



FINNY'S FRESHLY FISHED NEWS

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PRINCIPAL CHAT

As International Baccalaureate educators, we are constantly reflecting on our practices. Ocean Knoll's teachers have a strong understanding of how to build our students' number sense and will continue to collaborate and highlight opportunities to grow. Students that have a strong number sense are able to apply their problem solving skills, reasoning, and discuss mathematical ideas toward problems inside and outside the classroom.

My classroom visits have focused on our math instruction and there is so much to celebrate! Below you will find images of math across two different grade levels and how IB is integrated into these lessons.

The kindergarten students in Ms. Butler's class are building their number sense by grouping using objects we see in daily life. During this time students also engaged in math conversations, which IB highlights as an integral component towards keeping our classrooms student centered.



Our fifth grade students are engaged in a small group and as a collective developed the algorithm for volume. Mrs. Conn activated their knowledge from fourth grade by using a 3D model of a shape. IB outlines the Approaches To Learning also known as (ATL's); this lesson exemplifies how Mrs. Conn builds our students' conceptual understanding of volume.



- Claudia Bugarin -

PTA

Greetings, Ocean Knoll community! Welcome to the first Newsletter of the 2022-23 school year- its quirky title, "Finny's

Freshly Fished News," being the legacy of the 6th Grade class of 2022. Our mission for this publication is to highlight what our children are doing in school, receive updates from Principal Bugarin and Ms. Leilani, our TRAC teacher, as well as the latest news from our Enrichment programs. We are also excited to hear from the students themselves in the Kids' Corner section, coordinated by fifth grade teacher, Ms. Conn. The Upcoming Events section is a handy list of all upcoming events for the month of October; as you can see, it's going to be an exciting month, with lots happening!

I am thrilled to report that the Ocean Knoll PTA reached 100% of our funding goal this year, which helps secure Enrichment programs and other opportunities for our school. We are always looking for volunteers to help with any events or special programs in the upcoming year. We have positions available, and simple volunteer tasks for any level of time commitment one can offer. If you are interested, please contact us at oceanknoll@gmail.com.

- Kerry McCullough -

UPCOMING EVENTS

OK Farm Family Volunteer Day:

Saturday, Oct 1, 9AM - 11AM

Book Donation Drive: Oct 3 - Oct 7

Scholastic Book Fair: Oct 10 - Oct 14

Restaurant Night (Flippin' Pizza):

Thursday, Oct 12, 11AM - 8PM



Conference Week Bake Sale: Oct 17 - Oct 21, 12:45PM - 1:30PM

Restaurant Night (Mendocino Farms): Thursday, Oct 20

Fall Break: Oct 24 - Oct 28

Canyon Keepers Volunteer Day:

Saturday, Oct 29, 10AM - 12PM

IB HIGHLIGHTS

Last week we hosted two fellow International Baccalaureate educators for our five year revaluation of the IB program at Ocean Knoll. These fellow IB practitioners visited every classroom and all our special programs. They



also met with panels of teachers, parents and students, who gave them deeper insights into our school and IB experience.

We are thrilled to share that we met ALL program requirements and received glowing reviews about the amazing work here at Ocean Knoll. The evaluators shared the following comments: "OK embodies the IB mission and vision, and it permeates the ethos and character of the school. The staff shares a deep passion for life-long learning and this is transferred to students, igniting within them a love of learning. The staff is highly reflective and deeply committed to the social, emotional and academic well being of all students."



We are proud that our program of inquiry allows our students to ask questions and learn about the world around them! Thank you to everyone who supported us in preparing for this visit. We are thrilled to celebrate the work we have done and look forward to continued growth and learning, while meeting the needs of our students and families.

Special thanks to Sanjana Bryant for her valuable efforts last year to get us ready for this very special visit.

- Mariel Laughlin -

TRAC

Teamwork · Regulation · Awareness · Community

HAPPY FALL Y'ALL! In TRAC, students are focused on Self-Awareness, i.e., developing an accurate view of one's self, including strengths, struggles, feelings, and core beliefs.

Specific lesson topics across grade levels are:

- Understanding strengths and challenges
- Developing confidence and self-worth
- Understanding emotions
- Developing good character
- Adopting a growth mindset
- Practicing mindfulness and positive thinking skills
- Developing hopes for the future

This year, students have a TRAC folder that they will bring home at the end of each unit. Look out for their folders before Fall Break!

- Jocelyn Leilani -

ENRICHMENT - New Teacher Spotlight:

Ms. Tammy Bouche and Mr. Chase Horton



Hello! My name is Tammy Bouche and I am excited to teach nutrition this year. Cooking has always been a passion of mine and I love to share that with students. I was a substitute teacher at Ocean Knoll last year; I have been an Ocean Knoll parent since 2010. This school holds a special place in my heart and I am excited for the adventures to come. I have a BA from Cal State San Marcos in Child and Adolescent Development and an MA in Education, with an emphasis on Social and Emotional Learning.

Hi, my name is Chase Horton and I could not be more excited to be a part of Ocean Knoll as the new Garden Teacher! I am a proud Encinitas native and current resident who is passionate about this community and its environmental well-being. During my undergraduate studies at Cal Poly SLO, I majored in Forestry and Natural Resource Management. Cal Poly utilizes a 'Learn by Doing' philosophy where students participate in hands-on work related to their field. I look forward to implementing this philosophy in the garden, and am confident that students will take away experiences and skills that they can use throughout their lives. Outside of school you'll find me surfing, biking, hiking, enjoying the outdoors, and of course, gardening!

KIDS' CORNER

The Kids Have Spoken!

We are reporting from Ocean Knoll and have the news on what WE, the students, want at Ocean Knoll! We went to one class in every grade and asked the students what they wanted to have at the school or bring back to this school. Here are themes we uncovered from our interviews:

1. Soccer: We are hoping to get a parent volunteer to supervise soccer so we can play during lunch and recess.
2. The PE Room: We used to have a sign-up sheet for kids to sign-up to assist in the PE room, as well as sign out equipment for sports and PE. Students would love to have that back.
3. Art Room: Students want this room open at lunch. The plan would be for Student Council members to volunteer to help run the art room. We were hoping that the Art Parents could help run the Art Room on Fridays during lunchtime, so kids can do art.

These were the common requests from Ocean Knoll students. The Student Council would like to make them happen!

- Charli Pultz and Ella Washington -