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# OFIS NEWS

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## Student Council

By: Keira P.

Student Council is a big part of our school. We put together fundraisers, drives, and school spirit days which are really fun! Last year we did a rainbow loom sale and we donated the money to the Dimes for Diabetes fundraiser. We also did a drive for the Berea A.R.F. (Animal Rescue Fund). This year we held a Toys for Tots fundraiser, which was a lot of fun. Student Council collected over 250 toys to donate to kids that weren't going to get anything for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Pojman, Mrs. Kelly, Brie Kelly, Chace Kelly, and I delivered the toys to the Strongsville drop-off location on December 15th. The Toys for Tots volunteers were very grateful for how many toys we donated. Student Council thanks everyone who donated toys for this great cause.

Another cool thing that Student Council does is Dollar Dawg. Dollar Dawg is our school store. Students can buy things like sport pencil pouches, mini mechanical pencils, cute erasers and sharpeners, and much more. The Dollar Dawg is open everyday before school and everyday at your recess time except on indoor recess days. Don't forget that Bulldog Bucks can be used at the Dollar Dawg to buy things. Every 2 Bulldog Bucks is worth 5 cents. Stop down soon to the Dollar Dawg to see what cool items you can buy.



These are some of the students that donated toys for the Toys for Tots collection.



Here are some students working at the Dollar Dawg.

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# Helping Hands

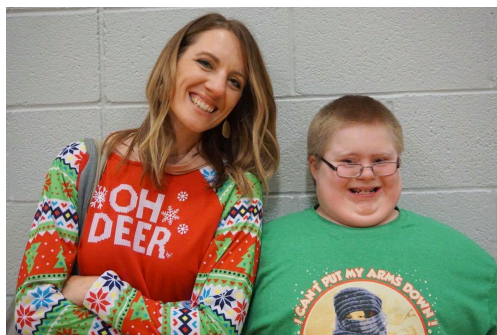
By: Riley Z.

Helping hands is a club of kids that come together once a month on Wednesday mornings. What we do in Helping Hands is we **Educate,Empower,Embrace**. We **Educate** about our friends who have different abilities than us. We **Empower** ourselves and our friends.We **Embrace** ourselves to become better people.



This is one of my friends Mya. She **Embraces**,she **Educates**,and she **Empowers**. She **Embraces** us to have fun and let go, she **Educates** us by the way she tells us things, and she **Empowers** us by letting us be who we are. Mya is just like you and me.

In Helping Hands we do a lot of different events. One of the big events is our Helping Hands holiday party. This event is a fun event for everyone! We play games,we decorate cookies,and we have fun! Each year it is a different theme but every year it is fun! This year it was Polar Express and we all dressed in our pajamas!!!



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Owen and Mrs. Z.

These are my friends enjoying the holiday party!

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## K-Kids

By: Morgan C.

K-Kids is a club at OFIS that is all about helping people. The students in K-Kids sold coupon books to raise money for our activities. In December, we colored Christmas posters. Also, coming up, we will be making testing kits for students at OFIS that will include some good luck items like pencils for their tests. I like helping people so I like K-Kids.



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## Meet Mrs. Mendicino!

By: Brooke L.

I decided to interview Mrs. Mendicino who is my language arts teacher! What I like about Mrs. Mendicino is that she makes learning fun! Mrs. Mendicino is really interesting because she is really fluent when she reads. Right now we are reading Larger Than Life Lara.

It is really helpful when Mrs. Mendicino makes lists of stuff for us to do each day, which makes it easy for me instead of doing everything at once and getting really stressed! Here are some questions that I asked her.

What do you like to do with your family outside of school? **-I like to play with my baby Francesca**

What do you like most about teaching? **-I love that all of the kids are unique and have so many great ideas.**

What book is your favorite? **-A Dog Called Kitty**

What do you like to do with your free-time? **-I like to go outside.**

Who means the most to you in the whole world? **-Baby Francesca and Mr. Mendicino**

If you would like to know more about Mrs. Mendicino just stop in and ask her!



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## Into the Classroom Mrs. Atkins!

By: Amelia B.

One of my teachers, Mrs. Atkins, is a great Language Arts teacher! I asked her 5 questions and she really had to think of some of the answers. Here is what Mrs. Atkins had to say.

#1: Why did you want to be a Language Arts teacher?

**I love reading new books to the students and seeing students excited about reading. I also love when students write about fun prompts.**

#2: What's your favorite book?

**I like a ton of books! Some of my favorites are: Out of My Mind, Number the Stars and Running Out of Time.**

#3: If you weren't a language arts teacher what would you be?

**I would be a science teacher.**

#4: How old were you when you began teaching?

**I was 26 years old when I began teaching.**

#5: What is your favorite subject to teach in Language Arts?

**I like teaching Figurative language.**

Mrs. Atkins is a great teacher! She had so much to say about teaching Language Arts, that by the end of the interview, she was out of breath!



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## An Interview with Mrs. Eidam!

By: Veronika W.

Mrs. Eidam is a Science and Social Studies teacher for 4th grade. We do very fun activities in both subjects. I think Mrs. Eidam is a fun, nice, and amazing teacher. Let's learn some things about her.

1. Have you always taught Science and Social Studies?

**No I have not. I actually taught math for the first 16 years of my career and then switched to Science and Social Studies. I am in my third year of teaching those subjects.**

2. Which subject is your favorite?

**I love them both but if I had to pick I'd probably go with Social Studies because history fascinates me.**

3. What is your favorite animal?

**POLAR BEAR! They are so fun to watch and I kind of want to snuggle with one!**

4. What is your favorite color?

**I have always liked the color blue. There are so many shades of it and they are all so pretty.**

5. How many years have you been teaching at this school?

**I have been teaching in Olmsted Falls for all of my 19 years. I first taught at Fitch (where the 4th grade used to be) and then when OFIS was built I moved here.**



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## Random Riddles #1 and #2

By: Alex F. and Emma P.

I come before snow but after leaves fall, I stay through winter but leave before spring. I cling to windows, roofs and grass. What Am I ?

I make you think as you read me, wondering my answer. I can be weird or wacky or maybe make no sense. I can even make you laugh. What Am I?

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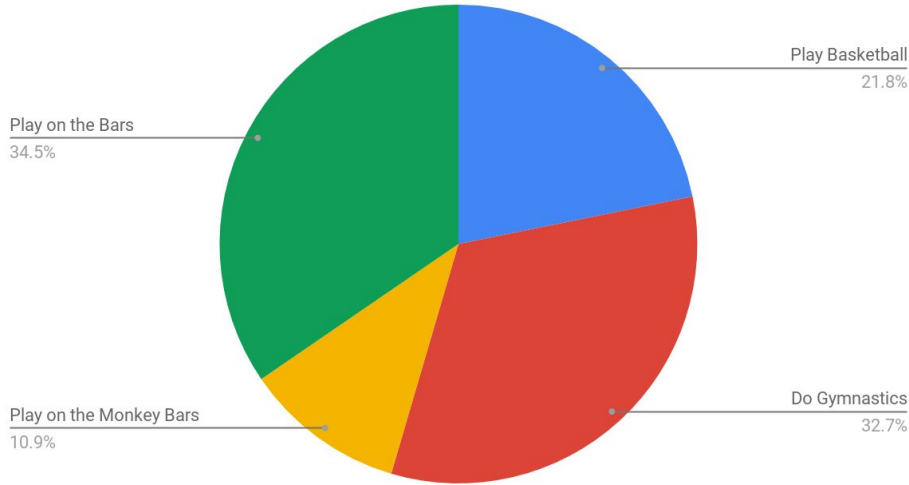
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# What is Your Favorite Thing to Do at Recess?

By: Leah P.

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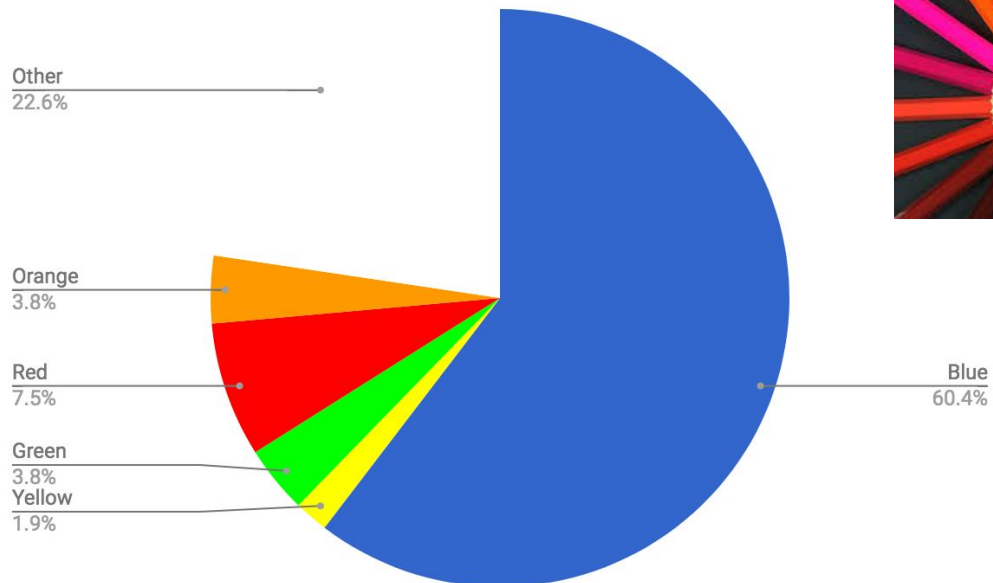


I decided to ask some people what is their favorite thing to do at recess. I put some but not all of the options above. What is your favorite thing to do at recess?

# What's Your Favorite Color?

By: Livia G.

I decided to interview students about their favorite color because I wanted to do a graph showing the results. I asked many of people any the majority of them said blue.



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# What's Your Favorite Subject?

By: Sophie T.



## Favorite subjects

Science  
16.4%

Social Studies  
17.9%

Math  
32.8%



Language Arts  
32.8%



I have this circle graph because I asked students what their favorite subject in school is. Some kids at this school don't have to have a favorite subject because they may not like school. I asked teachers too! That's how I got a lot of tallie marks. I got a round 50 tallie marks.

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## Random Riddles #3 and #4

By: Alex F. and Emma P.

I have many trees and flowers. I grow when its sunny and feed off of water.

What Am I?

I take notes for you and stick to things. I come in many shapes and sizes and in alot of different colors. What Am I?

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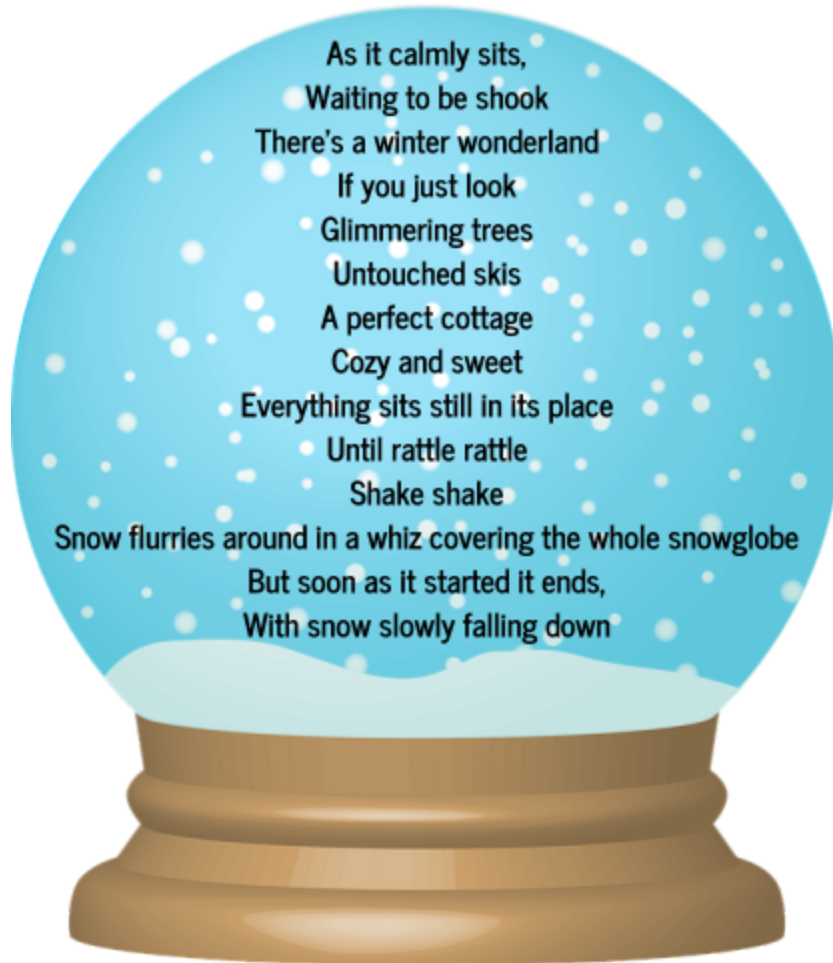
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# Creative Writer's Corner

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## Spotlight on Snowglobes

By: Ella S.



[I asked a few people that if they had to live in a snowglobe, what five things would they bring. Here are their responses!](#)

Mrs. Caso: "The three people in my family, Ryan, Sofie and my husband." she says. "Boots and gloves because my hands are always frozen!!" she exclaims.

Riley: "I would bring a jacket, a trampoline, a hat, I would bring my mom, the last thing I would bring would be food." she exclaims!

Keira: "My mom, my brother and my grandma." she states. "A jacket and french fries." she says!

Emma: "My mom My dad, Caitlin, Megan, and Joey." she states!

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# WONDERFUL WORK GROUP 2!

## RANDOM RIDDLES-ANSWERS!

1. FROST



2. RIDDLE



3. FOREST



4. POST-IT

