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Under the Sea with OCE Artists

By Eliana Louca

Do you like poetry? Art? What about singing? The arts showcase “showcases” just that!! Are you excited? You should be! “I am super excited to share my project in the showcase,” said Reet from Mrs. Bishop's class. Do you wonder about the history of the art showcase? I interviewed Ms. Barlow to learn more:

How many years has the arts showcase been in OCE?
“This is the second full production of the OCE arts showcase.”

Why did you start the arts showcase in the first place?
“Ms. Newberger wanted to have a poetry night and I suggested combining the arts so we decided to create a celebration of the visual and performing arts.

Did you pick the theme, and if so why?
“Ms. Newberger, Ms. McConnell and I wanted to connect what you were learning in class to the visual and performing arts.”

How does it feel to see all the finished pieces?
“It is amazing to remember the beauty of creativity, because us grown ups tend to forget that creativity.”

What Is the hardest part of putting it together?
“It is hard to put all of the final pieces together in the time I have.”

What message do you have for students reading this?
“I want students to know how hard it is to be brave enough to show your talents in front of all to see.”

Ms. Newberger and Ms. McConnell are very proud too:
“I am so proud of the chorus club and what they have done, I think they worked really really hard for this and I am amazed at what they have accomplished.” said Ms. McConnell

“I am so proud, and I think they did amazing in the showcase.” Said Ms. Newberger

Remember, next year is another opportunity if you didn't get the chance to share your talents, and if you did, I hope you really enjoyed it!



The Fall Carnival was Fun for Everyone

by Serena Bandyopadhyay & Charlotte Reynolds

The fall carnival is a fun party to celebrate fall at Olive Chapel. There are so many games, activities and yummy snacks including our favorite Sunset Slushie!

There was also face painting which we all love! Also, there are sticker tattoos. I was there and I saw everybody bouncing in the bounce house. I also saw some people playing soccer, football and volleyball. Don't forget music! The DJ played all kinds of fun party songs.

Now for the food. We all love food! There were hot dogs, smoothies, pizza, popcorn and some desserts like Mr. A's Beignets, cotton candy, and funnel cake!

Did you try the caramel apples? They were delicious!

Then there were lots of games. Me and my friends did a sack race. The announcer announced fun games on the basketball court. Did you play ring toss? The game where you toss a ring on a bottle! There were a lot more fun games. It's hard to keep count.

The fall carnival is so fun you can spend time with your family and friends. If you have not gone this year, come next year because it's really fun! We hope you'll join us!

Meet Ms. Chaffee

by Alaina Kim

I got a chance to sit down and talk with Mrs. Chaffee. In case you didn't know, Mrs. Chaffee is a 4th grade track 3 teacher here at Olive Chapel. She was a joy to speak with and shared a lot of interesting things about herself.

What inspired you to do teaching and what job would you have if you were not a teacher?

When I was young I wanted to do something to make the world a better place and I used to want to be a lawyer cause I thought I could get all the criminals off the street. I didn't think that was going to happen so then I decided to help people learn so the world would be a better place because I could spread all my cheer and happiness. If I wasn't teaching, I would be working with people with learning disabilities and I could help them figure out the best way they can learn.

How many years have you taught here and what do you like most about Olive Chapel?

I have taught 11 years at Olive Chapel and what I like the most are the people that are around me. I really love my students because they are so fun. I also love my families and the people I work with. Ms. May, my other teachers and coworkers, and everybody who works here is such a bright spot in my life.

Would you rather win the lottery or have a mansion?

I would rather win the lottery. I would spend the money on building a facility that would help people. Whether that would be people with illness, people with learning disabilities, or people with homelessness. After I build the facility and staff it, I would then fundraise to keep it going.



Mrs. Chaffee with Boone (left) and Sadie (right)

Did you teach any other grades and if you did, what was your favorite grade to teach?

I have taught all the grades K-8th and I did teach 3rd grade for a long time at Olive Chapel. I taught 4th grade for around 15 years in Colorado. 4th grade is my favorite grade to teach.

What are your favorite hobbies to do and why?

I feel like I change hobbies pretty frequently and so right now my favorite hobby is exercising in spin class but I also like to ride my bike outside. Spin class is my favorite because you can be sitting there and then all of the sudden you are working out. You can work really hard and it doesn't take much brain power. You just do it and you get off feeling really good after cause you have got your exercise in.

Who are your pets and what is one fun fact about each one?

I have two dogs and their names are Boone and Sadie. I love them so much. I take them for three mile walks every day. Sadie is a really fast runner and she likes to run from Boone. Boone is bred to chase cows but Boone can never keep up with Sadie. Those are the funniest things about them.

What is your favorite subject to teach and why?

My favorite subject to teach is math because there are more than one way to find the answer or the solution. I really like to have academic conversations with kids and teaching them math is a really easy way to help them feel good about themselves and feel like they have a voice.

What is your favorite hand gesture or facial expression to make in the hallway?

I really like to make people feel seen and heard. I like smiling at people even when I don't feel like it because it makes people happy when someone smiles at you and then it also makes you happy.

I hope you enjoyed getting to know Mrs. Chaffee a little bit more. And now if you see Mrs. Chaffee in the hallway, give her a smile!

What's so Funny About Thanksgiving?

What's a pumpkin's favorite game?
Squash

Why do turkeys always go gobble gobble?
Because they never had good table manners.

What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving?
The turkey trot

What kind of music did the pilgrims like?
Plymouth Rock!

Does Your Class Have a Class Pet?

by Hailey Boes & Sophie Freeman

Did you know some classes in our school have class pets? Some have caterpillars and some have stuffed animals. Some classes name them or they don't, but they still have something. Why did these teachers want a class pet? How did they get them? What are they? What do they do with them?

One of the classes that has a class pet is Mrs. Brem's class. Her class has a pet stuffed animal named Charlotte. She's a penguin. She started last year with a wonderful idea. Every Friday she spins a wheel and the name of the student it lands on is the student that takes Charlotte home for the weekend. She has a binder with photos of the student and Chorolite.

Another example of a class pet is Ms Greene's class. She and her class have two class pets. One of them is a Baby Yoda stuffed animal. She has had him for five years. In her third year with him she started passing him around and asking the students on a scale from one to five how they feel.

Their other class pet is a dolphin. They don't have a name for her or him yet, they just got the dolphin a few weeks ago. They had to earn a certain amount of doubloons to get their new class pet. This counts as their doubloon award and they vote on their name too.

Another class has live pets as of last year and before too. Last year her students had roly pollys, inch worms, snails, and ladybugs. Mrs. Dunkin's students brought jars from home and made them habitats. They spent recess finding them new sticks to climb on and grabbing them some fresh new moss from the playground. Only about half the class took care of them and on the weekends and track out they would take them home so they could be fed.

Teachers in our school have class pets, and maybe you could too.

The YMCA is Full of Games and Activities

by Audrey MacNaughton

Were you wondering what activities they do at the YMCA and also what their favorite activities are? I was, so I asked one or two kids from every grade, and here is what I found out

Kindergarten and First Grade:

First, in kindergarten, this sweet girl named Ava in Mrs. Trybus's class said she said some of her favorite activities in YMCA are coloring and Uno. Next, in first grade, I asked two boys their opinions. The first boy was named Dexter and he liked silent ball the best. Then I asked the other boy whose name was Ethan and he also liked silent ball. Both of those two boys are track three in Mrs. Dunn's class, so I guess for kindergarten and first grade, silent ball was the favorite and so far the favorite for all the activities in YMCA for now.

Second and Third grade:

And now for second grade! A girl named Nora in Mrs. Martins's class said she liked crossing the ocean the best... and that is one of my favorites too! Next in third grade in Mrs. King's class is Alex who loves dodgeball the best out of every game in the YMCA. So far the favorite activities for all grades is still silent ball but for second and third grade, the favorite is tied with cross the ocean and dodgeball.

Fourth and fifth grade:

Now we are going to find out the favorite YMCA activities for fourth and fifth grade and most importantly - drum roll please - the favorites for kindergarten first, second, third grade, fourth grade and of course, fifth grade combined!

So first let's start with fourth grade. A girl named Lilly on track four said she likes musical chairs the most. Next, a girl named Natalie on track three also liked musical chairs so that means that for fourth and fifth grade musical chairs was the favorite, but also musical chairs are tied with the silent ball for favorite YMCA activities in all the grades!

Also, YMCA helpers work hard every day for these kids so if you see them in the hallways (they are usually with a jacket or a short/long sleeve shirt that says YMCA) give them a smile a high five or a thumbs up to appreciate their hard work!

Fifth Graders Descend on D.C.: Two Perspectives

by Charlie Sandoval

I went on the Washington D.C. field trip in early October. We woke up super early to get on the bus, but it was all worth it because I got to talk to my friends during the ride. When we got there, I took a big stretch because I sat for a while. Then we did a lot - I mean A LOT - of walking. I'm not complaining because it was awesome, but also very tiring.

On the first day I went to a bunch of Smithsonian museums. One was the Natural History Museum. In another museum, we saw a lot of jewels. The people who owned them were really rich! We also saw gowns the First Ladies wore and they were very pretty and elegant.

After the museums and shopping for matching sweatshirts, we ate dinner at the Ronald Reagan food court. Then we went on a night tour of the Jefferson Monument. The monument on the water was the most magnificent thing because I've never been to D.C. before.

When we got to the hotel, I fell fast asleep.

We woke up really early on the second day and got to breakfast at 6:15 a.m., which was so early! We went to memorials and monuments. My great-granddaddy was in World War II, so that was my favorite memorial.

We finished the trip at Arlington Cemetery and we were really honored to see the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. It was neat to see my friends honor our country. I stayed longer in D.C. because some of my family lives there, but the rest of my classmates went home on the bus.

My favorite part of the trip was experiencing all of it with my friends. I will remember it forever.



by Ella May

I woke up early one Thursday morning and was SUPER excited and tired because it was time to hop on the bus to go to Washington DC!! We stayed on the bus for five hours, but it was completely worth it. We even made a candy salad!

First we went to the National Museum of American History. It was the closest one to the bus stop, so we walked right to it. I really noticed how houses were back in the 1800s - they had no tvs or electronics. Some people were also poor and didn't have enough food.

Then we all went to the food court and got amazing food! They had Panera and Subway - there was even pizza! I got a lot of caffeine from the soda machines.

The nighttime tour was amazing! The Jefferson Memorial had a lot of Easter eggs and there was so much to see, especially the words they said, they really gave me spirit.

After that, we went home, showered and guess what we did next - we went to sleep!

On day two we didn't wake up as early. We went down to breakfast, which was so good. They had a hot bar and cereal, and we had more caffeine. We got ready and hopped on the bus!

The Lincoln Memorial was beautiful. We saw memorials and everything, and we even saw the really tall one that looks like a pencil: the Washington Monument.

And lastly, to end my day, we saw the changing of the guards. It was so cool that they honor so many. To end my day, I hopped in an Uber and went to Maryland!

