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Hannah Dunklin is Our Teacher of the Year

By Emily Killian and Evelyn Paxton

Mrs. Dunklin is an amazing third grade teacher who has been teaching at OCE since 2019 and won teacher of the year this year. This article will be about us, Evelyn and Emily, interviewing her.

If you had any job other than teaching what would it be and why?

"I would start my own clothing store because I love shopping."

Why did you become a teacher?

"Because when I was in elementary school, it made me so happy, so I decided to become a teacher."

Where did you used to teach?

"I used to teach in Jacksonville, North Carolina, at Meadow View Elementary School."

How did your students feel when you won teacher of the year?

"My students were very excited and gave me some nice cards."

What's your favorite thing about teaching?

"Making relationships with the students and having fun."

What's was your most exciting moment in your career?

"Getting teacher of the year!"



What's your favorite thing about working at Olive Chapel?

"My amazing students and my co workers!"

What were your favorite years of teaching?

"Every year at OCE has been my favorite!"

What's your favorite hobby?

"I like to run and go shopping."

What's your favorite activity you do with your class every year?

"I really like field day."

At Olive Chapel Elementary, Kindness Matters

by Addie MacNaughton & Ekaaksh Manjunath

The Kindness club is a club that encourages kids to do kind things every day. All three of the teachers, Ms. Jones, Ms. McCarty and Ms. Pittman, in the Kindness Club asked homeroom teachers to select two children for the club. There are about 10 - 12 kids in the club. On any Friday (except when track one is tracked out) they meet in cottage 514 to discuss what kind things they should do.

They show acts of kindness all around the school. Here's what Addie MacNaughton from the Kindness Club has to say, "I think the kindness club is a great club! I love going to all the meetings! They are so fun!"

They also have notebooks where they can write acts of kindness that they did, and then they share it with everyone in the next class.

Ms. Jones said, "Ms. Pittman, Ms. McCarty, and myself all wanted to start out small, but we all knew we wanted the club to grow eventually. So we decided that if we started with 4th graders this year, next year they would be able to essentially lead the club as 5th graders and then we would add more fourth graders to learn how the Kindness Club works."

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A Day in the Life of the Assistant Principals

by Mishka Mathur & Giovanni Valenzisi

The office has many unknown mysteries about what goes on; some people, like Ms. Sandoval, work on making sure students get to the front whenever they leave school early. While the assistant principals work on a number of different things. In this article we will learn a bit about what our assistant principals do.

Giovanni: What do you do in your daily job?

Ms. Charles: We sometimes handle behavior issues. We want kids to love school.

Mr. Boyer: We spend as much time as we can getting to know the kids. We also spend a lot of time helping teachers view their test data and help improve their instruction.

Mishka: What do you do during arrival and dismissal?

Ms. Charles: I mostly work at carpooling and greeting kids and parents.

Mr. Boyer: I primarily oversee buses and make sure kids are safe.

Giovanni: Who creates the schedule for shifts, for arrival and dismissal?

Ms. Charles: Both of us work on arranging schedules and shifts.

Mr. Boyer: It's always good to have two sets of eyes to oversee that.

Mishka: What do you do in your free time?

Ms. Charles: I spend a lot of time playing with my one and a half year old.

Mr. Boyer: Anytime that I have free time, I spend it with my four kids.

Giovanni: Do you help with any other things, like getting kids home if they need to leave early?

Ms. Charles: We are often the ones that handle the unexpected things that have to do with transportation.

Mr. Boyer: Such as if a bus isn't running at a time

Mishka: How do you feel about O.C.E.?

Mr. Boyer: O.C.E. is a wonderful place to learn.

Ms. Charles: We have some of the best and brightest students in our school, and we are proud to be Clippers.

The office is a wonderful place, and so are our assistant principals!



At Olive Chapel Elementary, Kindness Matters (cont.)

"If it goes as we planned, we would invite this year's 4th graders back next year to be the leaders of the club and then add 4th graders as well. We really want this club to be student led so every year we could train more kids and develop their ideas and we, the teachers, would really just be there for support."

"My personal goal for this club is really simple. I really want students to see what it feels like to be kind to others for no other reason than the purpose of being kind. I also want people to see what it feels like to receive kindness from others just because. I think if we work really hard at our school to teach how to be kind, that they'll just do it every day on their own and take it out to middle school and high school and beyond and just remember what an impact being kind can have on others."

When we chatted with Ms. Jones, we asked about her favorite Kindness Club activities.

"Honestly, one of the very first things we did was my favorite. When we just stood outside the school and passed out kindness cards to everyone. The Kindness Club members were so excited and they were smiling, and it was so infectious. I just think everybody who got a card felt appreciated and loved that day, and it made me want to do it as much as possible, and to spread kindness at our school in as many ways as possible."

Expired Milk: How it Happens & What to Do About It

by Preston Erichsen & Conley Tierney

Have you ever had school lunch? If so, have you gotten bad or expired milk and wondered how that happened? Well this article has the answers.

First we talked to Ms. Welch, the Cafeteria Manager.

Ms. Welch said Wake County Public School System orders the milk, and that they get milk delivered every Friday. When the new batch comes in, they look through the current milk and get rid of the expired or bad milk.

Ms. Welch also said that while they do look through the milk, some cartons can get by them. She told us, "We do our best to prevent expired or bad milk, but if it is expired, we didn't do it on purpose."

"When it's expired, we dump it out in the sink then throw it away," she said.

While, yes, Ms. Welch and her team may miss a carton, we should also check the carton before we open it.

Ms. Welch and her team do everything they can to make sure we have fresh milk everyday. However, sometimes one expired carton might slip by, so we have to keep our eyes out.

If do you find that rare carton of expired milk, tell a lunch monitor and they'll help you get a fresh new carton.



Would You Rather

by Kennadi Blount

Hey Clippers! I know your brain probably hurts already from all the learning we do, but here are some fun Would You Rathers to get your brain working in a fun way!

Would you rather...

Eat the same food everyday OR
Never be allowed to eat the same food twice?

Never be allowed to listen to your favorite song again OR
Never be allowed to watch your favorite movie again?

Play one-on-one with your favorite athlete OR
Sing a duet with your favorite singer?

Have a robot that does all of your homework OR
All of your chores?

Have a multi-level tree house with electricity OR
A pool with a hot tub and slide?

School Calendar

- Feb. 1:** Walk to School Wednesday
- Feb. 3:** Wear red for heart health
- Feb. 8:** Spirit Night @ Apex Kilwin's
- Feb. 24:** Neon Day
- March 1:** Walk to School Wednesday
- March 2 & 9:** Grandparent Breakfast
- March 9:** Spring Pictures, Tracks 3 & 4
- March 24:** Early Release Day

Jokes on Us

Why did the chicken cross the playground?
To get to the other slide!

Where do cows go on Friday nights?
They go to the moo-vies!

Knock, knock.
Who's there?

Lettuce.
Lettuce who?

Lettuce in, it's cold out here!

Visit the School Library and Grab a Good Book

by Imaani Haque & Landon Winslow

The Olive Chapel has many great books to choose from. Here are some of our recommendations.

Kindergarten

- 1. *Gaston* by Kelly Dipucchio. This book is about a dog that is different from his sibling.
- 2. *Uni the Unicorn* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal. This book is about a unicorn who finds a little girl and becomes besties.
- 3. *Little People Big Dreams* by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara. These books are about a random famous person's life.

First Grade

- 1. *Rabbit and Bear* by Julian Gough and Jim Field. This is about a rabbit that becomes friends with a bear in a weird way.
- 2. *Ruby Red Shoes* series by Kate Knapp. This is about a bunny that goes to places like Paris and London.
- 3. *Sophie Mouse* by Poppy Green. This is about a mouse that goes on different adventures.

Second grade

- 1. *Heartwood Hotel* by Kallie George. This is about a mouse that finds a home in a hotel but everything has its secrets.

- 2. *Oddfellows Orphanage* by Emily Windfield Martin. A story about times at an orphanage.
- 3. *Whatever After* by Sarah Mlynowski. This is about a girl and her brother going to different fairytales.

Two books I recommend for 3rd graders are *Substitute Teacher from The Black Lagoon* and *Rain School*. These books are good because they are easy and fun to read. *Rain School* is about kids that have to build their school out of resources. *The Substitute Teacher from The Black Lagoon* is about this kid that goes to school one day and figures out that his substitute is a monster.

Two books I recommend for 4th grade are *Who Was Jackie Robinson* and *26-Story Treehouse*. These books are a good reading level for 4th graders. *Who Was Jackie Robinson* is about the life of the first African American to ever play major league baseball. *26-Story Treehouse* is about these kids that build a very cool treehouse and they live in that treehouse.

Two books I recommend for 5th grade are *Golden* and *Harry Potter And The Sorcerer's Stone*. These books are a good skill level for 5th graders. *Golden* is about four time NBA champion Steph Curry and his life. *Harry Potter And The Sorcerer's Stone* is about a boy named Harry that goes to a wizard school and he goes there for seven years and every book in the series is one year.

New Faces @ OCE



Ms. Hornbeck
Kindergarten IA



Ms. Abdella
Math Specialist



Ms. Glover
Kindergarten IA



Ms. Speas
Occupational Therapist



Ms. McConnell
Music