Important Dates and Events:

**Black History Month & Healthy Heart Month**

2/1-2/17: Random Acts of Kindness Trees
2/1: National Freedom Day
2/1: Chinese New Year
2/1: Crazy Sock Day
2/2: Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge
2/2: Groundhog Day
2/3: National Wear Red Day for Heart Health Month
2/6-10: National School Counseling Week
2/8: 2 Hour Early Dismissal
2/8: AACPS Unity Day—Wear Orange
2/14 Valentine’s Day
2/15: SRO Day (Student Resource Officer)
2/15: Superhero/Disney Shirt Day
2/17: National Random Acts of Kindness Day
2/20: Presidents Day—School & Offices Closed
2/22: Sports Jersey/Shirt Day
2/22: AACPS Dance Festival
2/24: AACPS Middle School Dance Gala
2/28: Coffee with the Principal 8 AM

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**What do I do if my student is absent?**

Go to the OMMS Web Page

https://www.aacps.org/Page/3897.

Complete and submit the form online.

Please update your student’s Emergency Card information at the following link:

www.aacps.org/families

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**Principal’s Corner:**

It's hard to believe we just finished our second marking period and are already half way through our school year! We welcome the short month of February with a calendar full of events.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring your students arrive on time and ready to learn each day. Our teacher/student/parent partnership is so important to student success. We are committed to your students in every step of their journey here at OMMS.

#wearebettertogether #OMMSteam #PatriotPride

Mrs. Linda Chandler
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS!

6th Grade: *Finn Bence *Taylor Sandy *Riley Bellock *Sarah Deschak *Nehemiah Garcia *Jazmyn Ocasio

7th Grade: *Hapsatu Kargbo *Alexis Brooks *Nasia Holt *Jasmine Argueta Gallegos *Allan Loftus

*James Beal

8th Grade: *Joey Hunt *Daniella Ronquillo *Xekias Buhler *Jayda Rankins *Karlyana Beverly

AVID: *Christopher Astorga *Gavin Carpenter *Lindsay Jones

STEM: *Ellison Rager *Charleigh Claytor *Connor Oliver

ENCORE: *Jon Wanhatalo *Cameron Clemons *Jorvin Miranda *Kayla Kegley *Natalie Smith *Stevi Thomas

Our Avid Teacher of the Month:

Ms. Nealon!

Our AVID Teacher of the Month for February is Ms. Nealon. Ms. Nealon does a great job of ensuring that her students and lessons are organized. She also utilizes various resources to help support her students such as graphic organizers, student choice, and collaborative lesson activities.

Thank you Ms. Nealon!
PATRIOTS OF THE MONTH:

This month we honor are wonderful Counselors, Mrs. Gast, Ms. Sas, Mr. Woods and Ms. Schneider!

We are so fortunate to have this dynamic team of counselors here at OMMS! They go above and beyond each day in assisting, teaching, guiding and supporting our students in every way possible. We are a better school because of each of them. Thank you all for all you do, you are APPRECIATED everyday!

Happy National School Counselor Week!

February 6-10
Old Mill Middle School South
Staff Pride Awards

CONGRATULATIONS!

Prepared
Ms. Wolfe

Respecting
Mr. Weichel

Innovative
Ms. Sowinski

Determination
Mr. Fuller

Empowering
Ms. Foy
Welcome!
The counseling department is excited to welcome Ms. Morgan Coakley who will be interning with Mrs. Sas:

"Hello! My name is Morgan Coakley and I am a second year graduate student at Loyola University Maryland. I graduated from Towson University in 2021 and was active in the marching band. I play nine different instruments and love to sing. I enjoy arts and crafts, like painting, crocheting, sewing, and everything in between. I am a youth leader at my church as well as a mentor to some of the youth group girls. I am very passionate about working with children to navigate and work through their emotions in healthy and productive manners. I’m excited for this opportunity to learn and grow alongside the students here at Old Mill Middle South!"

2023-24 COURSE SELECTION

6th & 7th Grade
Mrs. Sas and Mr. Woods will be in social studies classes discussing course selection for the 2023-24 schoolyear from January 30 - February 3. Please be on the lookout for Connect Ed messages with important information about this process.

8th Grade
Old Mill High School counselors will visit 8th grade social studies classes to discuss 9th grade course selection on February 14th and 15th. Please be on the lookout for Connect Ed messages regarding dates and times for high school events and deadlines.
OMMS STEM BULLETIN
2/1/2023

**Upcoming STEM Events**
Mark your calendars. Times and more information to be provided.
(Dates are under approval & tentative.)

**STEM 6**
- Sat, February 11th (Air & Space Chantilly, VA)
- Tues, March 7th (Lost Towns)
- Sat, March 11th (Let’s get Techie @ UMBC)
- Sat, March 25th (Spring into STEM @ OMMS)
- Mon/Tues, April 17th/18th (Jug Bay) Students will be separated into two sessions and will attend on one day, not both.

**STEM 7**
- Sat, January 28th (Holocaust Museum)
- Sat, February 25th (African American Museum)

**STEM 8 Changemaker Saturdays**
A space to work with your team. Check with your coach for meeting dates/times/location. Teams may meet after-school on Tuesdays or Thursdays in the STEM Lab to work on Changemaker Projects. Check with your coach for other meeting times. **Required Saturdays are 1/28 & 3/25/23**

**Important dates for STEM 8**
- Mobile X lab— @ OMHS 2/14/23-2/14/23 Students will go to the lab once during the week.
- Sat, March 25th (Spring into STEM @ OMMS)
- Thurs/Fri April 13th /14th (SERC) Students will be split into two sessions and will attend one day, not both.
- Fri, April 28th (Historic Annapolis)
- Sat, April 29th Final project scoring
- Wed, May 10th Changemaker Showcase, Awards & Family Celebration Night

**Note:** Dates may be subject to change. Monitor email & Bright Space. Additional events may be added.

**Summer STEM camp registration will open soon on the AACPS.org website.**
Students will sign up for four consecutive half day sessions either morning or afternoon by grade level. School lunch & transportation provided.

**Session times:**
AM session - 8:30am -12:30pm or PM session—12:45-4:15pm
Sign up using this link when it goes live soon! https://www.aacps.org/summer

**STEM 7 weeks offered**
7/17-7/20 or 7/31-8/3
The only make up week for STEM 7 is 8/7-8/10

**STEM 8 weeks offered**
7/24-7/27 , 7/31-8/3 or 8/7-8/10

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**STEM Student of the month**

**February**
6th — Ellison Rager
7th — Charleigh Claytor
8th— Connor Oliver

The STEM team celebrates Black History Month in recognizing Granville T. Woods, pictured here, was known as the “Black Edison.” He invented the telephone transmitter, the railway and subway systems, as well as the roller coaster!

Please donate empty shoe boxes to several of our Changemaker teams by sending in to the STEM Lab. Thanks for your support!

Summer STEM camp registration will open soon on the AACPS.org website.

Spring Semester Club Opportunity: The new Ecology Club will begin in FebruaryClub as Forensics Club ends. Stay tuned for info!

Don’t forget all STEM students must participate in at least one club activity during the 2022-23 school year.
OMMS PTA
Meeting
February 8th
at
6:00 pm

OMMS PTA Members are invited to our February meeting. Hope to see you there!

Zoom link will be e-mailed to membership
Dr. Carol Quirk will discuss how education has changed for students with disabilities by discussing the trends in placement and inclusive practices over the last two decades. She will share school-wide methods for consideration that promote inclusive practice and introduce how to use child-centered indicators of membership, participation, and learning targeted for learners with more extensive support needs.

Carol is one of the founders and the CEO of MCIE. Prior to MCIE, Carol was the Executive Director of an adult services agency in Baltimore City, consultant to Philadelphia Public Schools, Early Intervention Specialist for MSDE, Director of Technical Assistance to Early Intervention Programs in North Carolina, and special education teacher in Connecticut. Carol served on the Board of Directors for TASH, the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network, and was appointed to the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. She also served on the Executive Team for the SWIFT Center. She is the recipient of the Johns Hopkins University Distinguished Alumna Award, the Top 100 Mid-Atlantic MBE Entrepreneurs, and the Brava! Award for Baltimore area executives who give to their community. Carol has brought MCIE’s practices to promote inclusive education to Russia, Trinidad and Tobago, Kazakhstan, Australia, and Viet Nam.

Ridgeway Elementary hosts...

Guest Speaker Presentation

Evolving Trends in Inclusion

February 23, 2023  6:00 pm

All are invited to attend as we work as a together to deepen our knowledge on what inclusion truly looks like in our schools and our community.

To RSVP please scan here

Ridgeway Elementary
1440 Evergreen Road
Severn, MD 21144
OMMS LOST & FOUND

Please encourage your student(s) to check the lost and found in the cafeteria if they are missing a jacket, water bottle, backpack, etc. All items are donated at the end of each marking period.

We appreciate your support in finding homes for these lost items!

Thank you!