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PRINCIPAL CHAT



Dear Ocean Knoll Community,
This month we recognize a few members from our community that made the pizza oven idea come to fruition. Thank you to the Koffler family for donating the pizza oven. Our first-grade students purchased the pizza cart with funds raised from the Farmer's Market. The remaining funds from our first-grade students will help us install a pizza garden! The pizza garden will support instruction during nutrition and garden, special events, and integrate lessons about culture and food! We are excited about the many possibilities.

- Claudia Bugarin, Principal -

PTA

Ocean Knoll Gala Fundraiser

We are getting excited for the Ocean Knoll Gala on May 13th, 2023 from 5PM to 9PM at the EUSD Farm Lab. Join us for an unforgettable night of "Fun"draising! Make sure to purchase your Early Bird Tickets before prices go up on April 14! Scan the QR code to buy tickets.

We are still in need of items for our auction. To donate an item or find out more about sponsorship opportunities, please email oceanknollfundraising@gmail.com. Keep up with the Gala countdown at <https://www.oceanknollpta.org/gala-2023>. The website will have information on how to help build our global beats dance playlist as well as see how our school council is supporting the Gala. Please help make the Gala a roaring success!



- Kerry McCullough -

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✦ **Fifth & Sixth Grade Dance:** Friday, April 23, 6:00PM-8:00PM
- ✦ **Restaurant Night:** Thursday, April 27, 11:00AM-9:00PM
- ✦ **Ocean Knoll OPEN HOUSE:** Thursday, April 27, 4:30PM-7:00PM
- ✦ **Kendra Scott Shopping Event:** Friday, April 28, 5PM-7:00PM
- ✦ **Cinco de Mayo Fiesta:** Friday, May 5, 4:00PM-6:00PM
- ✦ **OK Gala Fundraiser:** Saturday, May 13, 5:00PM-9:00PM

OK BE GREEN ZERO WASTE FESTIVAL



On Friday, March 17, Ocean Knoll Elementary hosted the first ever Be Green Zero Waste Green Festival! The festival was held on the Ocean Knoll Children's Farm. There were vendors from all over San Diego County who were there to educate and inform our community about sustainable and earth-friendly ways to shop, compost, recycle, safely dispose of electronic waste, rescue high-quality food that is headed to the landfill, and redistribute it among San Diegans who are food-insecure. There were games built and run by students, educational posters and booths created by the students, homemade refreshments, including pizza made in our brand new pizza oven, and Green Team student-led tours of the canyon, chicken coop, and farm. The community participated by putting on Hula and Flamenco dances and everyone enjoyed the inspiring live acoustic music and the performance by the student choir.

It was a beautiful and magical evening on the farm. The festival was featured in *The Encinitas Advocate*, which published many photos of our event!

Many thanks to the Ocean Knoll Green Team and our festival host, Hari Jot Kaur Khalsa, whose hard work and enthusiasm are always appreciated. We also want to thank all of our performers for generously donating their time and Flippin Pizza for all the dough, sauce and cheese for our pizzas. If you'd like to get involved in next year's festival planning or are interested in the Green Team, please email justin@whatworksstudio.com.

- Newsletter Editorial Team -

First Annual OK Cornhole Tournament

The Fathers of Ocean Knoll invite all parents to a kid-free day at the San Dieguito County Park on April 23rd. As an EEF - Ocean Knoll fundraiser, we will be holding a cornhole tournament, complete with a taco truck (unlimited tacos), a DJ, beer and seltzer on tap and tons of great prizes from local businesses. Find a partner and come show off your bag skills. Or show up and cheer on your favorite team while partaking in all the festivities. Sign up here:

<https://secure.frontstream.com/ocean-knoll-cornhole-tournament-2023>

- Beth Visscher -

TRAC

Teamwork · Regulation · Awareness · Community

In April, we are continuing our work with Relationship Skills. We are taking a deep dive into Friendship and what healthy friendships look like and feel like. Students are assessing themselves on the type of friend they are currently, and setting goals for the kind of friend they would like to be. Within the scope of friendship, we will be looking at how situations/disagreements escalate and the steps/signs of the escalation. Then we will reverse the steps and focus on how to de-escalate common situations. We will also touch on "size of the problem and size of the reaction", as these are common sources of disagreement and hurt feelings within friendships. My main focus throughout this unit is what I can do within my own control in order to have healthier and more meaningful friendships, rather than trying to change the other person. This will lead us into our last unit of the year which is Responsible Decision Making.

- Jocelyn Leilani -

IB HIGHLIGHTS

All our teachers have started participating in professional learning communities around IB themes using a protocol called Project Tuning. The third grade team did our first one which focused on an area of a unit that they wanted to grow and dive deeper into. Teacher Heather Papandrea presented the team's focus question to a vertical team of staff members. That vertical team (consisting of staff members from each grade level and support area) followed a specific protocol to brainstorm and

give suggestions for alterations to the unit. Through this process, the 3rd grade team walked away with pages of notes and ideas and the rest of the vertical team got to work on alignment within this particular unit. We were energized by the collaboration and thinking done together and are looking forward to more of these project tunings this year!

- Mariel Laughlin -

KIDS' CORNER

FIFTH GRADE WATER WARRIORS

On Wednesday, March 15th, 2023, I, along with six of my classmates and our inspiring class teacher, Ms. Conn went to Encinitas City Hall to advocate about water conservation. We made our presentation to the City Council and the San Dieguito Water District Board. We took turns presenting about how people use water in our city, ways in which water is wasted, and how everyone as a community could save more water. We presented data from research we conducted on water use during hand washing in our school, as well as an experiment to test for leaky toilets in our homes. We offered suggestions about water conservation based on these data.



The Water District Board members told us that they appreciated our presentation and that we actually taught them about how to do a home test for a leaky toilet—it was so neat to teach grown ups something new! In case you are interested in doing the test yourself, the procedure involves putting easter egg dye in your toilet tank and waiting to flush for 12 hours. If the toilet bowl water is the color of the dye after the wait time, then you, my friend, have a leaky toilet! To prepare for this important presentation, we presented our slides to our class, and they gave us pointers on how we could make our slides and speeches better. The whole class helped us finalize our final draft, and I just want to thank everyone who helped us prepare.

For each of us, this was the first time we had spoken about an important topic to policy makers and we are so proud to have had the opportunity to do that, and to make a difference in our community. Our families came to watch, support us, and take billions of photos. I'm really proud of us as a team, and I believe that anyone can help -even a group of kids in elementary school (in this case the best elementary school in the world) to change our society for the better!

- Zoya Savla -