



News Notes

May 1, 2026



Ozark Adventist School



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Lunches: Mon. 4th Sandwiches Tues. 5th Pizza Wed. 6th Vegeburgers Thurs. 7th Hot Dogs

Dates to Remember

- May 1-4 STEAM trip to Florida
- May 4-8 MAP Testing
- May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 11-15 8th Grade Mission Trip
- May 12 Naturals Game Gr. 3-8
- May 17 Constituency Meeting 6P
- May 19 Pre-K/K Graduation 6P
NOON DISMISSAL
- May 20 Awards Chapel 8:15A
- May 21 8th Grade Graduation 6:30P
NOON DISMISSAL
- May 22 Last Day of school
NOON DISMISSAL



Bible Story:

We learned about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, reminding us of His amazing love and power.



Classroom Update:

It's been a little chilly in the mornings lately, so we've enjoyed some extra free play time—something the children have really loved!

1st Grade

Mrs. Bonny Baldrige



Memory Verse:

“Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says.”

James 1:22

Phonics Focus:

This week we are learning the diphthongs **oi** and **oy**.

Important Reminder:

First graders will take their end-of-year **MAP Math test** on **Tuesday, May 5**.

Please encourage your child to do their best. It's helpful for them to come to school well-rested, have a good breakfast, and feel supported. A little extra encouragement can go a long way in helping them feel confident and ready to succeed!



Kindergarten

Mrs. Yossy Castillo

This week, the children completed their MAP tests and did a wonderful job! Please take a moment to congratulate them at home and let them know how proud you are of their hard work and effort.

Please check your child's blue folder, as I will be sending home the May calendar along with the snack schedule. Be sure to note your assigned day and remember to send snacks on that date.

We are in the final stretch of the school year! Reading continues to be a very important part of your child's learning, so please encourage them to read for at least 15 minutes each day—it truly makes a big difference. Also, make sure your child brings a water bottle to school daily.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Pre-K

Mrs. Joanna Davis



Welcome to May!



Wow—this school year is flying by! Please be sure to check your calendar for all the events happening this month. We have several important things coming up, and graduation will be here before you know it!



Graduation Reminder:

I will be providing a shirt for your child to wear during the graduation program—please keep that in mind as we get closer to the big day.



This Week's Learning

Focus:

- Letters: **P** and **B**
- Numbers: **15** and **16**
- Shape: **Pyramid (square base)**

2nd Grade

Mrs. Jamie Short



Next week, we will complete our last two MAP tests, Math and Language, on Wednesday and Thursday.

In Phonics this week, we learned about low-frequency spellings, or as we like to call them, “rule breakers”. This lesson is very hard to teach since there is no predictable pattern to follow. So, we discussed the importance of reading many books to become more familiar with words.

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to excellence spiritually, mentally, and physically. We actively strive for the reach beyond basic knowledge, to embrace and value learning as a life skill,

with Seventh-day Adventist values as inspiration for a personal relationship with Jesus, reflected by a commitment to service.



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In Math, we focused on how to express equal shares as fractions and how to make a whole. It was hard for students to determine if 1/4 or 1/2 is bigger, so we made a visual to help them understand the difference. We also practiced our addition and subtraction skills.

In science, we talked about the universe, galaxies, and constellations. Then we reviewed all we have learned in this unit to prepare for a test.

In Bible, we talked about John 3:16 and the fact that God's love is so big that it includes all of us individually. And He loves us in a way that when we feel something, He feels it too. This led us into talking about the Golden Rule and how the way we treat others is the way we treat God.

We also have a little bonus activity we are doing from now to the end of the year. We are focusing on positive thoughts and looking for something good in each day. Students received little journals so they can record these things. Feel free to ask them what good things happened to your child today!

seeing evidence of student growth! Thank you for helping your child come to school each day **on time, well-rested, and with a good breakfast**, as this truly supports their success.

In Bible, we have been learning about **Jacob** and how his relationship with Jesus grew through both challenges and blessings. The students have enjoyed discussing how God works in our lives even when we do not fully understand His plan.

In Math, we have been practicing several important skills, including:

- Long division
- Fractions
- Reading and creating graphs
- Prime and composite numbers

The students are working hard, and I am proud of the progress they are making each day.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

Blessings,
Mrs. Enochs

By working together, we can make your child's testing experience positive and successful. Here are some suggestions you can do at home to help.

- *A good night's rest every night.
- *Eating a healthy breakfast.
- *Words of encouragement.

Our field trip to the Walton Arts Center is scheduled for Monday. We will depart promptly at 8:15 a.m., so please make sure your child arrives on time. If they arrive late, they will need to be dropped off directly at the Walton Arts Center.

Students may wear the blue field trip shirt with blue jeans or their regular uniform.

I will not be attending this field trip, as I will be on the STEAM trip to Nationals in Florida. Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. Emily will kindly be filling in for me.

If you have not yet turned in your field trip form, it will be sent home so it can be completed and returned as soon as possible.

In your child's Friday folder this week, there is an additional permission slip that needs to be signed. Our class will be going horseback riding on our church property in the valley for a 30-minute ride.

This activity is scheduled for the morning of Monday, May 11. Please sign and return the permission slip as soon as possible.. you have not

3rd & 4th Grades Mrs. Hayli Enochs



Dear Parents,

MAP testing has gone very smoothly in our classroom, with only a few makeup tests remaining. I am excited to share that we are already

5th & 6th Grades Mrs. Tania Miller



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Next week we will finish our MAP testing on Wednesday-Friday. We took two tests last week and will finish the last two next week.



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yet signed the permission slip for the camping trip, please do so and return it as soon as possible.

If you would like your child to bring their knife home after the campout, please also sign and return the knife agreement.

Our campout is quickly approaching! It will take place May 13–15, and we are very excited.

Our class is working to memorize the books of the Bible by the end of the year. Please encourage your child to practice this at home.

Blessings,
Mrs. Miller

As we head into the final stretch of the year, be on the lookout for more information about graduation, along with a possible 8th-grade bonding field trip we’re hoping to put together. More details on both will be coming soon. Thanks as always for your support!

Throughout the week, we will have a few small activities planned to celebrate our staff. If your family would like to participate, you might consider:

- Sending a kind note or drawing
- Having your child share a favorite memory or message of appreciation
- Contributing a small token of thanks (optional, of course)

Most importantly, a few thoughtful words of gratitude can go a long way in making a teacher’s day.

Thank you for helping us make this week meaningful for the incredible educators who make a difference in our students’ lives every day.

Blessings,
Home & School

LIBRARY



Mrs. Crystal Beierle

AR Points for 4/30/26

Kindergarten Grade 1

Grade 2 Grade 3

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Jack 20.7

Grade 4 Grade 5

Grade 6 Grade 7

Grade 8

7th & 8th Grades

Mr. Ethan Reid



Hey everyone!

This week has looked a little different in our classroom as we’ve been working through MAP testing. The students have done a great job staying focused and giving their best effort, which is all we can ask for. A big thank you for helping them come in rested and ready—it really makes a difference.

We’re also getting close to our 8th-grade mission trip coming up May 11–15. There’s a lot to look forward to with that, and the students are definitely starting to get excited.

OAS HOME & SCHOOL



Next week, we are excited to celebrate **Teacher Appreciation Week**, a special time dedicated to recognizing the hard work, dedication, and heart our teachers bring to the classroom every single day.

Our teachers go above and beyond to support, inspire, and care for our students, and this is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to show just how much they are valued.



OAS SPORTS

Please turn in both blue and white basketball uniforms to the office or library. Uniforms should be treated for stains, placed in a gallon-size Ziplock bag with the size, jersey number, and player’s name written on the bag. This will help tremendously.

OAS STEAM TEAMS

Indiana Bones: Guess what! We’re heading down to Orlando, FL, this weekend for our national



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championship on May 3rd! We're so excited for this amazing opportunity to represent OAS and give it everything we've got.

All week, we've been putting the finishing touches on our code and innovation project, and we can't wait to see all our hard work come together!

Past Patrol: This week, we packed and finished everything before Florida. Both teams worked hard to get ready. They finished missions and boards. They got the scripts finalized and practiced them with the team. Both teams are excited and ready for Florida. They both worked hard to get there.

OAS COOKIES



You can order cookies for delivery to your friends & family.

Last delivery date: May 7. The order forms are in the hallways at school. Cookies are \$.50 each. This is an academy fundraiser.

2026/2027

Applications!

Please pay your \$50 application fee to secure your spot for the next school year. We are ready for your registration packets as well. This helps us plan for the next school year!

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