



FEBRUARY 2024

# ORANGE BEACH ELEMENTARY

MAKO NEWS



*Staff of the Year*  
*Jody Kirkley*



*Teacher of the Year*  
*Kristen Rayborn*

Oh what a night! Orange Beach City Schools hosted a Legacy Celebration Banquet on Tuesday night for all employees. Special recognition was given to our Teacher of the Year, Kristen Rayborn, and Staff of the Year, Jody Kirkley. Thank you so much to Randy McKinney for having the vision for this event, to the OBCS Board and to all the sponsors that made it possible!

#### ABOUT US:



<https://www.obschools.org>



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ORANGE BEACH  
ELEMENTARY'S  
KINDERGARTEN KREWE

MARDI GRAS  
PARADE

1:00  
FEBRUARY 9, 2024

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/1 - Wizard of Oz (4th-6th Grade)
- 2/6 - Progress Reports
- 2/6-2/7- SSS/STEAM Trip 1st Grade
- 2/9- Kindergarten Mardi Gras Parade
- 2/12-2/13 - Mardi Gras Holidays
- 2/14 - Staff PD Day/Student Holiday
- 2/15 - Students Return to School
- 2/19-2/23- Self Worth Campaign
- 2/23 - Terrific Kid
- 2/24- Seafood Festival
- 3/1 - Pre-K Lottery
- 3/4 - Dr. Seuss Day
- 3/4-3/8 - 3rd Grade Field Trip
- 3/7 - KONA Ice
- 3/8 - PTO Duty Free Lunch
- 3/13 - End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/15 - Terrific Kid/Run the Halls/Pep Rally
- 3/19 - Report Cards
- 3/21 - Spring Picture Day
- 3/25-3/29 - Spring Break
- 4/2-4/4 - ELA ACAP Testing (2-3 Grades)
- 4/4- Kindergarten Open House)
- 4/15-4/18 - ACAP Testing
- 4/19 - Terrific Kid/4th grade Montgomery
- 4/23 - Progress Reports
- 5/1 - Walk and Roll to School
- 5/6-5/10 - Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/10 - Field Day
- 5/11 - Cake Day
- 5/16 - OBHS Graduation
- 5/17 - Terrific Kid
- 5/22 - Last Day for Students
- 5/23 - Staff PD/Work Day

# MAAAC



Purchase your tickets to the Draw Down:  
<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/ML9EQT846HCS7/checkout/KZ7T3C4JQUKQ47ASJ5ZZ7MF4>

## SEAFOOD FESTIVAL



## PEPSI BOOTH SIGN UP

The MAAAC Seafood Festival is Saturday, February 24th. Please use the link below if you'd like to volunteer to sell drinks in one of the Pepsi Booths. MAAAC donates the proceeds and tips from the Pepsi booths directly to the elementary school. Not only is it fun for students, but they also earn service hours for volunteering!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CABAA22A5FBC25-47034257-seafood>



# Students in the Spotlight

## TERRIFIC KIDS



(Pre-K- 3rd Grade)



(4th Grade- 6th Grade)

Congratulations to January's Kiwanis Terrific Kids!

## EMPLOYEES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### STAFF Spotlight

Tracy Lee is an incredible asset to OBES. She is patient and loving. She has high standards for her students and works tirelessly to help them reach success. Her kindness spreads across a classroom and students know they can come to her for anything. Teachers can count on her to help each and every student be successful.



TRACY LEE

### EMPLOYEE Spotlight

Ms. Bradford, 4th-grade math teacher, stands out for her exceptional dedication and passion for creating a thriving learning environment. She reaches each student, tailoring her teaching style to their Individual learning needs, ensuring no one is left behind. She builds strong relationships, creates a supportive classroom community where every child feels seen, heard, and motivated to excel.



JANNA BRADFORD

# CLASS PICTURES



Visit [BillMillerPhotographers.com](http://BillMillerPhotographers.com) and enter the password: ORBGROUPS24

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## BEST ATTENDANCE



**Congratulations to Grade!**

JANUARY					
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
K	98.03	95.26	95.08	91.69	91.47
1	98.51	95.22	94.78	94.13	93.95
2	98.13	95.25	94.94	95.44	95.27
3	97.80	97.27	96.59	94.46	95.98
4	97.89	95.60	98.08	96.26	95.31
5	93.13	95.50	98.75	94.50	95.20
6	97.03	89.31	94.80	94.65	92.18

3rd grade had the best attendance in January with 95.98 % of students being at school everyday. 3rd graders earned an extra recess and their teachers earned a pass to wear jeans for a week. We can't wait to see which grade level will earn extra recess for their attendance in February.

# PTO

Our PTO board has begun the planning process for Staff Appreciation Week which is May 6-10. If you are interested in providing a meal, making a donation, or helping in any way, please email [obesmakos@gmail.com](mailto:obesmakos@gmail.com)

## PRE-K

### PRE-REGISTRATION

Our First Class Pre-K program is accepting online pre-registration applications for the 2024-2025 school year. The lottery will be March 1st at 1:00 in the library.

<https://prek.alaceed.alabama.gov>

## KINDERGARTEN

### EARLY REGISTRATION

We are excited to announce that students who register for kindergarten by March 15 for the 2024-2025 school year will be invited to a Kindergarten Open House on April 4th. Early Registration is March 1-15.





# "RIDING THE READING WAVE"

## ACCELERATED READER

### OUR SECOND SEMESTER GOAL IS 7,000 BOOKS!

Last semester, our students independently read 6,086 books and passed quizzes at 80% or higher! SO AWESOME! Please continue to encourage your children to read nightly to increase their independent reading stamina!

### EXPECTATIONS:

- Quarter 3 runs from 1/4 to 3/10
- Homeroom teachers have rewards/incentives for students who earn their AR goal for this quarter! Goals are completely met if the student earns their points assigned, has a testing average of 80% or higher, and reads within their Reading Range. (ZPD).
- Students should know their Reading Range! It is very helpful to Mrs. Helms when they go to the library to choose a book if they know their range.

### GOALS/INCENTIVES:

- Our school wide incentive for this semester is a "BEACH THEME" to be held during PE in MAY.
- REMEMBER!!! Top 3 AR students from each grade level are recognized at Awards Day!
- We are offering an incentive for students that earn their 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarter goals combined. Possibly a beach trip in May. More information to come! Please make sure your students are aware of this reward!
- Our AR Reading Goal Board, in the connector by the cafeteria is updated weekly with new totals and new grade levels in the lead.

