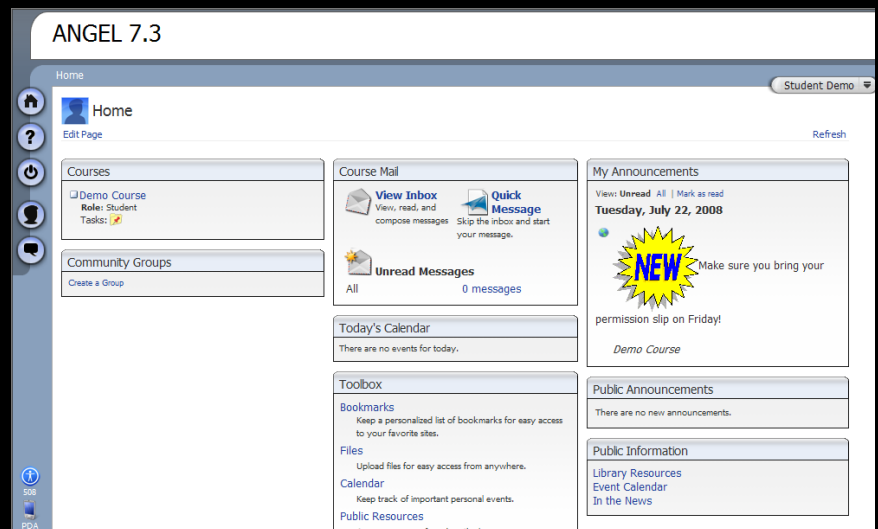
1. Open your Web browser.
2. Go to the following URL:
<http://angel.collier.k12.fl.us>

3. Enter your Username
Students—student number
4. Enter your Password
5. Click Log On



Personal Home Page

After you log into ANGEL, you will be taken to your personal Home page. Home provides you with **access** to all your **courses** and **groups** for which you are enrolled and to a variety of tools to assist you with your coursework. It is here that you can change the way your home page looks by clicking on the **Preferences** button and changing your Theme. To access a course, click the name of the course.



Courses Home Page

The home page for each course includes access to announcements, new assignments, and course material and a course map. The course includes the following tabs:

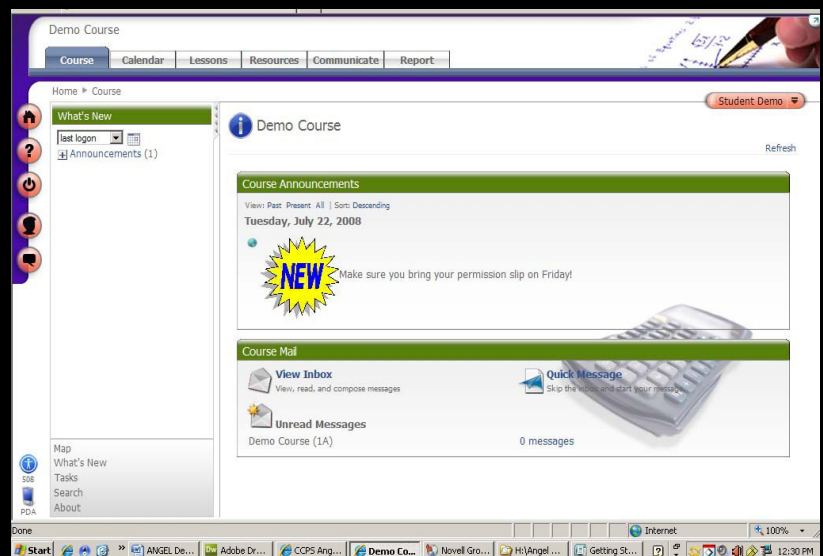
Calendar— a personal and course calendar

Lessons—access to all course material such as lecture notes, handouts, quizzes and discussion forums

Resources—bookmarks, Google search and Syllabus can be added here.

Communicate—email your teacher, discussion forums

Report—view items completed and grades



PBS

Positive Behavior Support

Since 2002, Florida's PBS Project has aimed to increase the capacity of Florida school

districts to address problem behaviors among students. PBS provides a positive and effective alternative to the traditional methods of discipline. Its methods are research based and proven to significantly reduce the occurrence of problem behaviors in the school, resulting in a more positive school climate and increased academic performance.

The PBS Project has been recognizing PBS Model Schools since 2005. A PBS Model School is one that has met

The "is" and "is not's" of PBS.

PBS is not...	PBS is...
A warm and fuzzy television network with antiques and Big Bird	Positive Behavioral Support
Subjective	Has clearly defined procedures
NOT punitive	Preventative
Ignoring disruptive behavior	Understanding why behavior occurs
Ignoring parents	Involving parents
Someone else "taking care of the problem"	A proactive approach to discipline within your classroom.
Another new program	Revitalizing the current system
An individual effort	A school-wide effort for a more positive climate

PBS

Positive Behavior Support

At OMS, we follow the C.A.R.E. rules of conduct.



When students receive a positive referral they have a chance to spin the "Wheel of Good Fortune."

CLASS RULES



Students should behave in a manner that will be a credit to our school.

Character:

- 🐾 Be considerate to others.
- 🐾 Stay on task.
- 🐾 No gum, candy, or objects in mouth.
- 🐾 Take care of materials.

Attendance:

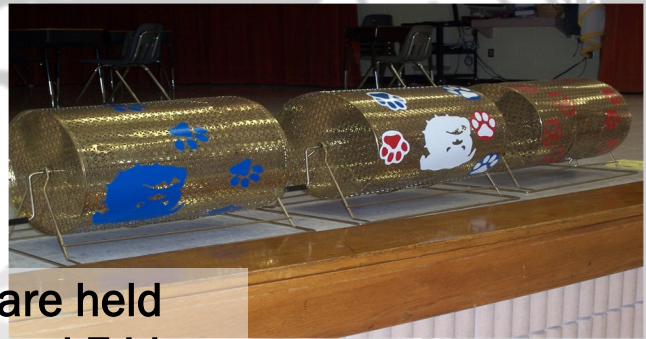
- 🐾 Be in assigned seat before the bell rings.
- 🐾 Bring materials for learning.
- 🐾 Dress for success based on approved dress code.

Respect:

- 🐾 Be polite and honest with others.
- 🐾 Use appropriate language.

Effort:

- 🐾 Give attention—listen.
- 🐾 Always do your best.



Student drawings are held every Wednesday and Friday using the tickets distributed for positive behavior.

OAKRIDGE MIDDLE
SCHOOL

Principal Kevin Saba



Kevin Saba has a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Master of Arts in Cultural History from the University of Florida. He also has a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Florida Gulf Coast University.

Kevin has worked almost exclusively with middle school students spending five years as a middle school science and social studies teacher in Collier County.

Kevin has served as principal at Oakridge Middle School since January of 2007. He enjoys playing golf and spending time with his two children.

Asst. Principal Mason Clark



Mason Clark comes to Oakridge from North Naples Middle School, where he has taught Math, Science, and served as the Interim Assistant Principal. Mason's career in education began with a Math assignment in Guinea, West Africa with the United States Peace Corps. He has enjoyed working with students from Grades 5 through 12, primarily in the areas of Mathematics and Science.

Mason received his Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania, and his Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership from Florida Gulf Coast University. Mason's wife of eight years, Mary Jane Nardulli-Clark, teaches Earth Science at North Naples Middle School.

Mason is excited to join the Oakridge team and is looking forward to a great year. Go Bulldogs!

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