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The Wave Crashed Over Olive Chapel Elementary

by Preston Erichsen & Conley Tierney

This year The Wave has produced 6 volumes. Students and teachers have read these. Though The Wave is ending, it's only the end of year 1. Over this first year members of The Wave have produced 1-5 articles that you have most likely read.

Members have written about Star Wars movies, book reviews, and so much more. Since this is our last issue we are going to reflect on this year. We interviewed some teachers, students, and staff members. All were asked the same questions, except Mrs. Sandoval.

Here are the questions: what did you like about The Wave this year? If you could change anything, what would you change? What did you like about the formatting of The Wave? Here is what they said.

Mrs. Sandoval (head of The Wave) said that she started The Wave to contribute to OCE. She also said she wanted to share what she learned in college and in her career with the students here. She went on to say that The Wave exceeded her expectations, and the efforts of the students really impressed her.

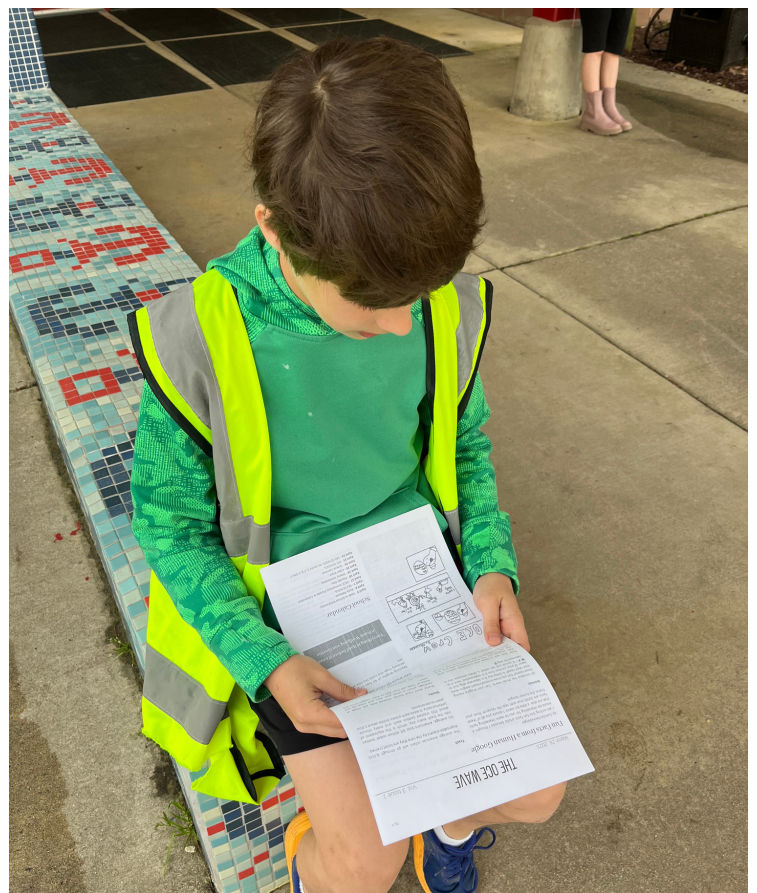
Next, we talked to assistant principal Mr. Boyer who said that he loved learning about teachers & students. Next, he said he would showcase projects from different grades. Finally, we asked him what he thinks of the formatting of The Wave. He said overall he thinks it's organized neatly and came out exceptionally well.

Kindergarten, Mrs. Davis: She said that there is plenty to read. She said it's all amazing and there's nothing she would change. Finally, she said it was very organized. We would have asked a kindergarten student what they thought but unfortunately, no kindergarteners had read The Wave.

First Grade, Mrs. Costa: She loved reading the articles although she did not have time to read them to her class. Then she said she would like in the future for the newspapers to be in her mailbox. Finally, she said that the formatting was perfect. A student in her class said that he loves how it's like daily news and it spotlights people. They thought that the articles were great and wouldn't change anything. Finally, he said the formatting was perfect!

Second Grade, Ms. Cowell: She thought that the paper was great. Next, she said that she wouldn't change anything. Finally, she said that the format was great and said that she really liked the logo. A student in her class said that they like the Gonzo article and learning about how he was put in a closet. Next, she said that she would put Character Matters in The Wave as an article. Finally, she said that the format was great and she really liked it.

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IAs and Their Many Roles

by Avni Patel

Instructional Assistants (IAs) have many different jobs. Whether it is working in their classroom, doing bus or carpool duty, or working in the lunchroom. I went around and asked Ms. Paxton and Ms. Franzone questions and here are their responses.

How many duties do you do?

Ms. Franzone and Ms. Paxton said " We do morning duty, lunch duty, afternoon duty, during the day we help the teachers with all they need, and we substitute if needed."

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The Wave Interview: Mrs. Chaffee

by Ellen Banta

Some of you may know Mrs. Chaffee. If you don't or you need a refresher, Mrs. Chaffee is a 4th Grade track 2 teacher. She has been track 3 before and is looking to switch back next year. To those of you who don't know Mrs. Chaffee or want to know her better, I hope this article gives you some information. To those of you who know Mrs. Chaffee, maybe you will find out some things that you didn't know.

Q: How do you feel about switching tracks?

Answer: I am excited about going back to track 3. I am a little sad though because I am going to miss track 2 and the kids that I was going to have in track 2. But this year the track 3 schedule will fit better with my life and activities I have coming up.

Q: Which track do you prefer, 1, 2, 3, or 4?

Answer: I prefer track 3 because I like getting settled in during the school year and learning all the new kid's names and then we get a little break for summer so I can go out with my new doggies.

Q: Which track have you taught the most?

Answer: Track 3. I have been on track 3 for nine years.

Q: What do you like about track 2?

Answer: I really like the families and the kids on track 2 and I've grown quite fond of my class this year. They are very motivated and they make me very proud of their work this year. I am going to miss them when they go to 5th grade.

Q: What do you like about track 3?

Answer: I like the breaks. It has a nice fall break when the weather is still very nice and warm and the colors are very beautiful. I like to walk my dogs outside when the leaves are changing colors. I like being at school and all the activities that go on while track 3 is on campus.

Q: If you had to be either track 1 or track 4, which one would you choose?

Answer: I'd be track 1 because they end school earlier than the rest and because they finish everything first. They finish EOGs first so I feel like the pressure is kind of off.

Q: How do you feel when students leave your class?

Answer: Pretty sad, but happy. I'm gonna miss them but I know they are all going to be happy when they go off to 5th grade but I know they will make me very proud.

Q: Will you stay with track 3 for the rest of your time at OCE?

Answer: I will probably stay with track 3 unless they need to move me for some reason.

Q: What are you going to be teaching in track 3 (math, science, ELA, etc.) if you and Ms. Berg have the students switch between rooms?

Answer: I will be teaching math and science next year.

Q: What is your favorite part of this year?

Answer: Being with my students was my absolute favorite part of this year. I had a great group of kids and I think they might be my favorite group of kids to teach

Q: Are you switching rooms in track 3 next year?

Answer: I will be staying in this room next year.

Q: Do you like doing math and science or ELA?

Answer: I prefer doing math and science over ELA because Ms. Berg is excellent at teaching ELA.

Mrs. Chaffee is a very good teacher and a very kind person. I hope you all get to know her and see how kind and understanding she is. It is sad to see that she will no longer be teaching track 2, but we're happy she gets to go back to the track that fits her best!



Would You Rather

Would you rather be able to slide down rainbows or jump on clouds?

Would you rather brush your teeth with soap or drink sour milk?

Would you rather be able to control fire or water?

Would you rather have wings or a mermaid tail?

Would you rather live in an amusement park or a zoo?

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Sailing Up to Middle School

by Amit Pandya

Hello! In this article, I will interview Ms. Sullivan and fifth grade students and ask them questions about the Sail-Up Ceremony and moving up to middle school. For example, how is it organized, or how do you feel about moving to middle school? Well, let's see what they say!

What will happen at the Sail Up ceremonies? We will recognize fifth graders from things like leadership clubs, and recognize them for completing the 40 Book Challenge or getting the Growth Mindset Award! Students will get certificates one by one from each class too!

Are students assigned to specific roles in the ceremony?

Yes, six total students have those jobs, and they lead things like pledges and speeches, like the welcome speech. There are one or two people chosen from each 5th grade class.

How do you think students will feel about moving from elementary school? I think they are nervous and excited at the same time, and I think they have what it takes to be a middle school survivor next year!

How do you and other 5th-grade teachers feel about students moving to middle school? I think it is bittersweet that they are moving to middle school, but, sadly, they can't come and visit us in middle school.

What will happen after the Sail-Up Ceremony is done?

Most students after the sail up go home, and if some students stay, they have a regular day with lunch, specials, recess, and more. Then your teacher will decide what fun you will have after the ceremony.



Do we sing a song like 5th-graders did last year? Yes, you will be working on a song with Ms. McConnell called Home by Phillip Phillips. We will sing this song in the middle before the recognition!

I interviewed some students, and here is what they said to the questions I asked them.

How do you feel about sailing up to middle school? I am very excited about sailing up and I can't wait to take on the new changes and challenges of middle school.

I feel very happy and sad at the same time because on one hand, I will get to make many new friends and many new memories in middle school but on the other hand, I feel like I might not do very well in middle school with all of the hard work that will be coming my way during middle school.

Well, there you have it, Clippers, now you know all about the Sail-Up Ceremony! Good luck moving to middle school 5th graders!

The Wave Crashes... Continued

Third Grade, Mrs. Miller: She really liked The Wave and thought that it was interesting. Next, she said that she would add color to The Wave. Finally, she said that the format was perfect. A student in her class said that she liked the staff interviews. Then she said that she would add more pages. Finally, she said that the format was great.

Fourth Grade, Ms. Melvin: She likes how The Wave highlights kids and adults. She also likes how it gives kids and adults motivation to read and write and how it gives everyone the opportunity to read the articles and feel like part of the OCE community. Next, she said that it would be great if The Wave was digital. Finally, she said that the format was great. A student in Ms. Melvin's class said that it's like a modern newspaper. Next, she said that she really wouldn't change anything. Finally, she said she thought that the format was great and said that she really liked the logo.

Fifth Grade, Mrs. Christensen: She liked how The Wave was created by students learning about our school. Next, she said she didn't think she would change anything. Finally, she said that the format was great and The Wave is off to a great start. A student in her class said that they liked the Would You Rather questions. Next, she said that they wouldn't change anything and it's really good. Finally, they said that it's really good formatting.

As we conclude this article and the first year of The Wave, we would like to say thank you to all of the people we interviewed. Next, we would like to thank Mrs. Sandoval for starting The Wave and helping us so much. And finally, Ms. Calloway who came to The Wave meetings and taught when Mrs. Sandoval was absent. Now as we conclude we want to say we can't wait till year two of The Wave.

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Mr. Brown and his Amazing Shirt Collection

by Mishka Mathur & Dhvani Raghavendran

You can't miss Mr. Brown in the hallways because he's always wearing a cool shirt with a fun design! We asked him a few questions about his great shirts!

Dhwani: Where do you get your cool shirts?

Mr. Brown: I got them from a website called RSVLTS.

Mishka: How do you choose your shirts?

Mr. B: I choose them based on my childhood interests.

Dhwani: Did you wear this before you were a teacher?

Mr. B: Yes. I just like wearing colorful clothing all the time!

Mishka: What is your favorite t-shirt?

Mr. B: Well, I like a one that I have that has a bunch of cool colorful flowers on it because it was designed by a really cool band.

Dhwani: What is your least favorite shirt?

Mr. B: Probably my Ninja turtle shirt because it's not that bright.



Mishka: Do plan ahead for what you wear?

Mr. B: No. I just choose what I wear every morning. Not really in a pattern or anything.

Well, that info was the bee's knees! Special thanks to Mr. Brown!

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What is your favorite duty and why?

Ms. Paxton said, "My favorite duty is morning carpool duty because I get to see everyone first thing in the morning."

Ms. Franzone responded with, "My favorite duty is when I get to work one-on-one with the kids in my class."

Do you like having so much responsibility and why?

Ms. Paxton responded with, "It can be overwhelming sometimes but it keeps us busy and makes the day pass by faster."

Ms. Franzone, "It is nice for the day to be a little different from the day before."

What is your hardest duty and why?

They both said, "Lunch duty because the cafeteria can get very loud."

How long have you been an I.A.?

Ms. Paxton said, " I have been an I.A for five years here." Ms. Franzone responded with, "This is my first year here but I love working with all of my coworkers."

I.A.'s do so many different jobs, and we are thankful for all of them and all they do.



Good Luck Fifth
Graders as you Sail
Up to Middle School!