



Oak Grove Student Council | April/May 2022 Newsletter

A Madagascar takeover



Drama Club delights, gets crowd to 'move it move it'

The Oak Grove Drama Club presented "Madagascar: A Musical Adventure Jr." on May 11-13. Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture "Madagascar," the performances combined the talents of more than 50 Oak Grove sixth graders both on stage and behind the scenes under the direction of Mrs. Roe and Mr. Lander.



Photos courtesy of Mrs. Wong and Mr. Lander
Scenes from "Madagascar: A Musical Adventure Jr."

Madagascar: Bringing the musical version to life



Mrs. Rooney marks 15 years as school principal

By Emily Belfiore and Karly Cservak

Mrs. Rooney, our administrator here at Oak Grove Elementary School, wasn't always a principal. In fact, she started off as a teacher.

"I taught mostly fourth grade and a little bit of fifth and all the subjects," she says.

After 11 years as a teacher, she wanted to do something beyond the classroom. "I wanted to find a way to affect more students beyond the classroom," she says.

So she followed her heart and became a principal.

For 15 years, Mrs. Rooney has had the responsibility of making sure everyone here at Oak Grove is safe. She has done this by making sure every student is ready for the next grade academically, building good relationships with parents, and providing emotional support to staff and students.

She has built her legacy through hard work and dedication.

"I developed a culture at Oak Grove of high expectation so everybody can work to their fullest potential," she says.

Mrs. Rooney admits that guiding Oak Grove through the pandemic has been difficult. She was happy when everyone returned to school. One of her greatest enjoyments, however, is when former Oak Grove students return during and after high school to share their success stories.



What else happened in 2007?

- The average cost of a gallon gas is \$2.80
- A loaf of bread is \$1.21
- A dozen eggs is \$1.68
- Apple introduces its very first iPhone
- J.K. Rowling publishes the seventh Harry Potter novel.
- NASA launches the Phoenix Mars Lander
- Minimum wage is \$5.85
- Disney/Pixar releases "Ratatouille"
- Certain OG teachers were third graders

INTERVIEW WITH ...

Mr. Cerullo

Music Teacher



1. Why did you become a teacher?

I like working with kids. They always have an interesting perspective that keeps class spontaneous and fun.

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

My favorite subject to teach is music. I find music to be very fulfilling. I've learned a lot about myself and others through music that wouldn't be possible through anything else. As the late and great Louis Armstrong once said, "Music is life itself."

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

Aside from all the different music classes, I loved Home Economics. I love eating and cooking food.

4. How do you motivate your students?

I try to make everything a high-energy activity or game. If I do it right, they don't even know they're learning.

5. What is your hidden talent?

I can whistle out of my eye socket.

Interview by Karly Cservak

Trait of the Month

The Trait of the Month for April is **Perseverance**. To show perseverance is to not give up – to push through no matter how difficult the task may be. It could be a test in school or when you first learn how to ride a bike. The Trait of the Month for May is **Tolerance**. Showing tolerance means showing a willingness to keep an open mind when someone has a difference of opinion.

Upcoming Events

i-Ready Post Assessments are May 23–June 2.

The **Spring Concert** is May 25.

School is closed for **Memorial Day** on May 30.

Did You Know?

An octopus can grow back its arms after being inflicted with damage.

– Eliana Haimowitz

Dolphins have two stomachs: one for storing food and the other for digestion.

Trivia Question

How long will it take to hike across the Appalachian trail in one attempt?

Answer to last month's question: The character Hans from "Frozen" has 12 brothers.

– Zachary Paredes

Must-Click Site of the Month



Do you want to know more about math, such as algebra, division, multiplication, unit price, etc.? Then check out the game [Boddle](#). This web-based game is an activity where you solve math problems and gain energy points every time you get correct answers. If you earn enough points you can go to the arcade and play math-based games. Many people enjoy this website because of its kid-friendly appearance and use of knowledge.

– Alex Raszkiewicz

Students of the Month ~ April 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

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K	Mrs. Leveque	Ava Gafoor, Aria-Skye Jones
K	Mrs. Kirsch	Charlie Wise, Geany Gonzalez
K	Ms. Vilardi	Violet Borsch, Lukah Hill
SC 1/2	Mrs. LaSalvia	Carmella Lowe, Lea Nelson
1	Mrs. Greene	Lucian Pfeiffer, Sofia Ilardi
1	Mrs. Berwick	Olivia Weeks, Hailey Mantel
1	Ms. Tyburski	Savannah Wesner, Grayson Britton
2	Ms. Merritt	Alexis Pina, Anthony Azzinaro
2	Mrs. Wilson	Logan Mantel, Elena Breusch
2	Ms. Murray	Billy Jordan, Logan Lemchak, Nicholas Woodward
SC 3/4	Mrs. DiPalma	Charles Ceru, Victoria Wilson
3	Mrs. Manee	Aria Jerrick, Lexi Borsch
3	Mrs. Zmudosky	Luis Castillo, Roslyn Zhang
4	Ms. Segarra	Mikaylah Vega, Jeffery Angelo
4	Ms. Marino	Lynda Sucuzhanay, Elizabeth Cilley
4	Mrs. Walker	Daniel White, Leila Charles
SC 5/6	Mrs. Kearney	Jayden Singh, Matthew Menjivar
5	Mrs. Dease	Ryan McCarthy, Cillian Hynes
5	Ms. Hickey	Justin Rubinos, Sophia Lomedico
5	Ms. Halliday	Emily Wright, Aiden Rathbun
6	Ms. McCabe	Abigail Weisel, Tamia Omboro
6	Mr. Lander	Tiffany Nguyen, Jackson Carmichael
6	Mrs. Roe	Chloe Flores, Grace Lynne Yozzo

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