



Oak Grove Student Council | March 2022 Newsletter

Donations help Ukraine

Student-led drive
collects essentials

By Grace Shrestha

On Feb. 24, Russia launched an invasion into the country of Ukraine. It attacked in three different directions: Crimea, the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, and Belarus. As result, thousands of Ukrainians have left their homes and are in need of essential supplies.

Izabella, a sixth-grade peer mediator, got an idea from her parents to start a donation campaign for the victims in Ukraine. She says that she got this idea because her father, who is from Ukraine. Her idea was set into action with the help of Ms. Turpin-O and other peer mediators.

A few days after a donation flyer was sent home, an abundant amount of donations were sent in. Some of the items included toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, diapers, soap, first aid kits, and hand sanitizer.



Peer mediators collected supplies for the people of Ukraine.



"What a great turnout from all the families," Ms. Turpin-O says.

"It was so nice to see the Oak Grove community come together to support the needs of others," first-grade teacher Ms. Tyburski adds.

"Providing resources to those in Ukraine is a fantastic way to show we care," says fifth-grade teacher Ms. Halliday. "I love that the Oak Grove peer mediators brought this to the forefront of our school in order to show others how we can be of assistance to those who are struggling."

All the supplies were collected and brought to a drop-off site at the old JCPenney on March 18.



Kindness gumball machine filled to capacity

It didn't take long to fill the Kindness Campaign gumball machine in the cafeteria. Acts of kindness by Oak Grove students were recognized by teachers throughout the month of March and into April. Student Council members collected the paper gumballs and added them to the poster each week.

INTERVIEW WITH ...

Mrs. Wilson

2nd Grade Teacher



1. Why did you become a teacher?

Well, teaching was not my first career choice. I was an accountant for a few years, but then I went back to school after I had stayed home with my four children. I really enjoyed watching them learn, seeing that expression when they understand how something works, and being a part of that. I want to continue helping children, so I would volunteer in my children's classrooms. After a week of help in reading and math centers, I realized that I wanted to become a teacher. Back to school I went. And now I do what I love every day: helping and watching students grow and learn.

2. What is your favorite subject to teach? Why?

My favorite subject to teach is math. I enjoy teaching children to problem solve. Math is a life skill that they will always need.

3. What was your favorite subject in school? Why?

My favorite subject in school was Social Studies. I enjoyed learning about the world, the different cultures, economics, geography, and history. When I went back to school to become a teacher, I received a degree in History. In college I loved learning about American history and World War II.

4. How do you motivate your students?

I try to make it fun for everyone. I get to know my students' interests, what they like and dislike. Then I incorporate it all into my classroom, lessons, and talks with my students. If students are interested in what you are saying, it sparks an interest, then they are learning.

5. What is your hidden talent?

I don't really have a hidden talent, but I do enjoy going fishing with my family and husband. It's fun because I get to spend quality time with them. It is very quiet and relaxing to be on a stream, river, or lake catching fish and letting them go.

Interview by Delilah Antonini

Trait of the Month

The Trait of the Month for March is **Integrity**. To show integrity is to demonstrate good sportsmanship. This means you are honest, trustworthy, and dependable. For example, let's say a boy named Jake is playing basketball and keeps bragging about how well he plays. As a result, no one likes him. Then there is Sal, who is just as good as Jake at basketball; however, he never brags. Everyone plays with him. Sal has integrity. Jake has no integrity.

– Zachary Paredes

Upcoming Events

Ice Cream Social is April 8.

Spring Break is April 11-18.

The **NYS Math Test** is April 26-27 for grades 3-6.

Did You Know?

In 1999, a biologist studying sun bears on the island of Borneo reported that a reticulated python had eaten a bear. This observation was a scientific first! The bear, however, was small and weak from lack of food, so “bear fare” may be rare for pythons.

– Joshua Rodriguez-Allen

Trivia Question

In the movie “Frozen,” how many brothers does the character Hans have?

Answer to last month's question: The Great Wall of China is 13,171 miles long.

– Delilah Antonini

Must-Click Site of the Month



Do you want to know more about different parts of speech, such as pronouns, nouns, verbs and adjectives? Check out the game [Word Shark](#). This web-based game is an activity where you “eat” words that are part of certain word groups. It is something many people enjoy learning from and enjoy.

– Emily Belfiore

Students of the Month ~ March 2022

Grade	Teacher	Students
K	Mrs. Leveque	Kaylee Roberts, Natalie VanDeCarr
K	Mrs. Kirsch	Miles Strype, Autumn Topkins
K	Ms. Vilardi	Hendrix Diaz, Jayvon Elting
SC 1/2	Mrs. LaSalvia	Antwan Bartholomew, Michael Manee
1	Mrs. Greene	Ian May, Jameson Berger
1	Mrs. Berwick	Olivia Jin, Nicco Potter
1	Ms. Tyburski	Charlotte Duval, Jasen Hernandez
2	Ms. Merritt	Liam Bakke, Ava Marie Vega
2	Mrs. Wilson	Jonah Montalvo, Sydnie-Rae Fehn
2	Ms. Murray	Sean Losee, Isla Masiello
SC 3/4	Mrs. DiPalma	Axl Rivera, Benjamin Reyes
3	Mrs. Manee	Alivia DeMeo, Liam Hynes
3	Mrs. Zmudosky	Alana Gafoor, Jaxon Sunwall
4	Ms. Segarra	Taylor Vaught, Luke Lomas
4	Ms. Marino	Evan Brinkerhoff, Sophia May
4	Mrs. Walker	Daniel Boamah, Isabella Guzman
SC 5/6	Mrs. Kearney	Umme Saba, Daniel Marr
5	Mrs. Dease	Trevor Lynn, Amelia Mitchell
5	Ms. Hickey	Phoebe Cantele, Lukas Sucuzhanay
5	Ms. Halliday	Fiona Chandler, Sebastian Potter
6	Ms. McCabe	Brandon Luciani, Izabella Borsch
6	Mr. Lander	Gabrielle Boamah, Brianna Sheldon
6	Mrs. Roe	Leah Buonato, Brendan Lotz

Student Council Members

Delilah Antonini	Zachary Paredes
Emily Belfiore	Alex Raszkievicz
Michael Busby	Shane Riley
Karly Cservak	Joshua Rodriguez-Allen
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