



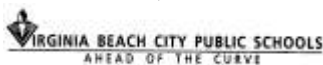
PARENT SURF REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

We open the door of learning to all by providing a nurturing environment that promotes life-long learning.

1616 Upton Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23454
Ph: 648-3200 Fax: 721-4009
www.oceanlakeses.vbschools.com

Charles H. Grindle, Principal
Deborah V. Atkins, Assistant Principal



OCEAN LAKES ELEMENTARY

Principal's Message

Once again we had a great school opening! Our students had a smooth and orderly first couple of weeks. I hope you all enjoyed our Open House evenings, and I appreciate your coming out to meet your child's teacher.

Please take a moment to join and support our PTA. They do so much for our students here at Ocean Lakes Elementary.

If I can be of any help to you or your child throughout the school year, please feel free to call me or come in anytime. I look forward to a super year, as I am sure you do also.

Sincerely,
Chuck Grindle



Upcoming Events

October

- 1 PTA Board Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 2 Citizen of the Month – 8:30 AM
- 7 Grade 1 Field Trip to Brookdale Farms – 9:15 AM
- 12 Progress Reports Go Home
- 12 Federal Cards Go Home
- 12-16 National School Lunch Week
- 14 Reading Bus – 11:15 AM
- 19 United Way Campaign Begins
- 20 Picture Day...smile!
- 20 Grade 5 Tutoring Begins
- 23 PTA Fall Festival – 6:00 to 8:00 PM
- 30 Citizen of the Month – 8:30 AM
- 31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN - BOO!



November

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends (fall back 1 hour)
- 2 Parent Workshop of Gifted Students – 6:30 PM
- 3 Staff Day (No School for Students)
- 3 Election Day...make your vote count!
- 5 Grade 4 Tutoring Begins
- 5 PTA Board Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 7 PTA Reflections Deadline
- 9-13 School Psychology Awareness Week
- 11 Veterans' Day (Schools Closed)
- 13 End First Grading Period
- 16 Begin Second Grading Period
- 17 Make-Up Picture Day
- 18 Educational Support Professional Day
- 20 Citizen of the Month – 8:30 AM
- 23 Report Cards Issued
- 25 **Early Dismissal**
- 26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING (Schools Closed)
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Break (Schools Closed)
- 30 Book Fair Begins

PICTURE DAY

October 20
(Pre-pay)

November 17
Make-Up Pictures
(Pre-Pay)



Just a reminder...this is Ocean Lakes Elementary's main money maker. We get a percentage of all sales, which goes for instructional materials and student activities. Thank you for your support!

PTA FALL FESTIVAL



The PTA will be holding its Fall Festival on Friday, October

23. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend! It's a great opportunity for parents and children to spend quality time together, while also supporting the PTA! See you there @!! ~

SOL SUCCESS

Once again.....Ocean Lakes Elementary is

FULLY ACCREDITED!

Our scores this past year were terrific due to the hard work of our parents, teachers, and students!

2009 SOL Scores

	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Writing	-	-	91%
English: Reading	90%	89%	95%
Math	85%	84%	92%
Social Studies	92%	N/A	96%
Science	90%	N/A	92%

Alternative formats of this publication, including taped, Braille, or large print materials, are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. Call or write the principal of this school.

ATTENTION PARENTS

STUDENT DROP OFF: Should you need or desire to drop your child(ren) off at school, please remember they may not be dropped off before 7:45 a.m. Students arriving at 8:00 a.m. or later will be considered tardy. **Parents should accompany their child(ren) to the Security Desk and sign in the "Late Arrival" notebook for students to receive a tardy slip before entering the classroom, if arriving after 8:00 a.m.**

STUDENT PICK UP: In order to provide our students with the appropriate instructional environment, disruptions need to be held to a minimum. If you wish to check out your child(ren) for early dismissal, change daycare arrangements, or send your child home on the bus, you must **send in a note with your child(ren) that morning.** Parents who pick up their child(ren) each day must sign them out at the Security Desk and wait for the 2:25 p.m. dismissal bell. **No changes in transportation will be taken after 2:00 p.m., except in extreme emergencies.**

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL



Ocean Lakes Elementary has a Planning Council made up of staff and parents. The Council meets two to four times a year, and its primary responsibility is to oversee our school's Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP). This year's Council includes the following:

Chuck Grindle - Principal
Debbie Atkins - Assistant Principal
Heather Heft - Teacher
Tess Reed - Teacher
Theresa Vollrath - Teacher
Jamie Ridgway - PTA President
Alison Fritz - Parent
Tammy Gravier - Parent
Thomas Hudgins - Parent
Heather McDonald - Parent

Thanks, parents, for volunteering! ~

NURSE'S NOTES

Hanna Andersen, R.N.



We're off to another busy year in the clinic. So far, we have completed head lice checks on all students, as well as heights and weights. I am currently doing vision and hearing screenings on all third grade students and plan on completing kindergarten, first, and fifth grade students soon. If you ever have any questions regarding health concerns about your child, please feel free to call me at 648-3207. Thank you! ~

JOIN US FOR LUNCH



Ocean Lakes Elementary will not have a "formal" parent/student lunch week. Parents are encouraged to join their children for lunch anytime throughout the school year. It really makes their day ☺! ~

FYI...FOOD ALLERGIES

Food allergies are growing in the U.S. and the incidence of food allergies has doubled over the last 11 years. We currently have about 10 students who are allergic to tree nuts and peanuts, with reactions ranging from minor to life threatening. There isn't a known cure for food allergies and so it is important that when we bring food into the building that we all observe the **PEANUT FREE ZONE** signs posted on many of the classroom doors. Even trace amounts of a food allergen can cause a reaction. Please check with the teacher prior to bringing snacks into the classroom so we can have a safe environment for all of our students here at OLES. ~



National School Lunch Week

October 12 - 16, 2009

National School Lunch Facts



The National School Lunch Program is a federally assisted meal program operating in over 101,000 public and non-profit private schools and residential child care institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to more than 30.5 million children each school day 2007.

The National School Lunch Act in 1946 created the modern school lunch program. By 1970, 22 million children were participating, and by 1980 the figure was nearly 27 million. In 1990, over 24 million children ate school lunch every day. In Fiscal Year 2007, more than 30.5 million children each day got their lunch through the National School Lunch Program. Since the modern program began, more than 214 billion lunches have been served.

National School Lunch Week was started in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy—16 years after President Harry Truman signed the National School Lunch Act into law. "The well nourished school child is a better student." Truman said. "He is healthier and more alert. He is developing good food habits that will benefit him for the rest of his life. In short, he is a better asset for his country in every way."

This year our schools will be celebrating student's love of sports not only as participants but also as observers during National School Lunch Week (NSLW). The Milk Processor Education Program is a proud supporter of NSLW 2009. The event this year is partnering with the National Basketball Association and features Cater, Howard, Nash, Paul, and Taurasi as honorary "Head Coaches". The goal of this week is to promote the link between nutrition and achievement in sports. Nutrients are important in helping the athlete to achieve a high-level of performance. Students will be taught how eating healthy meals instead of "empty" calories will help them accomplish their goals in sports and in school.

Virginia Beach City Public Schools Food Services served 6,430,559 school lunches to students last school year.