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First Day Of School!

On August 14th, the first day of school took place, and students were met with two excited mascots, teachers, administrators, and ASB members cheering them on!

It's natural for some people to feel nervous or unprepared on the first day of school, but luckily, 7th graders had an exciting W.E.B. Day to help them feel more comfortable. Here, 7th graders had the opportunity to meet classmates, and make new friends, especially since they attended different elementary schools. "It was exciting meeting new people," said Kailea Mata from 7th grade. W.E.B. Day also provided a tour of the campus, and 8th grade buddies in case anyone ever needs help.

Oak Avenue is very different from the elementary school experience, and many students entered campus nervous and uncertain, but thankfully they were met with friendly teachers and classmates which made everyone feel welcome.

Furthermore, the teachers at Oak Avenue went out of their way to create a warm and inclusive environment for all the new students. They organized icebreaker activities and group discussions to help us get to know each other better. This not only helped in breaking the ice but also made us feel like we belonged to the Oak Avenue community. Apart from the friendly atmosphere, the school's orientation program was instrumental in easing our transition and teaching us the rules and expectations here at Oak.

As we approach the start of September, many of us are feeling more settled and optimistic about the year ahead. The initial challenges have given way to a sense of excitement about the opportunities and experiences that await us at Oak Avenue. We are all looking forward to embracing the new school year with enthusiasm and making lasting memories at Oak Avenue!!



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ALL ABOUT W.E.B.

Teachers Behind W.E.B. *Feature*

By: Fiona Zhang

I'm sure you all have heard about all the different W.E.B. activities but have you ever wondered who's running all these fun activities? Now it's the time to reveal the amazing teachers behind the scenes!

Mr. Marsh, Ms. Sciarrotta , and Mrs. Ho



Mr. Marsh is a 7th grade history teacher and has been teaching for 19 years, helping to run W.E.B. for all 19 years at Oak.



Ms. Sciarrotta has been a counselor for 4 years, and has been with both W.E.B. and Oak for 4 years.



Mrs. Ho has been an 8th grade English teacher for 8 years and has been working with W.E.B. for 4 years.

Leader Training *By: Finnegan Rogers*

To begin, Mr. Marsh, Ms. Ho, and Ms. Sciarrotta teamed up to teach the W.E.B. leaders how to help their W.E.B. group best! 8th graders chosen to be W.E.B. Leaders took part in training that was really informative with lessons that would be applied during the actual day of W.E.B.. This training could also help the leaders throughout their lives when dealing with anyone they encounter. W.E.B. was a very fun and informative experience. Not only did the teachers demonstrate how to take care of Weblings, they also gave life lessons on how to deal with a group of people.



Oak is Where We Belong *By: Kaitlyn King*

As the incoming 7th graders entered the Oak Avenue W.E.B. leader tunnel, they didn't know that they would shortly be embarking on an adventure, shouting "I said a boom chicka boom." and making new friends. 7th graders were greeted with exciting activities which helped teach them strategies to navigate middle school life. Participants took time to get to know their new friends through activities like the straw challenge. W.E.B. leaders also discussed strategies for success at Oak and helped 7th graders set goals for the year. Groups embarked on an adventure around Oak Avenue's campus, and leaders surprised their W.E.B.lings with fun and creative themed costumes. This also served to help introduce the students to the campus and give them some familiarity on the first day. At the end of W.E.B. day, each group met back in the gym where Mr. Marsh gave an inspirational speech before sending everyone home with more friends, a better understanding of the campus, and the preparation they need for a successful first day of school!

Film Studies Spotlight

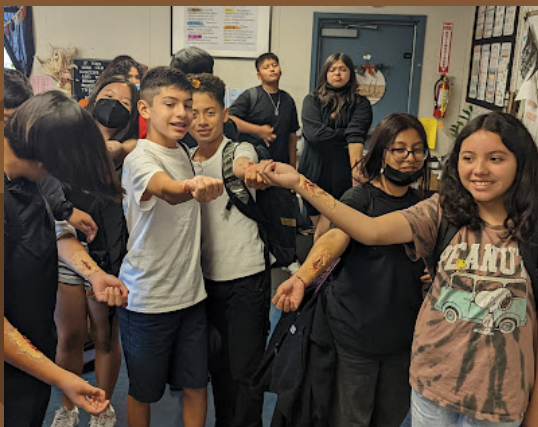
By: Antonella Consolida & Lauryn Nojima

Film Studies is an underrated yet great elective. If you don't know what Film Studies is, basically it's where you learn how to create films and learn about the behind the scenes elements of movies, as well as elements of storytelling, plot development, character, and much more. But the best part about this class is that you get to watch movies and eat snacks!

Oak's Film Studies class has been around for a very long time; however, the current teacher, Ms. Bourjeili has been teaching it for 3 years now. Ms. Bourjeili enjoys teaching kids about films and thinks it "helps bridge students into the high school film studies course called Dragon Flicks."

One of her favorite assignments is the special effects one because students get to try out cool special effects both digitally and physically by creating artificial wounds.

Although she does find it difficult to convince kids to analyze a film when they're just used to watching it for enjoyment, she feels that by the end of the semester, students really get a feel for looking deeper into the plot, characterization, and meaning in films.



PBIS LESSONS

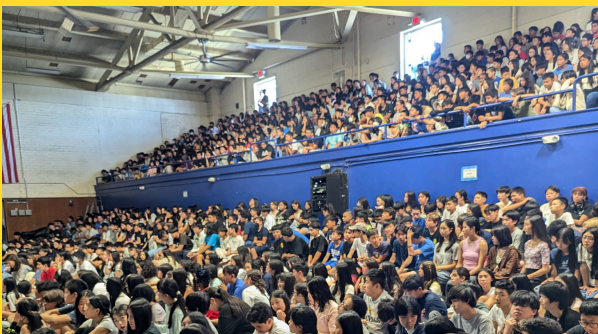
BY: KRISTAL NGO



As students started off the first week of Oak Avenue Intermediate School, 7th and 8th graders were to engage in the excitement of PBIS lessons along with a PBIS assembly, which both conveyed the values and principles of our beloved Oak Avenue.

It also presented opportunities to get to know their classmates through “get to know you” activities like “get up and go” or “you’re like me if” which get students active in class and keeps them on their toes. These lessons aim to explain expected and appropriate behavior in efforts to cultivate a safe and positive learning environment for all students.

These PBIS lessons consisted of the 3 principles Oak refers to as the Royal 3: Responsibility, Integrity, and Compassion; these words represent Oak Avenues goals, and how students are expected to act on campus. Overall, PBIS lessons shed light on how to create a better school climate and student culture at Oak Avenue, which helps this school thrive.



STUDENTS GATHER FOR A PBIS ASSEMBLY

Feature

How to Make Delicious apple pie

By Noelle Phan
With the simple ingredients, you make delicious apple pie.



Gather your ingredients

First, you need pie crust, apple, granulated sugar, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, lemon, egg, and prepared pie dough.



Start making the filling

Peel and slice your apples and toss them into a large bowl, also adding brown sugar, granulated, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, lemon zest, and lemon juice.



Fill in your pie crust

You can just roll your pie base into the pan, then add apple filling.



Close your pie with another layer of pie dough

Roll your pie dough into a 12" circle that is 1/8 thick. Place the crust over the filling and pinch the edges close, avoiding any open spaces.



Start baking your pie in the oven

Wrap foil around the edges of the pie before baking in the oven. After adding the foil bake the pie at 400f for 25 mins and bake again for 30-35 mins.

Follow these easy instructions for a delicious pie!



Storing your pie

You can store your pie for 2 days before it goes bad, but you can keep the pie for 5 days if kept in the fridge

Should Students Be Allowed to Use Phones During Breaks?

By Darren Wong and Kyle Contant



With more and more kids gaining access to phones, they are bound to appear in school at some point during the day. This raises the question of whether students should be able to use them during school breaks.

Many students agree with Jacob Kong Cao's question, "If it's break, why can't we use our phones?" In addition, 7th grader Malcolm Wong says "Since kids are using their computers and playing games there, why can't they use their phones?" Students also feel that accessing information, even Canvas, is faster and easier than their school provided laptops and wifi.

On the other hand, research has shown that phone use increases cyberbullying, such as taking photos and videos, or sharing private information on social media. And we all know that using a phone during school break can additionally hurt students' eyes and posture. Furthermore, students can get so distracted by their phones that they forget about their surroundings, or distract them from their academics.

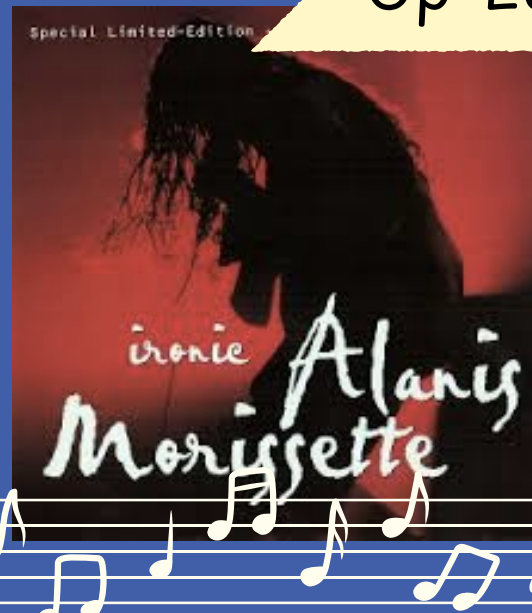
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Op-Ed



MUSIC REVIEW

BY: ARTHUR MOK

Morissettes Morissette's song "Ironic" came out in 1996 and became a huge hit. Even though the things in the song are not really "ironic," it's still one of the most memorable songs from the 90s.

"Ironic" is part of Morissettes's album "Jagged Little Pill," which was released in 1995 and was one of the best-selling albums of all time.

The lyrics talk about strange and unlucky situations, like "rain on your wedding day" or a "traffic jam when you're already late." It's kind of like complaining about life's weird twists and turns.

Even if the song isn't as ironic as the title says, it's super catchy and fun to sing along to.

"Ironic" became one of Morissette's most popular songs and is still loved today. It's a big part of what made "Jagged Little Pill" so successful and why Morissettes is still remembered as one of the biggest stars of the 90s.

Science of Leaves

By: Emma Carigan & Ryan Alonzo

The season of autumn is approaching, which means all of us will be watching the leaves change from vibrant greens into cozy warm hues.

This is because a lot of plants, including leaves, have something called chlorophyll. Chlorophyll is the component that gives the leaves their green color, but without it, the leaves revert back to the natural color already in them, which is why we see them shift into their autumn color palette.

But, not all trees have leaves that change colors. Such phenomenon is exclusive to deciduous trees, while the trees that retain their green color are coniferous.

Although, the speed and degree to which the leaves change varies based on the environment as well. For example, the best colors are produced when the weather is sunny, dry, and cool, whilst the places with damp or cloudy conditions won't see the same effect.

As beautiful as they are, eventually they fall, as the trees themselves would be made vulnerable if the leaves were exposed to the harsh winter. In the end, the colors of the leaves make for a vibrant, easily recognizable color palette to represent the autumn season and a great segway into winter!

School Lunch Review

By: Lea Romero



School lunch is great for students because it comes at the perfect time of the day and helps students refocus.

At Oak Avenue, all students have the opportunity to get lunch because it is free! But that wasn't always the case. Prior to the COVID closures, students were required to pay a fee for lunch. This made it more difficult for students to access school lunch and meant some kids didn't have anything to eat at all for lunch. But now that it's free, all students can eat lunch regardless of their financial status or how busy they were that morning!

There are always three lunch options for students. But for some students, none of the options are appealing. Because they think the quality of the food is bad. However, the quality of the food lives up to state standards and is the same through the district. Overall, I believe students get extremely hungry by the time they get lunch break, which is why Oak is so great!

Girls Volleyball Tryouts

By: Carly El Feghali

Girls' sports have hit the ground running, and at Oak Avenue Intermediate School, Girl's Volleyball tryouts occurred during the very first full week of classes.

On Monday and Tuesday, August 19th, and 20th, 8th grade girls had the opportunity to try out, whereas on Wednesday and Thursday, August 21st and 22nd, 7th graders had their shot.

The first day of their respective tryouts, forty-four 8th graders and thirty-eight 7th graders came to show off their skill. From there, 20 of 8th graders 27 of 7th graders were invited to return. The tryouts consisted of serving, spiking, and pass drills, as well as a 6 on 6 game for the second day. The results were posted the following day. Mr. Hart is excited for his team, stating, "Never give up on your dreams."



Congratulations to the 2024-2025 girls volleyball team!!

By: Kaitlyn King

8th grade:

Allison Moy
Khloe Yang
Grace Chiang
Sydney Lee
Alison Le
Paley Chi
Ella Fang
Sawyer Kelly
Chloe Leung
Katelyn Yip
Bernice Chai
Jocelyn Wong
Amelia Lau
Khloe Lau

7th grade:

Ava Lin
Constance Lan
Coco Su
Haylee Rocha
Berlyn Johnson
Seidi Salonen
Kaylee Henderson
Cindy Li
Katie Carfangnia
Emma Wei
Kailea Mata
Madison Cheng



THE OAK ARCADE

BY: JOSEPH ROMERO

Op-Ed

EVER WISH THERE WAS A PLACE AT SCHOOL WHERE YOU CAN ESCAPE THE HEAT, HANG OUT, AND PLAY GAMES WITH YOUR FRIENDS?

Luckily for you, the Oak Avenue Arcade located in Room 308 exists!

However, many students wonder - Is going to the arcade worth it ?

I'm here to tell you that the answer is YES!

Upon redeeming PBIS points for the arcade, you can bring a friend with you and play duo games, such as the basketball cage arcade game, for only five 5-star points. Enticingly, this arcade displays many video games, including a *PlayStation 3*, which notably consists of *Call of Duty Black Ops*, *Borderlands 2*, and *Red Dead Redemption Game of the Year edition*. Along with these games comes the *Sega Genesis*. In addition to the *Sega Genesis*, which is an At Games flashback console, it has 85 pre-loaded *Sega Genesis* games on it, also taking only 3 cartridges that include *Street Fighter II* and *NHL 98*. It also boasts an air hockey table, basketball hoop game, and a Mrs. Pac Man table top arcade game. As you can see, the vast variety of games to try, possibly along with a friend, allows Oak students to transform lunch time into a fun world of arcades!

