



The Family Marathon is Fun for Everyone

by Emily Killian & Avni Patel

The Family Marathon is a tradition at Olive Chapel Elementary (OCE). The Family Marathon is when you can sign up to run with your family or just by yourself if you want. You don't have to if you don't want to, but it is highly encouraged.

If you sign up, you have to run or walk 25 miles in your free time. The idea is that you complete these miles with members of your family.

At school, to finish the marathon, you run or walk 1.2 miles at school. So by the end you will have done 26.2 miles!

Everyone has the choice if you want to do the marathon. You start on the track and then go all around the school. Your classmates, teachers and staff members will cheer you on as you run or walk.

If you turned in your training sheet, you can get a medal and an OCE bracelet when you finish. It doesn't matter about your speed or if it's your first, it matters that you participated and had fun.

The Family Marathon is a great chance to spend time with your family and improve on your physical fitness. You will also be able to enjoy time outside, all while working towards a goal.



If you aren't running in the Family Marathon, you can be on the sidelines cheering for the people that ARE running. You can make signs or you can just clap and cheer everyone on.

The Family Marathon is so much fun at OCE. So we totally recommend that you sign up to do it next year.

Student Council Spreads School Spirit All Year Long

by Calla Cochrane & Mariella Orthober

Olive Chapel Elementary School (OCE) offers many options for clubs, and you are sure to find one that appeals to you. One of those clubs in particular stood out to us for its contribution to school spirit. This club is called Student Council and is run by Ms. Sullivan and Mrs. Christensen, both fifth grade teachers.

Student Council is open to any 4th and 5th grade students who want to join. In Student Council we plan spirit days, advertise them, and on occasion, we give to our community by doing things like donating clothing items such as socks to the needy during Socktober.

If you are interested in joining Student Council, all you have to do is fill out a form at the beginning of the year. The form includes a application essay, which is what Ms. Sullivan uses when she chooses applicants. Ms. Sullivan also talks to the 4th and 5th grade teachers about the students that applied after narrowing it down by essay.

This year around 30 kids applied to the club. The club meetings are on every third Tuesday of the month, and they sometimes move around. During our meetings we each give suggestions of spirit days, then we sort them into what month they would be best in. Student council helps spread school spirit throughout the year.

Meet Ms. Trembly, OCE's New Librarian

by Dhiya Kannan

Ms. Trembly is our wonderful new school librarian. She takes care of our library and helps us find our books. You probably don't know much about her yet, but after this article you'll know a lot more! Now let's start this interview!

How long have you been a librarian?

I have been a librarian since September 23, the day I started here.

What is your favorite part of being a librarian at OCE?

I think it is getting to know all of our students and getting to know their reading interests.

What is your favorite book and genre?

My favorite genre is historical fiction and my favorite adult book is *The Nightingale*. My favorite children's book is probably *Good Night Moon*.

Is there anything else you do here?

I help with the questions anyone might have and I help with the walkers in the afternoon.

Why did you choose to be a librarian?

I wanted to be a librarian because I love reading and I love books. I wanted to be a school librarian because I love working with children.

The Stomp Out Hunger Food Drive collected 2,128 pounds of food! Amazing job, Clippers!



If you could change or add anything in the library, what would it be?

One thing I would like to add is a comfy reading corner to snuggle up with a book and read.

How hard is it to organize the library?

I don't think it's too hard because the librarians that came before me organized the library and the Dewey Decimal System helps a lot.

Is there anything the students can do to help organize the library?

Well, first of all, making sure that they check in their books and it gets recorded on the computer. Also, when they're looking at books and they take a book off of the shelf, they need to put the book back.

She had some great answers to my questions. I hope you learned something new about Ms. Trembly!

What Do YOU Like to Do During the Long Winter Break?

Winter Break is the longest break all the OCE students and staff have together... so what does everyone like to do when they're not in school?

Mia Bockowski, 5th grade

Visit family and play in the snow (if we have some). I also like reading books.

Isla Hodgson, 4th grade

Watch movies and do crafts. Home Alone is my favorite!

Mr. Brown

Play board games with my family - especially Pictionary!

Ezra Zhang-Friedlander, 4th grade

Go to hockey camp and be lazy!

Ms. Brehm

Visit family in the mountains outside of Asheville, NC.

Millie Bereman, 1st grade

I like to go to indoor playgrounds like Happy Feet, which is like Defy but much cooler.

Atticus Crooks, 3rd grade

Il play video games all day long!

Mr. Boyer

I'll be spending time with family - including some relatives who are coming in from the West Coast. We'll be taking them to see the Atlantic Ocean for the first time!