



Roadrunner Roundup

Orange City Elementary
555 E. University Ave.
Orange City, FL 32763

October
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All students learn at Orange City School, where CPR—Cooperation, Pride, and Respect—brings us to life and helps us to do our best.

Principal Points

Dear Roadrunner Families,

October is upon us already, and with that in mind, the first 9 weeks of the school year will be ending soon. This is an excellent time to review what your child is learning. Especially in the area of reading. Kindergarten is working on letters and sound recognition and other grades are working on fluency and comprehension. Reading and comprehension are the most important skills your child will develop during their elementary years. Practice is the key to improvement in any endeavor. Please spend time with your child every day practicing. This does not have to be more than 15 to 20 minutes. Reading is thinking and thinking is hard especially when you are just learning how. We as adults take for granted our reading skills and with a little practice, your child can develop those skills, which will enable them to become better readers for a lifetime. The time you spend now will pay off for them in the end.

Our district is promoting Every Child Every Day. The sole intent of this campaign is to encourage attendance at school. If a child misses 2 days a month that is equivalent to almost 20 days of missed school per year. Every minute a child misses in class, they will fall further and further behind. I realize sometimes it can be difficult to get students moving in the morning, however, the effort is worth it. As a suggestion, develop a routine and stick to it. These routines, once established, will assist students for their educational journey. Being on time and in school every day lets students also know the importance of an education.

I would like to thank everyone for making the transition to uniforms once again. I believe this has been a positive change throughout the district. Our spirit days are still Fridays and students can wear Roadrunner T-shirts. In October, we will have special dress days for Red Ribbon Week as well as other designated days throughout the year. Please make sure you listen to all ConnectEd calls.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Ms. Wiener for being nominated as our 2018 Teacher of the Year. Ms. Wiener is an outstanding educator and we are proud to have her represent Orange City Elementary. Congratulations again on a much-deserved recognition.



Important Dates

**October 10th
SAC Meeting
6:00 PM**

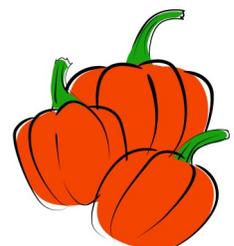
**October 14th
1st Grade FT
Pioneer Arts**

**October 19th
UNITY DAY
Wear Orange**

**October 21st
NO SCHOOL
Teacher Duty Day**

**October 28th
Kindergarten FT
Pumpkin Patch**

**October 28th
4th Grade FT
St. Augustine**



Dear Roadrunner Families:

Please note that in the event of an emergency situation, our media staging area will be on Leavitt Avenue near the PE court. Our parent staging area will be on University Avenue at the bus loop. As noted previously, our primary evacuation site is River Springs Middle School. Our alternate site is Deltona High School.

It is a traffic violation to stop on University or Orange Avenues to drop off your child. The safest drop off spot for your child is at the designated parent drop off area on Leavitt Avenue. Stopping at any other point on the streets surrounding the school is a traffic violation and could result in a citation from the Orange City Police Department.

Please remember that your child's safety is our number one priority.

Staff and families must keep doors locked on their vehicles at all times. Random checks may be performed to ensure that vehicles are locked while parked on campus.

We will once again be participating in International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 5th. Tentatively, Mr. Gary Marks, our Area Superintendent, and several City Council members are scheduled to join us on our walk to promote student safety. We will be meeting at Dickinson Park at 7:00 AM, and we will be leaving to walk to school at 7:15 AM. The Orange City Police and Fire Departments will be assisting us and providing support along our path. All family members are welcome to join us on the walk. This is a very enjoyable morning for our students and families. We hope to see you there!

It is of the utmost importance that your child arrives to school on time each day. Per Volusia County policy, five tardies is the equivalent of one unexcused absence. Students that arrive late to class not only miss important instruction, but they also distract the teacher and other students as they enter the classroom. Students are expected to be seated in class by the 7:55 tardy bell.

Please keep open lines of communication with your child's teacher(s). Monitor student grades online and check folders nightly. Ask your child what he/she is learning in class each day. Do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher with any concerns.

Thank you for your support! We are off to an amazing start, and we are very excited about what we will accomplish this year!

Best regards,

Andrea Hall, Principal Intern

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to recognize the following groups who have donated to Orange City Elementary:

Chick-fil-A, McDonalds, Launch Credit Union, Walmart, Lowes, Dr. Timothy Glomb, Fish Memorial Hospital, Frontier Communications, John Knox Village Residents, Mosaic Unitarian Church, New Life Bible Church, United Methodist Church, St. Jude's Episcopal Church, First Congregational United Church, Sorosis Club, Publix, and Oodles Consignment Boutique



CHORUS NEWS

4TH GRADE CHORUS WILL MEET BEGINNING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 7:25 A.M.

5TH GRADE CHORUS WILL MEET BEGINNING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 7:25 A.M.

ORANGE CITY ELEMENTARY GOES ORANGE TO SHOW WE ARE AGAINST BULLYING AND UNITED FOR KINDNESS

Orange City Roadrunners are celebrating Unity Day again this year. Please participate to stand up against bullying on Wednesday, October 19th. Wear orange and show your support. The dress code will be modified to allow non-collared orange shirts. Orange City Roadrunners can show their support with orange shirts, socks, headbands, or bracelets. Please no hats or sunglasses.



ART ROOM NEWS

It's Square 1 Art Time! This is a wonderful opportunity to have your child's artwork on numerous products that make precious keepsakes and gifts. Every child gets a free set of stickers too! Look for your child's catalog at the end of the month.

5th Grade Painting Party – Wednesday, October 19th 1:15 to 3:15,
More information coming home soon.



Many parents have asked if the Art Room needs donations. The answer is YES!

Currently we need: *any leftover craft items (buttons, ribbon, pom-poms,

pipe cleaners, party table sparkle décor, sequins, party streamers, etc.)

Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Bowen

Orange City Elementary teachers and staff are working very hard to become a school where students are achieving at their highest abilities. Regular student attendance is essential to this goal. Research shows that attendance is the single most important factor in school success. Learning builds day by day. If your child is not in school he/she cannot learn. Our passion is to teach your children and we need them here. You may be surprised at how much learning happens in one day of school.

Good habits begin early and the most important school habit is regular attendance. By building the habit of daily attendance, you'll help your child see that school is serious and chances are you'll also see an improvement in your child's grades. So make every effort to get your child to school *on time every day*.

A good goal is for students to miss *"10 or less for school success."* We do not expect perfect attendance. We understand that there are times when students will be absent but these should be limited and under special circumstances. Those special circumstances tend to be medical and with notes from a doctor.

We treasure and value our time with your child and feel that regular, on-time attendance is an important piece of the academic and social development of your child. Please let us know if we can help: We hope to work together to improve your child's attendance this school year.

Tips to prevent absences:

- Talk about family expectations about school attendance.
- Discuss family expectations for earning a high school diploma.
- Praise positive behaviors and achievement in school.
- Look for attitudes from your child that indicate unhappiness with school or fear of attending school. Listen to what they say and ask questions. Address issues of concern with the school. Start with the teacher or the counselor.
- Work with your child to create morning and bedtime routines



