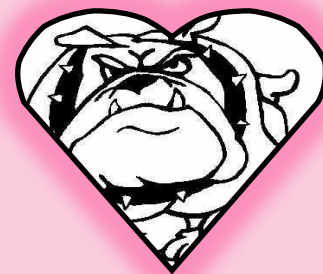


# Bulldog Bulletin

It's a  
Good Day  
to Be a  
Bulldog!



## 2019-20 SCIENCE FAIR

BY HELENA BREWER

From the beginning of the school year to just a few weeks ago, Oakridge students in grades 6-8 have been putting their minds together to come up with amazing inventions for real world problems. This yearly event is widely and nationally known as the Science Fair, and every competitor has to start small. From our school we've seen projects like supercomputers and testing different types of coffee on flowers to see which makes them grow fastest, and several of our projects moved on to district.

The first step our students took into fulfilling their science fair dreams started small in our classroom. This year, all Cambridge students were required to participate in the Science Fair, although not all students were required to move on to the school science fair. If a student wanted to move on to compete in the school for hope of being a finalist, he or she would have to ask permission from his or her teacher. Typically, the school science fair is somewhere around December or November, but it changes every year. If the student gets accepted into the school science fair, he or she will compete in the media center, facing 3 rounds of judging performed by volunteer judges. The school judging usually lasted around a period or two of school, which in real time lasted anywhere from 45 minutes to 90 minutes in total, per grade level, as each grade competed at different times. This year in the school-wide competition we saw projects such as energy extraction from fruit, extracting energy from the ocean, testing the amount of iron in cereal, testing the most efficient Apple watch distance tracker, and other truly remarkable projects.

Fortunately, I was one of the school finalists with "The Most Efficient Water Filtration Technique." In mid-January, students including myself traveled to North Collier Regional Park at 8:30am. Each project and project owner was assigned a spot in whichever category their project belonged. There were seven categories:

Chemistry, Engineering, Biology, Math/Computer Software, Earth/Environmental, Physics, and Biomedical Health.

The judging started around 9:45am, and the plan was to have five rounds of judges from science backgrounds to come and judge each individual project. Unfortunately, each round took a little longer than was expected, about an hour, so students were only able

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to receive three judges.

When the judges came by, you would present your project to them, sometimes they would ask you questions right away and sometimes they would wait until the end. I was in the engineering category, so some of the projects I saw around me were extracting energy from the ocean, testing the best bicycle wheel, testing durability of bridges, and more. We finished around noon, and thanks to a very generous donor, Oakridge Middle School science fair participants were able to eat several pizzas and drinks at Il Primo Pizza!

Here are the list of county winners, winners moving on to state, and more science fair information:

<https://www.collierschools.com/page/1271>

Congratulations to the following Oakridge students who placed in the science fair!

1. **Raspberry Pi Supercomputer** - David Garfield (in 8th grade and Computer Sciences, MOVING ON TO STATE!)
2. **Even Sunflowers Love Starbucks!** -Sophia Schultz (6th grade and in Biology, 1st place!)
3. **Carbon Dioxide Friend or Foe?** - Rachel Torres (8th grade in Biology, 2nd place!)
4. **Natural Weed Killers that you can find in your kitchen** -Laxya Patel (8th grade in Biology, 2nd place!)
5. **Iron in Cereal** - Isabella Lala (7th grade in Chemistry, 3rd place!)
6. **The Most Efficient Water Filtration Technique**—Helena Brewer (me, 7th grade in Engineering, 3rd place!)

### **David Garfield with his Raspberry Pi Supercomputer is moving on to state!!!**

At the award ceremony held at the STEAM comp at Golden Gate High school, we saw everyone get their awards. If you placed 3rd place, you got a medal and a \$25 check. If you got 2nd place, you got a medal and a \$50 check. If you got first, you got a medal and a \$75 check. And if you were one of the 13 people moving on to state, you got a trophy and a \$100 check!

Some people were entitled to a whopping \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP to FGCU, including our very own student David Garfield!

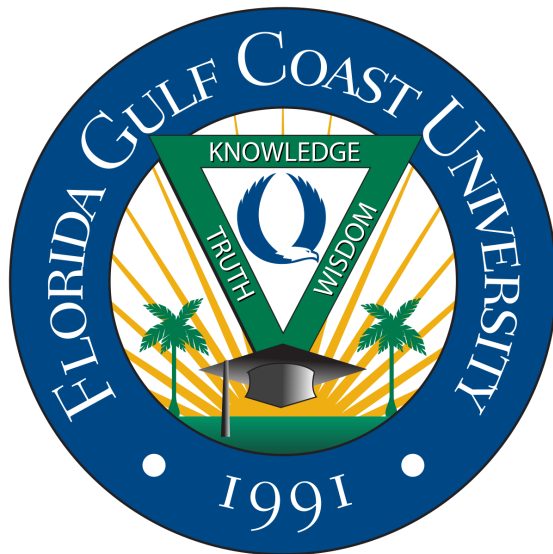
Congratulations to all of our Science Fair participants not only school wide but state wide!



### OAKRIDGE SCIENCE FAIR FINALISTS:

- Sophia Whitney
- Laxya Patel
- Joseph Ang
- Aramis Rivera
- David Garfield
- Sophia Schultz
- Sadie Scardino





## 7TH GRADE FGCU TRIP

All of the OMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade students traveled to Florida Gulf Coast University [FGCU] on January 27, 2020, for a half-day tour of the campus. The trip was to introduce us to the university and to enable us to learn what academic opportunities await us as we progress closer and closer to college and/or career life.

We prepared for the trip by viewing four informational videos about various aspects to consider such as financial aid, housing, and fields of study. During the tour, we entered student housing and saw the rooms available. We were able to have a hands-on activity outside of the Engineering Department. It was a beautiful day, and it gave us so much to think about because the time to prepare is now! We thank CCPS for this opportunity and for the bright green t-shirts that were purchased for us.



### 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE FGCU TRIP A Poem by Halle Matthews

The sun rises and it sinks.  
Every so often, a new moon is in  
the sky.  
Rivers flow into oceans and lakes.  
Nothing stays the same.  
Time flies by.

By now I'm thirteen,  
halfway through middle school.  
Stress is building.  
Positivity is faltering.  
Doubt is creeping in.  
Life seems unreal and harsh,  
but hope is kindled in my eyes;  
fire is in my soul.  
I won't give up.  
I will stand strong.

It's hard to believe just yesterday I  
was five,  
without a care in the world.  
Chasing butterflies with  
starry eyes.  
Or running among the hills.

Then school started.

We learned fast.  
Our minds grew quickly.  
Learning letters and numbers to  
reading classics and solving algebra.  
None of us are the same,  
but I can still find that five-year-  
old  
hiding within me.

Time flies again,  
I'm sixteen now.  
Struggling through high school and  
trying to balance my life.  
I'm told to concentrate on what is  
to come,  
but how can I when I'm drowning?  
I didn't give it a second thought,  
didn't worry,  
now it's approaching, approaching  
as a cat would a mouse.  
Suddenly it's on top of me.

What's college really about?

I thought of this topic,  
of what it means,  
and it came to me.  
While I'm not sure what you believe,  
I think of college as  
a way to advance in life.  
An opportunity in my reach.  
A place you can take something  
you love,  
and expand your knowledge by a  
thousand.  
College can be hard,  
it pushes you,  
encourages you,  
believes in you.  
It gives you a chance to  
pursue your interests.  
A chance to learn,  
to grow even more.  
It may seem merciless,  
but it pushes you for a reason.  
Life is hard,  
there's not much more to it.  
It's different from person to person,  
yet it's the same.  
We're all bonded.  
By life.  
By hardship.  
By college.  
Not everyone goes to college,  
It's a choice.  
One that you have.  
Take advantage of opportunities  
before it's too late.

## THE STARS ARE OUT AT OMS

WINK News recently visited the classroom of Mrs. Kathy Selden, our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade History teacher to celebrate her as the “Star Teacher of the Week.” Sabrina Katz of WINK News was on hand to film and to interview Selden while she worked with students and discussed her mission and focus in the classroom. Mrs. Selden is also the coach of the OMS Debate team. We are extremely fortunate to have her as part of our faculty, and we are so proud of what she does each day for our students.

To watch the interview use the link below:

<https://fbwat.ch/140rEtpLGdWCzDs2>



## Renaissance Runners at OMS

Just as in Renaissance times when man sought excellence in all things, our students at OMS achieve academically as well as athletically.

Congratulations to the Bulldogs who completed the Naples Half Marathon on Sunday:

Jack Wilson - Time 1:32.23  
Aarnav Sheth - 1:54.43  
Nichole Higgins - 1:57.47  
Joe Pope - 1:58.32  
Andrew Hermann - 2:13.16

Go Bulldogs!!

## FERAL: THE NEW WILDWORKS GAME EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT BY: SOFIA ARNOLD



You may or may not have heard about the new online game called Fer.al that was said to come out in early 2020. Well, its release in March is right around the corner! Fer.al is a game created by the company WildWorks, the same company that made the famous game, Animal Jam Play Wild.

But, you may be wondering what this game is even all about. In Fer.al, you create a creature of your own and a pet, as well as decorate a sanctuary that becomes your home. You can collect items around the game and craft potions and clothing that enhance your character, and trade them with other players at the trading ports. There are also quests you can complete and characters around the game you can meet. You can friend other players and chat with them as well. The main idea is that there are eight places and worlds to visit and explore: the city Fera, the Sunken Thicket, Trader's Port, The Expanse, Wailing Woods, The Veldt, Enchanted Forest, The Wetlands, and the Highland Ridge,

all comprised with beautiful scenes and artwork backgrounds.

This game was mainly created for ages 13+, as it is an online social networking game, but this age requirement might differ between states. Just like Animal Jam, there will be restrictions on what you can say, such as harmful words to others, but it will be more liberal on the restrictions of giving personal information and what usernames can be. The views will also be less restricting, as you can view your surroundings in a 360 degree setting. The goal is to give people who have grown out of Animal Jam a chance to play something similar again, but with less restrictions and less of the problems of paying a ton of money to enjoy playing the game, according to its makers. So, if you qualify as one of those people, or are just interested in the game overall, go to [fer.al/en](http://fer.al/en) to go play!

## ALL THAT JAZZ

The following students travelled to Palmetto Ridge High School to perform for the annual Jazz Band Assessment [MPA]. The students received a solid “Excellent” score. Good job!

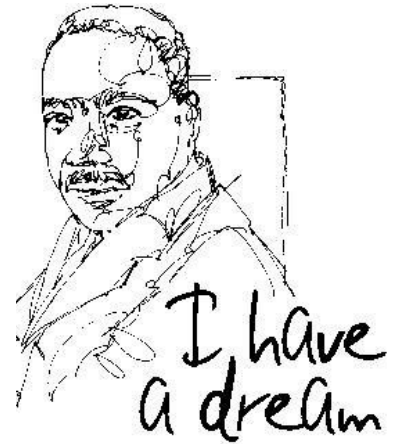
Ayala, Stefano Julian  
Azzarello, Sabrina Rose  
Brewer, Helena Anne  
Came, Preston Tyler  
Costa-Pozo, Joshua Manuel  
Derosa, Cate Joans  
Garfield, David William  
Hermanson, Evan Matthew  
Isenberg, Samuel Graydon  
Jackson, Tricia Olivia  
Jarman, Scott Edward  
Klumpp, Chloe Danielle  
Matuszak, Connor Joseph  
Mehler, Elizabeth Anne

Peterson, Liam Edward  
Prophet, Nicole Belit  
Rajaram, Shreya  
Rivera, Aramis Abdel  
Rose, Nico Sabatino  
Sam, Christian William  
Sickels, Ethan Andrew  
Tracy, Madison Erin  
Traylor, Caden Walker  
Varon, Savanna Renee  
Velez, David  
Whitney, Sophia Alanis  
Williams, Ava J  
Ybaceta, Gabriel  
Zhang, Hangrui



## MLK JR. SPEECH BY NICKOLAS MAYBERRY

Since the beginning of time, people have been fighting wars to gain land and prove superiority. However, I have a dream that one day we won't have to worry about war. I have a dream, that one day all the wars and atomic bombs will end. That one day there will be peace on earth. I have a dream, that one day the Christmas of WWI will repeat itself. That there will be peace prosperity and justice. That one day human society will rise up and leave behind foolishness of war and come together and work together and live together. I have a dream, that one day our comrades will put aside their differences and agree to disagree. I have a dream, that one day children will grow up and know nothing but peace and prosperity. I have a dream, that arguments, wars, and conflicts will be resolved. That our children don't have to deal with the horror of the power of nuclear weapons. I have a dream, that one day we can recite the words "Peace at last, peace at last. Thank God we have peace at last."



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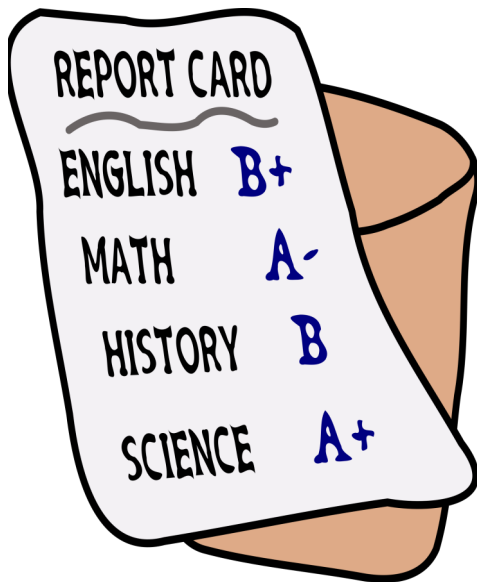
*"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."*

*-Martin Luther King*

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## REPORT CARDS - A COMMENTARY BY GIANNA JARMAN

*"A poor report card has one good thing in its favor; at least you know your student isn't cheating." -unknown*



Every second, every minute, every six to seven hours that we spend in school are long hard hours we spend working, well most of us. We see report cards as a pretty difficult thing. We worry about what our parents are going to yell at us for, we worry about the comments our teachers will make, and we worry about straight A's. Report cards aren't as scary as they seem; they are just a reflection of our progress. We go through so many hard times, but we stick with one another just like we stick with our grades. Trying to be cool and goofing off 24/7 is not going to put you in a good place academically. We come to school to learn and to learn from our mistakes. We come to school to get a break from our family. But most of all, we come to school to work. To show our teachers we are intelligent. Report cards show us how to improve, what to improve on, and to set those long term goals that we may have as a hardworking student. Improving your report cards are the key to great success.

# Bulldog Calendar

## FEBRUARY 2020

| Sun                       | Mon                                    | Tue | Wed                             | Thu                                    | Fri                          | Sat   |
|---------------------------|--|-----|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|
|                           |  |     |                                 |  |                              | 1   |
| 2<br><i>Groundhog Day</i> | 3                                      | 4   | 5                               | 6                                      | 7                            | 8   |
| 9                         | 10<br><i>Holocaust Museum</i>          | 11  | 12<br><i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> | 13                                     | 14<br><i>Valentine's Day</i> | 15  |
| 16                        | 17<br><i>Presidents' Day</i>           | 18  | 19<br><i>Rookery Bay Trips</i>  | 20                                     | 21                           | 22 <i>Basketball &amp; Soccer Championships @ Lely High</i> |
| 23                        | 24<br><i>Track &amp; Field tryouts</i> | 25  | 26<br><i>Early Dismissal</i>    | 27<br><i>Track &amp; Field tryouts</i> | 28                           | 29  |

## MARCH 2020

| Sun                         | Mon                                   | Tue                            | Wed                                   | Thu                                   | Fri                       | Sat                         |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1                           | 2<br><i>Track &amp; Field tryouts</i> | 3                              | 4<br><i>Track &amp; Field tryouts</i> | 5<br><i>Track &amp; Field tryouts</i> | 6<br><i>End Quarter 3</i> | 7                           |
| 8<br><i>Daylight Saving</i> | 9<br><i>Spring Break</i>              | 10<br><i>Spring Break</i>      | 11<br><i>Spring Break</i>             | 12<br><i>Spring Break</i>             | 13<br><i>Spring Break</i> | 14                          |
| 15                          | 16<br><i>Teacher Plan Day</i>         | 17<br><i>St. Patrick's Day</i> | 18                                    | 19                                    | 20<br><i>Report Cards</i> | 21<br><i>Track Meet IHS</i> |
| 22                          | 23                                    | 24                             | 25                                    | 26                                    | 27                        | 28<br><i>Track Meet GCH</i> |
| 29                          | 30                                    | 31                             | 1<br><i>6th Grade Writing</i>         | 2<br><i>7th Grade Writing</i>         |                           |                             |

An OMS Tribute To  
***Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!***  
**January 27 – January 31, 2020**

*Book Tasting: please  
 appeases for  
 branching out and  
 trying new authors,  
 genres, and series.*



*Book Talks: Promote  
 your favorite book,  
 hook someone else  
 into wanting to read  
 it!*

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| <p><b>Monday,<br/>January 27</b></p>    | <p><b>Mystery Reader</b> (Students guess who is reading based on picture clues.)<br/> <b>Book Talk</b> (w/Mrs. Baldwin) on the Morning News<br/> <b>"Find Yourself in a Book!"</b> Create a <b>book mark contest</b> through Art classes this week. (Winners book marks will be mass produced and available for students to pick up for free in the Media Center at conclusion of contest)<br/> <b>Caught Reading Challenge</b> (Students caught reading outside of class <i>all throughout the week</i> will receive Bulldog Bucks for the cafeteria drawing.)</p>   |
| <p><b>Tuesday,<br/>January 28</b></p>   | <p><b>Mystery Reader</b> (Students guess who is reading based on picture clues.)<br/> <b>Book Talk</b> (w/Mrs. Ferreira) on the Morning News<br/> <b>Drop Everything And Read</b> (Students will read independently for 15 minutes.)<br/> <b>Book Tasting Event</b> (Reading is like eating, some kids have pickier palates than others. To pique their appetites, students will sample different authors, genres, and series. It gets kids out of their comfort zones and engaged!)</p>  |
| <p><b>Wednesday,<br/>January 29</b></p> | <p><b>Mystery Reader</b> (Students guess who is reading based on picture clues.)<br/> <b>Book Reviews</b> (Students write book reviews on index cards and submit them to the Media Specialist, who will create an inclusive advertisement board.)<br/> <b>Written Random Act of Kindness</b> (Students will write someone a special note that contains a kind message to brighten that person's day.)<br/> <b>Poem in My Pocket</b> (Students write poems and carry them in their pockets. Students will read poems and collect signatures every time they read their poems. Prizes will be given based on the amount of signatures collected.)</p> |
| <p><b>Thursday,<br/>January 30</b></p>  | <p><b>Mystery Reader</b> (Students guess who is reading based on picture clues.)<br/> <b>Book Talk</b> (w/Ms. Jackson) on the Morning News<br/> <b>Get Lost in Reading</b> (Students will read independently for 15 minutes.)<br/> <b>Analyzing Antics</b> (Students will bring to school an article, poem, or newspaper clipping they find interesting – teacher will choose submissions to be utilized for specific class analysis. Analysis may include Literary Elements, message conveyed, The 5 W's, Author's Point of View, writing style, etc.)</p>   |
| <p><b>Friday,<br/>January 31</b></p>    | <p><b>Mystery Reader</b> (Students guess who is reading based on picture clues.)<br/> <b>Door Decorating Contest</b> (Students create a book cover based on their favorite Genre and decorate ELA classroom doors to showcase the books. Winning classrooms will receive a prize.)<br/> <b>Poetry Café</b> – (Students go to the Media Center during lunch to share poems with peers - can be student written poems or reading favorite poems from a book.)<br/> <b>Readers as Leaders Day</b> (Wear OMS spirit shirts in support of literacy)</p>  |

# BULLDOG WRITER'S CORNER

## Ode to Cuban Friends

Oh Cuban friends,  
How welcoming you are  
How welcoming your parents are

The games we played while being  
as cheerful as Santa Claus  
Movies we watched  
Places we went  
And dances we danced

We've spent sixteen days together  
Yet it feels like we've known each  
other for an eternity  
Maybe because that's how long our  
families have known each other

You all helped so much  
Helped me clean and take care of  
my siblings  
And none of you ever failed to  
make me laugh

We spend Christmas and New  
Year's together  
Under the blazing sun  
Now I'm back in the cold

I look at the pictures of us on my  
phone  
And stare at the moon  
Knowing you're staring at the  
moon too  
Knowing that one day I'll be back  
home to you

## Ode to God

By: Keshly Payero

Your love is like a warm blanket,  
It covers us and keeps us safe.

In the darkest times,  
You bring the light.

In the saddest times,  
You bring us up.

When we go through something,  
You are by our side.

Everything life throws at us,  
You make sure we are alright.

You give us forgiveness and love,  
Peace and joy,

Happiness and protection.

You never forsake us,  
You never leave us.

To you I write this ode,  
My god and merciful father,  
The one and only savior,  
The creator of this Earth.

## Ode to Flying



Oh, flying, soaring  
Over the power lines

The rivers  
The roads

With the beat of a heart  
At your fingertips

Oh, flying, swooping  
Over the houses

The forests  
The lakes

Like a bird, or superman

Oh, flying, the sensation

The forces

Hundreds of crushing  
pounds

Setting the heart aflame



# BULLDOG WRITER'S CORNER

## Ode to Cello

Oh cello, Oh cello,  
You sound oh so mellow!



And your sound will ring throughout  
thou rooftops'

And we shall hear your melodious  
bellow!

Oh cello, Oh cello

Doesn't everyone love those strings!

The other instruments cannot trump'

How your sound rings!

Oh cello, Oh cello

I worship your sound!

And I will leap to your song'

In one faithful bound!

Oh cello, Oh cello

I absorb your perfect noise

And the only way to play you'

Is with perfect poise!

Oh cello, Oh cello

I play you every day'

The practice is tireless and'

All for no pay!

## Ode to Ireland

by Dylan Slye

Oh, Ireland

you rain every day

but you are nice

you are cold but

but you are nice

but you do play an excessive  
amount of rugby

but you are fun

Ireland I love you

Your language may be strange

And I may never understand

But you are great

You may be small

you may get more visitors Than  
your entire population

yearly

But you are fabulous



## Ode to Time

By Joshua Merhar

Oh time, you keep us on track,  
making sure we know when to  
go or when to do it.  
So precise, so helpful, you're  
sturdy like our back.

Oh time, sometimes you run  
like a cheetah, or  
creep along like a sloth.  
But that's fine by me, I enjoy  
every tick that's emitted by  
my watch.

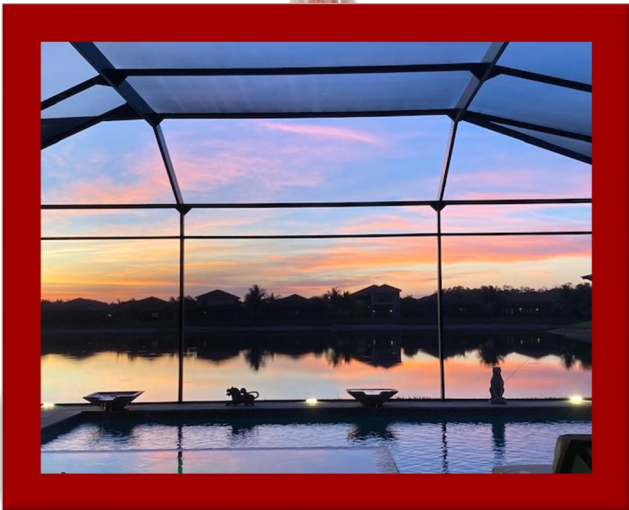
Oh time, as your short hand  
hits nine, I fall asleep, and as  
it hits seven, I wake up  
sleepy.

But you don't disappoint, you  
control my whole life.  
You make ice-cream melt and  
cause bananas to ripe.

Oh time, when you're broken  
don't fret and worry because  
you know what they say: even  
a broken clock is **awesome**  
twice a day.



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