



News Notes

September 4, 2026



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Dates to Remember

Sept. 7 Labor Day – NO SCHOOL

Sept. 8-11 MAP Testing

Sept. 19 Glow Ride

Sept. 21-25 8th grade Mission Trip

Sept. 23 See You at the Pole 7:30A

Sept. 25 Track & Field Day

Sept. 30-Oct. 2 FALL BREAK –
NO SCHOOL

Principal Mr. David Mori



Thank you so much for your patience as we were asked to move up our MAP testing period. We are seeing overall encouraging results for our first wave of testing.

Remember that Monday is a No School Day! You are more than welcome to come to school, but we won't be here.

Also, for security reasons, preschool families will continue to sign their students in at drop-off. All other students may be dropped off in the drop-off line. If you wish to walk your child to the front door, please park in the adjacent church parking lot.

OAS COOKIES



You may want to buy a cookie to be delivered to someone at our school. If so, there is a cookie box order table in the school with a little note to fill out. Cookies are \$.50 each or \$5 for a dozen. This is an academy fundraiser. First delivery date is September 10.



Preschool Mrs. Joanna Davis



We had a **great week** in preschool! This week, we worked through our **complete daily schedule** and continued learning our classroom routines. Some things have come easily, while other things will take a little more time—and that is perfectly okay! We are learning and growing every day.



What We Learned This Week



Letters: A & T



Numbers: 0–5



Color: Red

Shape: Rectangle

We also practiced:

- Counting how many days we have been in school
- Counting as high as we can
- Our calendar: day, date, month, and year
- Talking about the weather
- What we should wear for the weather
- The season we are in
- Sharing how we feel

Learning How to Be a Good Friend



We are working hard on:

- Sharing
- Standing in line
- Taking turns
- Following directions
- Being kind and patient with our friends



These are important skills, and **we know they take practice!** We will continue working on them together.



Bible Story: Adam & Eve



Memory Verse Ephesians 4:32

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Thank you for helping us learn, grow, and practice these skills at home, too! We are so proud of our preschoolers and all the progress they are making. **Have a wonderful weekend!**

Love, Ms. Jo



Kindergarten Mrs. Yossy Castillo

Hello Families!

What a wonderful week we had!

MAP Test

Our kids did an amazing job during our MAP Test this week! I am so proud of them!

WHAT WE LEARNED:

Letters: S / s and T / t

We practiced the sounds for S and T, tracing and writing uppercase and lowercase, and finding words that start with them.

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Numbers: 0-5

Counting, recognizing, and writing numbers from 0 to 5.

Science: Service Dogs

We discovered how amazing service dogs are and all the different important ways they help people.

Bible: The Story of Jonah

We learned about obedience and listening to God, the big storm at sea, three days inside a big fish, and how God shows love, forgiveness, and second chances.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Please read at least 15 minutes daily at home.
- Please send the Reading Log every Monday.
- Every day at school counts! If your child is absent, we will send home the missed work.

Thank you for all your support!

Happy Weekend!

sound when followed by LL (ball, toll, pull) and the grapheme ck spells /k/ (black, neck, quick, sock, pluck).

Math: Solving addition and subtraction word problems using pictures and equations.

Science: Explain how plants are living things and that God created living things to have a life cycle.

Social Studies: What does it mean to be a good citizen? Look in your child's take-home folder for a reading log that will be due next Friday. Your child will earn Dojo points for turning in a completed reading log on the due date.

2nd Grade

Mrs. Jamie Short



This week we completed our first two MAP tests. Those two days were quite exhausting for the students, so we opted to wait to complete the last test next Tuesday.

In Phonics, we reviewed the FLSZ doubling rule and the -all, -oll, and -ull spellings. In math, we reviewed using arrays to solve repeated addition problems.

In Bible we started a new unit by discussing the concept of protection. We then began reading through the story of Moses with a focus on how God protected him and the Israelites.



3rd Grade

Mrs. Judy Cambigue

We had another busy and productive week in third grade!



MAP Testing

This week we completed our **MAP testing**. Students worked hard and showed great focus! If your child was absent for any portion of testing, make-up testing will be scheduled next week.



Tuesday Reminders

Because of the **Labor Day weekend**, C.O.W. folders are due back **Tuesday**, along with the completed **reading and math log**. On Tuesday, look for:

- **Unit 3 spelling words**
- Your child's **weekly MathFactLab report**. If you have misplaced your child's login code, just let me know. I'm happy to print and send another!



Bible Memory Verse

Next week's memory verse is **Ephesians 2:8**.



Positive Choices

You may have heard your child talk about our **Positive Choice Cards**. Many positive choices were made this week! Several students are close to filling their cards and will soon get to choose a **prize or privilege coupon**.

1st Grade

Mrs. Bonny Baldrige



Treasure Verse: "Then God looked over all He had made, and He saw that it was very good." Genesis 1:31 NLT

Please practice the treasure verse with your child at home.

Bible: Describe the events of Creation Week in sequential order.

Phonics focus for the week: The vowels A, O, and U make a different

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We started our week with a **bright new carpet** at the front of our classroom, so of course we had to take some pictures in our new gathering spot!

Students also enjoyed our morning worship stories from *The Treasure Tree* as we learned about character qualities such as **perseverance, determination, humor, and helpfulness.**

MAP testing took lots of concentration, so the **extra-long recesses** were definitely a hit! And in cursive, the **lowercase h** earned the title of favorite letter this week.



Have a wonderful **Labor Day weekend!**



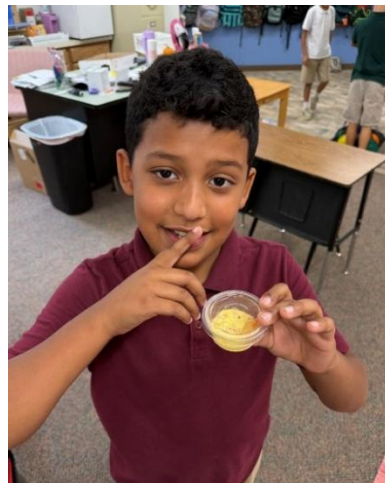
4th Grade

Mrs. Brooke Hiebert



This week our schedule has been wonky due to MAP testing, but we have made it through.

We also started our first science project - Meal Worms! Everyone got a mealworm and a small cup for it, and we are going to watch their life cycle stages and record our observations. One has already molted. YAY Pineapple! We think we are seeing the beginning of molting for a few others, so stay tuned and make sure to ask your child about their little friend.



As a class, we had to have some heart-to-hearts this week, but we are coming out better on the other side.

We only have one MAP test remaining and plan to take it on Tuesday when we come back.

There will be no spelling test this week, so save those lists, and we will do those words next week.



I hope everyone has a fun and safe three-day weekend! See you on Tuesday!

5th & 6th Grades

Mrs. Tania Miller



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Next week, when we return, we will complete our final two MAP tests on Tuesday and Wednesday.

By working together, we can help make your child's testing experience positive and successful. Here are a few ways you can support your child at home:

- Ensure they get a good night's rest each night.
- Encourage them to eat a healthy breakfast.
- Offer words of encouragement and remind them to do their best.



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Grade reports are included in your child's Friday Folder. If your child has any missing work, please encourage them to complete it over the weekend and return it on Monday. You do **not** need to sign and return the grade report. However, please **sign and date the front of the Friday Folder**. This lets me know that you have seen and reviewed the entire contents of the folder.

Due to MAP testing, we will continue working on the same spelling words and Bible memory verse for another week.

Spelling Words — Grade 5

weather, attend, tennis, heifer, delta, method, New Mexico, Texas, selfish, lever, credit, Maryland, weapon, shelter, umbrella, denim, tense, strength, respect, healthy

Spelling Words — Grade 6

ethnic, textile, nebula, leopard, skeleton, density, vessel, special, elementary, bellow, veteran, majestic, delicate, expense, dentist, condense, attempt, cherish, develop, depth, prevent, connect, reflect, remedy, benefit

Bible Memory Verse

"And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life."

1 John 5:11-12 (NLT)

Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful and restful long weekend!

--Mrs. Miller

7th & 8th Grades

Mrs. Hayli

Enochs



Hello Families!

We've kicked off MAP testing this week, and I am so proud of how hard everyone has worked to give their best effort. Way to go, students!

In math, we're wrapping up Chapter 1. I'm proud of my students for digging in and pushing through when things got tough instead of giving up — that kind of grit will take them far. We also finished our study on the War in Heaven and are nearing the end of our reading book study. Next up, we'll be diving into personal narrative essays!

A couple of reminders:

- **No school Monday** — enjoy the day off!
- **MAP testing continues Tuesday.** Please make sure your child is at school, well-rested, and well-fed that morning so they can do their best.

*Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs. E.*

LIBRARY

Mrs. Crystal Beierle



AR Points for 9/3/26

1st Grade

Delta 10.0

2nd Grade

Amelia 2.1

Rylan 2.8

3rd Grade

Leighton 1.4

Iris 5.4

Aymer 2.7

Samuel 5.9

Oliver 6.8

Kapono 8.1

4th Grade

Willow 1.3

5th Grade

Tinsley 1.0

Cooper 5.3

Jeshua 1.2

Jack 5.7

Nathan 2.4

Otto 8.0

Miriam 3.3

Red 25.7

Chloe 10.2

Isaac 32.5

Diego 15.0

Megan 1.8

6th Grade

Zayde 1.0

7th Grade

Mia 4.0

Nic 1.7

Lily 4.0

David 2.0

Julianna 86.0

Mason 24.9

8th Grade

Roselynn 1.0

Alicia 1.0

Boston 1.0

Emily 2.8

Jed 3.0

Olivia 5.0

Skylar 5.0

Lewis 6.0

Autumn 6.3

Kinsley 7.0

Jony 10.3

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OAS HOME & SCHOOL



Home & School News — Week 3!

Can you believe we're already in our **third week of school**? By now, our students are starting to get into the groove—learning classroom routines, reconnecting with friends, and settling into the rhythm of a new school year. We hope your family is finding its groove, too!



What Does Home & School Do?

Some of our families may be wondering, “*What exactly does Home & School do?*”

Simply put, **Home & School helps advance our school's mission through fundraising, family involvement, and resource support.** We work to provide resources beyond the regular school budget while encouraging school spirit and strengthening the connection between **home, school, and church.** Our goal is to bring our community together in support of Adventist education and our students.

And your support truly makes a difference!

Through the **5K Fun Run and other Home & School fundraisers**, we've been able to help provide:

- New windows throughout the school
- New security doors

- Chromebooks and classroom technology
- Much-needed new toilets and plumbing repairs
- Carpet replacement
- New playground mulch and equipment

These are real improvements our students and teachers benefit from every day—and **they are possible because of YOU!**

Every registration, donation, volunteer hour, fundraiser, and show of support adds up. When our families come together, we're able to do some pretty amazing things for our school.

Lunch Price Update

Due to the continued increase in food costs, the price of our **provided school lunches will increase from \$5 to \$7 beginning September 8, 2026.** We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we work to provide



quality meals for our students.

Coming Up: Glow Ride Bike-a-thon



Get those bikes—and glow gear—ready! Our next school event will be our **Glow Ride Bike-a-thon on Saturday evening, September 19**, at the **Gentry SDA Valley/Pavilion** (see flyer attached). This is always such a fun evening for our school families, and we hope you'll join us! **Pledge Forms have been sent home in the Friday folders!**



See You at the Pole On Wednesday,



September 23, at 7:30 a.m., we invite our students, parents, and families to join us for **See You at the Pole.** See You at the Pole is a national student-led prayer event in which students across the country gather around their school flagpoles to pray for their schools, friends, teachers, families, communities, and nation. We are looking forward to gathering together for this meaningful time of prayer and fellowship. **Refreshments will be served at the event.**



Thank you for supporting Home & School and investing in our students! We're excited about what we can accomplish together this year.

OAS STEAM TEAM

Happy Friday!

This week, we covered the basics of FLL, coding, and started our research for our innovation project. This year's theme is Biodiversity, which gives us the opportunity to learn about the wide variety of wildlife that lives on our planet. We will be working hard to prepare for our first scrimmage, which is on November 15.

We are excited to continue building our skills, working together as a team, and learning more about biodiversity. We look forward to sharing our progress as we get closer to our first scrimmage!

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OAS SPORTS

*Boys practice 3:30-5:00 on
Tuesday & Thursday in the OAA
gym.

*Girls practice 5:15-6:45 on
Tuesdays & Thursdays in the OAA
gym.

*Gymnastics forms are being sent
home with all 4th-8th graders.



GYMNASTICS
Starts Soon!

 GRADES 4 TH –8 TH GRADE	 DAYS MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS	 TIME AFTER SCHOOL	 LOCATION OAA GYM	 COST PER SESSION \$20
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Students in 4th–8th grade are invited to participate in OAS Gymnastics!

There will be an opportunity for students to try out for the **HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS PRACTICE TEAM**. More information about the practice team will be provided by **Ryan Gil**.



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GLOW

Bike Ride

RIDE • GLOW • FUN • COMMUNITY

A FAMILY FUN NIGHT TO LIGHT UP THE COMMUNITY!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

WE WILL START THE EVENING WITH A SHORT VESPERS

START TIME: 6:30 PM

THEN WHEELS HOT AT 7:00 PM

GENTRY SDA PAVILION

DRESS CODE: GLOW!

Wear your brightest neon and light up the night!

WE WILL BE SELLING CONCESSION STYLE FOOD

FOOD FOR COST

AWESOME PRIZES!

BEST DECORATED BIKE

Show off your creativity and light up the ride!

TOP FUNDRAISERS

Prizes for the kiddos who raise the most funds!

LET'S GLOW, RIDE, AND MAKE MEMORIES TOGETHER!

BRING YOUR BIKE, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR GLOW!

SEE YOU THERE!



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8TH GRADE MISSION TRIP *Ozark Adventist School*



Please consider a donation to the 8th grade mission trip. We are going to Camp Yorktown Bay to help with several projects. You can put a donation in the offering plate at church marked OAS 8th grade mission trip, call the school office to pay with a credit card at 479-279-8700 or mail a check to OAS, 21150 Dawn Hill East, Gentry, AR 72734.

September 21-25

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