



## The Fall Book Fair: Raising Funds & So Much More

by Mariella Orthober

OCE recently had their Fall Book Fair and it's always one of my favorite events of the year. The PTA always does an amazing job and gets more kids into reading each year.

The book fair has all kinds of books for any age group and even offers toys, journaling options, posters and so much more. The book fair happens twice a year, once in the fall and again in the spring, and is one of the school's annual fund raisers.

The book fair has been going on for almost as long as Olive Chapel has been open.

The wide selection of books is an opportunity for avid readers to expand their genres and find new series that they enjoy.

Book fairs are wonderful things to have at schools because they help students develop healthy reading habits which can further their vocabulary and comprehension skills. This option to get books is also helpful for the fifth graders to work toward their 40 book challenge.

I wanted to get some opinions on the book fair from other kids and teachers, so I asked them a few questions and these are their answers.

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## Getting to Know Our Interim AP, Ms. Jenkins

by Avni Patel & Elizabeth Pruitt

Ms. Jenkins is our interim assistant principal and is here while Mrs. Charles is out. She is one of the nicest assistant principals OCE could ask for. We asked Ms. Jenkins about her job and what it's like to be an interim!

### Why do you like being at OCE?

Ms. Jenkins said, "Everyone here is so nice and this is an amazing school with all my teammates and students. I also live nearby here so it is an easy drive."

### How many years have you been teaching?

Ms. Jenkins says, "I have been teaching for 32 years plus six years as an administrator interim. I started in Durham in 1987."

### What is your favorite part about working at schools?

Ms. Jenkins said, "I love working with the students and going into the classrooms as an administrator."

### What is your favorite job?

Ms. Jenkins says, "I like being an administrator interim more because I use my counseling skills to take on all the challenges that come my way!"

### Do you only work at elementary school?

Ms. Jenkins said, "I worked in elementary schools and in middle schools. I actually worked for only a 6th grade group in Durham."



Ms. Jenkins, Interim AP

### What is your favorite track?

Ms. Jenkins says, "I like all tracks, like some families make year round work for them and others like traditional so whatever makes them happy. But I don't know why but I just like Track 3 a little bit more though."

Ms. Jenkins is a counselor and an administrator interim. She takes care of the schools that needs her.

## Book Fair (continued)

*How did this year's book fair compare to last year's?*

Calla, 4th grade: "I think the layout and theme of the book fair were very similar but I feel like some of the popular book categories expanded from last year's."

*What would you like to see change for next year's book fair?*

Ms. Greene, 4th grade teacher: "I would love to do dress up as your favorite book character day during the book fair."

Bronson, 2nd grade: "I would like to see more action books"



*OCE's Fall Book Fair*

*Other than books, what did you like to look at at the book fair?*

Ms. Greene, 4th grade teacher: "I liked that there were fun bookmarks and walking around with my class."

*Did they have the genre of books that you like?*

Emily, 5th grade: "They had some books that I liked but I would like there to be more *Babysitters Club* books and chapter book options."

As you can see, many people love going to the book fair. But if you are sad that it is over, don't worry because we have another one to look forward to in the spring. I hope that you enjoyed going to the book fair and finding new books to add to your collection!

## Joke's On Us!

How do you talk to a giant?

*Use big words!*

What reads and lives in an apple?

*A bookworm!*

Why do birds fly south for the winter?

*It's too far to walk!*

## OCE Can Go Green

*by Dhwani Raghavendran*

OCE is such a wonderful school! Everyone here is happy and the teachers keep us safe. There can't possibly be anything to change.....Or could there? The plastic usage for the school (and every school in Wake County) is pretty high. Higher than it should be. Secondly, The electrical usage is proving a big bill for the school at the end of the month. What can OCE and you, yes you, do to stop this negative act on the environment? Let's find out today!

Firstly, plastic is EVERYWHERE. And I mean EVERYWHERE. From the toilet paper holders in the bathroom, to the lunch boxes for cold lunch, all of it is pure plastic. It's pretty hard to reduce, let alone completely stop our use of plastic. We depend on it for our daily lives!

Consequently, you probably wouldn't agree if I said to you to stop buying snacks at lunch, would you? Turns out that these covers and wrappers make up almost 36% of the world's entire garbage disposal. Also, did you know that every year in the USA, schools make as much as 530,000 tons of plastic waste a year! That's a LOT!

Here, let me ask you another question, what would you do if I told you that Earth was no longer in a livable condition and that was because YOU used plastic water bottles every day in 5th grade that contributed to the world's overall plastic usage? You would be pretty bummed, huh? Well, if you want to live on this earth, you're gonna have to get used to using eco-friendly options and items.

Join me on this awesome, eco-friendly journey on preserving the globe!

*Whether you think you can or you think you can't,  
you're right. - Henry Ford*