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Life as an OCE Staff Kid

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There are a bunch of teachers who have kids here at OCE and they're called *staff kids*. There are good things and some not-so-good things about being a staff kid at OCE. Read on to learn more about them.

Do you know what morning care is? Probably not but here are your answers. Morning Care (also known as Staff Care) is where staff members' students go in the morning while their parents are getting ready for their classes. Staff kids play games, draw, read and play games on their computers. Morning care lasts from 7:55 to 8:40 a.m.

Morning Care is in the cafeteria in the right corner. Ms. Lantry is the teacher there. She comes to Morning Care every day and does work while paying attention to the staff kids. Staff kids are supposed to go to Morning Care every day. Staff kids like playing with slime, getting to bring toys and running around.

Teacher work days! You may think it is fun for everybody, but staff kids don't. Staff kids (most of the time) go to school on teacher work days. We also go to school during Meet the Teacher to organize pencils, organize students pencil boxes, put away stuff and more. On an average day, we go home at around 4:30 p.m., but some days we go home later when our parents have meetings or bus room duties.

Being a staff kid means going to school early in the morning every day, getting candy from other moms who also have staff kids, and your mom being there when you need her. Staff kids don't like being called Mrs. (Last name). Staff kids like getting to know all the teachers. Teachers love their kids at the school, they think it is a great community. I hope this article answered all the questions you had!



Some staff kids with their moms

Life in the Staff Lounge

by Camila Contreras

Do you think staff members have better food than us students? And that it's all kept in the staff lounge? The truth is, there's no food in the staff lounge. There's just a sad vending machine with a few bags of chips. Sometimes students think it's the most magical place on earth, but it's not.

If you see your teacher with some great looking food, it is probably food they brought themselves. Yes, teachers have to buy and bring their own lunches.

But every month on the first Friday of the month, a group of teachers make breakfast for everyone. The food is kept in the staff lounge.

The PTA brings and prepares lunch for all the teachers quarterly, which means four times a year. The PTA spoils them with things in the staff lounge and they appreciate it.

Behind-the-Scenes Hero

by *Valentina Colon-Cruz*

We all see this hardworking person almost every day. But this person remains a mystery. Who’s the real person behind this groundbreaking scene? Well, let’s find out!

This hero arrives at school very early before everybody else arrives. And that is when her true calling gets revealed. She is a silent hero whose care transforms all the rooms into squeaky clean classrooms. This is where the real magic kicks in!

At her age, 65, this hard working employee has experienced a lot of challenges, which includes being poor and doing hard work. Instead of complaining, she looks at the positive side and throws her negativity away. In my interview with her, she expressed what makes her happy. Among those things are supporting her family, grandchildren, relaxing, watching television shows, reading, and walking outdoors.

When I first saw her working, I did not know what to expect, I just noticed a hard working woman. That made me curious to learn more about her story. As we talked, I realized how much she sacrifices to come to work.

The interview was so interesting that I forgot to eat my lunch that day. I learned that everybody has a voice and a story to tell!

She taught me so much. Any guess on who this hard-working hero is?

Drumroll please!

It is MS.MAYELA!!! The head janitor!!!



Meet New Fourth Grade Teacher, Ms. Bryson

by *Taylor Dangerfield and Samanvi Dasari*

Today we are interviewing Ms. Bryson. She is a 4th grade teacher on track 2, and she is new to Olive Chapel this year. We interviewed her in the mornings and at recess, and we worked on this paragraph instead of doing morning work. Sorry, Ms. Bryson, but it is for the greater good!

What do you like about working here?

I like my co-workers my team and the students.

When and why did you want to teach?

I have wanted to teach since I was four years old. I started teaching 15 years ago because I wanted to support people like my son.

If you could have a fundraiser for our school what would it be and why?

Staff talent show to see what other staff can do.

What are your top three changes for our school and why?

First, new cottages because they are not in the best shape. New play acquitment, and then longer lunch and recess to have more free time and not be working as long.

What would you recommend to a new student?

Be yourself because we're kind! Also, welcome to OCE!

Where are you from?

A little town called Canton, North Carolina.

What do you do in your spare time?

I love to travel, spend time with family, read, and watch documentaries.

Who is your favorite music artist?

It is very hard! I am very picky about my music but I will say Lauryn Hill.

What is your favorite book, movie and tv show?

My favorite movie is The Dark Knight. My favorite tv show is General Hospital, and my favorite book is *Midnight in the Garden of Evil*.

What is your favorite food?

Pasta!