



## The Wave Interview: Principal Erin May

by Elizabeth Pruitt & Josie Delaney

Ms. May is a remarkable principal who can handle a lot of struggles and can still be here to help the school. Here are some questions we asked her to answer.

**What do you plan on doing to help the school?** I'm working with my team and reviewing student data to help the teachers teach each and every student at their level.

**Was it hard moving from teacher to assistant principal to principal?** It has been a really good experience with all of the jobs and Dr. Steidinger trained me well.

**Is it hard seeing 5th graders leave the school?** It is really hard seeing a lot of 5th graders move because some of them have been here since kindergarten.

**How was the transition from teacher to principal?** I was a teacher and I wanted to move schools, but I loved this school. So this was never really the way I planned for this to happen but I had to take the chance.

**What are you most proud of during your time as principal?** I'm proud that we are still strong, even with Covid 19. I love seeing the kids and teachers working as hard as they can.

**Why did you pick Apex Remix to support our school?** I think they make people happy every year, especially this year with the remix dance party. I enjoyed that and think everyone else did, too.

**Why did you choose to work at this school?** I love the students, staff and parents. OCE is an incredible place.

**What is something you wish could happen again?** Getting the whole school together like we did during Covid 19. Obviously we don't want another pandemic, but it felt really good to see the school come together and come through stronger than before.

**How do you know what teacher you want to hire?** We hire people who are great teachers and really love kids.

**Is it hard picking teacher of the year?** No, because we vote together as a school so whoever gets the most votes from the teachers wins.



## OCE Students Bring the Drama

by Preston Erichsen & Conley Tierney

What is drama? What plans do Ms. Newberger and the school have? What would teachers and students like to see in drama? Well, this article has all the answers!

First we asked Ms. Newberger. "I think we will do lots more long-term projects and projects that connect with the class. I want to do stage shows and continue the frog and toad presentations. The art showcase will have a play by drama club and props by art club.

Then we asked Mr. Brown & Ms. Melvin about their thoughts. "I think drama is a must in schools," said Mr. Brown. "It's great to let students let their imaginations loose. I thought poetry night was great and can't wait to see what they do next!"

Ms. Melvin said, "I like drama because it helps with writing and reading, but I never was in a drama club. I like how this year they did a poetry night and some of my students participated in it."

Wow! That's some input from teachers and now let's hear from some students!

First, we asked them what they liked. All of them said drama is great. One student likes how students can learn about drama and acting, and thinks drama can't get any better.

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## What Growth Mindset Means to Me

by Ellen Banta

To me, growth mindset is thinking positively to help your learning experience and make you feel more confident in yourself. I believe that the award is just a bonus and not the main reason to have a growth mindset.

I believe that if you have a growth mindset, you can persevere through harder assignments and other life situations that can affect something that you want to do. I also think that having a growth mindset can get you through the school year believing that you can do it. This mindset will help you through the rest of your life.

Growth mindsets allow you to have more thoughts about things. For example, without a growth mindset and your teacher gives you a hard test, you might think, "Oh, this is too hard, I can't do my best on this." However, a person with a growth mindset might get the same test and think, "Oh, this test looks hard, but I will do my absolute best."

Growth mindsets help people say "I can do this!" They also help people focus because the mindset helps you think clearly and better understand things. This is because you are confident in yourself and are not worried about doing a bad job.

"When I heard my name announced in the gym I felt excited and anxious coming up on stage. Then I realized how hard I worked to get the Growth Mindset award," said Veeran Jagnathan.

You do work hard to earn an award, but you earned it because you did something for your own benefit. It may seem unlikely, but I believe that the award itself encourages you to have a growth mindset because you feel motivated to earn the award, making you feel compelled to have a mindset so you can win the award.

I believe that some people don't think the award really matters. These people would have a growth mindset just to be able to learn more actively and because they know they'll benefit from it. Theirs is a true growth mindset.

"I felt really motivated and thrilled because it was the last quarter of second grade and the last Growth Mindset I could win in my second grade class," said Eshwar Jagnathan.

Motivation is an important factor that growth mindsets can inspire. If you did not have a growth mindset but you went on stage to get the award, instead of being motivated, you might feel confused or scared.

I do not fully understand the growth mindset but my understanding of it is that growth mindsets help you think positively, be more confident in yourself, have more self love, and help you focus because you enjoy the learning and the growth. I also think that if you dig deeper, there is always going to be something more to find out.

## Become an OCE Rock Star

By Maia & Brynn Blazei

Have you ever seen the big rock outside of the school? It usually has someone's name on it and a number. Most people rent the rock to celebrate their birthdays, but you could put almost anything you want on it.

But how? Have you ever wondered how you could get your name on it? It's simple. If you go to the OCE PTA website, scroll down until you see the subheading, "Rent the Rock!" Click that and another tab will show up. It will tell you step-by-step how to rent the rock! It costs 20 dollars, and you get two days for your message to be up!

When it is your turn to rent the rock, your parents will come to school and paint it for you. You can only paint the rock on Wednesdays and Sundays. You can take a picture with you by the customized rock, and post it to #oceROCKstars. If you want a turn with your name on the rock, make sure to tell your parents about it, because who knows? You could be the next rock owner!

Now, you know how to rent the rock, but you're probably wondering why we have it. The rock started last year, in the 2021-2022 school year. Some of the fifth grade classes thought that it would be a fun class gift for the school. Anyone can rent it, but it will always be from the 2021-22 fifth graders.



It is very hard to find a good-sized smooth rock just anywhere, which is why this rock isn't from a backyard; Ms. Pittman found it at a rock quarry and bought it for the school. It was a perfect pick, wasn't it?



## *Attack of the Clones*: the Underrated Star Wars Adventure

by Giovanni Valenzisi

*Attack of the Clones* is the second episode (movie) in the Star Wars Triple Trilogy containing *A New Hope*, *The Empire Strikes Back*, and *The Return of the Jedi*.

*Attack of the Clones* is a very good Star Wars movie, but it's very underrated in my opinion. It starts out where Obi Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker are on a mission to protect Senator Padme Amidala. Anakin and Padme have a secret love connection.

Now in the first movie, Anakin is a seven-year-old and Padme is probably 15. In this movie, Anakin is somehow older than Padme. The first chase scene in the movie is when a bounty hunter runs and then Anakin and Obi Wan appear in a speeder and the bounty hunter jumps into one, too.

Eventually they catch up to the bounty hunter and just as they are about to know who hired her, a figure in armor fires a dart at the bounty hunter and then escapes.

While Obi Wan wants to find where the toxic dart came from, Anakin is ordered by the Jedi council to protect Padme. Obi Wan goes to a diner to find out where the toxic dart came from, Obi Wan's friend is this guy named Drex who has six arms. Obi Wan then gets informed that the toxic dart came from Kamino. That night, Anakin has a dream that his mother is dying so he asks Padme to go with him to save his mother.

At the Jedi archives, Obi Wan can't find any research on Kamino. Jedi Master Yoda tells him that someone must have erased all data. Obi Wan then is able to figure out where Kamino is so he heads there. On Tatooine, Anakin figures out that his mother has been captured by sand people and goes to find the sand den.

## A Letter from the Publisher

During this, the 25th anniversary of Olive Chapel Elementary, we are so pleased to introduce *The Wave*, OCE's newspaper written by its students, for its students.

*The Wave* gives fourth and fifth graders an opportunity to express their creativity, improve their writing skills and build confidence.

It will serve as a lasting snapshot of what they find interesting, and what they think their fellow students want to know. And it will allow them to connect to one another and share stories and experiences like never before.

Twenty-five years from now, when Olive Chapel Elementary celebrates its 50th anniversary, I hope *The Wave* is still in existence, continuing to serve as an opportunity for growth and development, and a source of pride for future Clippers.

Allie Sandoval  
Club Sponsor & Publisher

He is then able to sneak into a tent and find his mother. His mother is about to die, though. Anakin gets super angry and destroys the dens. While on Kamino, Obi Wan discovers the clone army. The creatures on the base await Kenobi but surprisingly, this thing has been in the making for 10 years.

The person was a bounty hunter named Jango Fett who had a son named Boba Fett. Jango turns out to be the person who hired the first bounty hunter in the beginning. As soon as Jango knows Obi Wan has figured it out, he and Boba flee. Obi Wan follows him to a planet called Geonosis. There Obi Wan is captured. Anakin and Padme are sent to rescue Obi Wan and get trapped in a droid factory.

On Geonosis, Obi Wan, Anakin and Padme must fight these monsters. During the fight, the Jedi and Clones come in and battle the droids and Jango Fett. After the battle, the Jedi now use the clones to battle the droids worldwide.

*Attack of the Clones* is very good, and I know I missed a lot of details, but if you'd like to see it yourself, it's available on YouTube and Disney+.

## Drama continued

"I like that it's not just acting, it's more than that," said another student. A third student said they really like drama, although it's pretty robust, and it's one of their favorites.

Next, we asked some students what they would like to see in the drama special. One student wants there to be puppets while another wants to see entire classes performing a play.

"I want more plays like what happened last year with drama club and art club but anyone can join, and students can move props like poetry night, and we can practice during drama," said Connor Ridpath, 4th grade student.

## Jokes on Us

**Knock knock.**

Who's there.

**Luke.**

Luke who?

**Luke through the peephole and find out!**

**What kind of photos do elves take?**

Elfies!

**How do trees get on the internet?**

They log on!

**Knock knock.**

Who's there?

**Beets.**

Beets who?

**Beets me!**

## Winter Break Holiday Traditions Around the World

by Atharva Mahajan and Annie Peloquin

There are many different holidays and traditions celebrated around the world during winter break. As you already know, Christmas is one of them, celebrated on December 25th. Celebrated due to the occasion of the birth of Jesus. Another one you probably know is new years eve which is celebrated on the 31st to celebrate the end of a year and a new start.

Here are some holidays you might not have heard of:

### Boxing Day

Boxing Day is an international holiday celebrated on December 26th. It is now celebrated by shopping and buying gifts, but it has a uniquely philanthropic history. The day after Christmas (December 26) was when churches gifted supply boxes to the needy, and masters or rich people gave their servants gifts or money. Boxing Day is a day when workers are given thanks for their year round service.

### Santa Lucia

Back in early 300 AD, at the darkest time of the year, one woman would shine a light in the life of others; she would soon, unfortunately, die because of her beliefs. This saint was known as Lucia of Syracuse. In the darkest part of the year, December 13th, she is remembered as a symbol of light and hope in the hearts of others. This day is celebrated with concerts, processions, and headdress featuring actual candles. The eldest girl/daughter of the family serves baked goods such as saffron breads to the family.



### Hanukkah

Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a Jewish festival that lasts eight days long and each night one of the candles of the menorah is lit. A menorah, the Hebrew word for lamp, has seven branches. It was originally used in the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem. Menorahs were lit daily using olive oil of the purest quality. A hanukkiah is a Hanukkah menorah used specifically to light the candles.

Here is an interview with 5th grader Calliope Mandel, who celebrates Hanukkah.

#### What activities do you do when you celebrate Hanukkah?

"We always light the candle at sundown and we get gifts each night of hanukkah. And Dreidel is where we can win gelt (chocolate coins)"

#### Are there any special meals during Hanukkah?

"Yes we eat latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot which is (jelly donuts)."

#### Why do Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah?

"A few Jewish people were forced to live in a cave. They needed a light for eight days but they only had one jug of oil and one candle. They lit it and it miraculously stayed lit for eight days."

#### Are there any special facts you would like to share?

"There are many ways to spell it but the way I spell it Chanukkiah (pronounced Hanukkah). It is also celebrated on a different day every year."

#### Are there any representatives of another meaning of Hanukkah?

"Yes the festival of lights"

#### Is there any special way to light the menorah?

"First you light the chumash then use its flame to light the other candles, depending on which night it is. For example, on night one we light the first one on the left. Left to right each night"

#### Is there something you do for dreidel?

"Yes we sing a song and it goes like this:

'Dreidel dreidel dreidel I made you out of clay and When it's dry and ready, oh dreidel, I should play.'

There are also different symbols on the Dreidel starting with nun, gimnel, hay, shin."

## School Calendar

**Dec. 5:** Early Release Day - 1:45 dismissal

**Dec. 7:** Walk to School Wednesday

**Dec. 21:** Early Release Day - 1:45 dismissal

**Dec. 22-Jan. 2:** Winter Break - no school

**Jan. 3:** (Tuesday) return from Winter Break

**Jan. 4:** Walk to School Wednesday

**Jan. 16:** No School

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