

# THE 'TREE TRIBUNE

## Fall Edition

I will not go where the path may lead, but I will go where there is no path,  
and I will leave a trail. – Muriel Strode, “Wind-Wafted Wild Flowers”

### From the Principal's Desk

This year our theme is *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* which is taken from the book of the same name, written by Dr. Seuss. What a fitting theme it is. As we move through this year, we will be looking both backward and forward to decide just where it is we would like to go. In the coming months we will honor the history of excellence at OES as we prepare for our 20-year celebration. We will also be engaging in the strategic planning process which will result in a revamped mission statement along with tactics and action plans that will last us the next 5 years. There will be many opportunities for our families to be involved, and I hope you will consider partnering with us on this new journey. I guarantee you will enjoy any time you spend with our All-Star students and staff.

Please take some time to look through our quarterly newsletter. You will find important dates and information, along with tips for supporting your child at home. I look forward to getting to know each of your families as we work together this year and in the future. OES has already taken the Auburn community to many wonderful places, but the fun is just beginning! We will continue to blaze trails and innovate, all while supporting our students' academic and personal growth. Feel free to reach out to me at any time with questions, ideas, or if I can be of assistance. Thank you for all you do to support our school. We are truly grateful to have such engaged, generous parents.

Warmly,

*Caroline Raville*

### Important Message from ACS's Central Office

After discussion with our School Resource Officers and our local fire department, it has been decided that no automobile will be permitted to park or idle in the fire lane in front of an ACS school building. This ensures that the fire lane is clear for emergency personnel, and that we are creating the safest environment possible. Additionally, automobiles picking up car riders are not permitted to park or idle in the car line more than thirty (30) minutes before the dismissal of students for the school day. Guests and parents on campus prior to 30 minutes before dismissal should have a purpose other than picking up a car rider, would need to park in a designated space, and then check in with the main office. Thank you for partnering with us in making the safety of our students and staff a priority. If you have questions or concerns, please contact ACS Safe Schools Coordinator, Chris Hardman, at (334) 887-1903. **OES will begin enforcing this protocol on Friday, September 14.**

## PTO Update

- 1) **School Supply Kit Success** - thanks to all the parents who purchased supply kits this year. We raised \$1494.16 and can't wait to use this money to help with teacher grants and teacher appreciation, among other things.
- 2) **TCBY Restaurant Night** – our best one yet! This was the best turnout Ogletree has had for TCBY night. Ogletree had over \$1000 worth of sales (\$1178.47 to be exact.) The Schoonover family and TCBY generously donated 25% of our sales, so we earned \$294.62 for our school. Great job! Mrs. Traci Stewart's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class had 13 students participate, plus Mrs. Stewart herself, and are the winners of the FroYo party.
- 3) **Campaign Ogletree kickoff** – Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:15 pm. Parents please come and join us for our Campaign Ogletree kickoff as we get our kids excited about our fundraiser. We will explain the fundraiser to the kids as well as announce and display all of the amazing prizes they can try and win at the end of the campaign.
- 4) **Campaign Ogletree dates:**  
Collection Days: September 24<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Celebration Pep Rally: October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1:15 pm  
Tailgate at OES field: October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5:00 – 6:30 pm (no drop offs, parents must attend)
- 5) **Box Tops for Education** – our PTO goal this year is to raise \$1,000 with box tops collection. We need your help! Please start clipping box tops and sending them in with your child. Ask grandparents, friends, and neighbors to contribute, too. We hope to surpass our goal this year!

### Educational Website Roundup

*Listed below are some of the best, FREE websites that you can use at home to support your child academically.*

**KhanAcademy.org** – Provides solid tutorials in elementary math, and numerous tutorials in high school level courses. Useful all the way through college.

**ABCya.com** – Reading games at various levels

**FactMonster.com** – Encyclopedia-like information plus homework help

**SesameStreet.org** – Fun games and stories, may feel too young for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

**CoolMath4Kids.com** – Math games everywhere! Try its sister site, coolmath.com, if your child has advanced beyond 5<sup>th</sup> grade math

## Reading Strategy to Try at Home: Model Your Thinking

Strong readers do more than pronounce the letters on the page. They actually have a conversation in their heads with the text. One way you can help your child to become a stronger reader is to have this conversation out loud as you are reading together. For example, as you read a picture book you might be wondering what will happen on the next page. Instead of just thinking that, say it out loud to your child. Or, you might be reading a chapter book when you get surprised by something a character does. Express this to your child. This shows him/her that reading requires thinking. Listed below are some sentence starters that represent common “thoughts” a reader might have. Remember, we hope that you are reading at least 20 minutes a night with your child!

- I predict...
- I am surprised...
- I just connected...
- I am confused by...
- I remember...
- This character seems...
- I did/didn't like...
- This page made me feel...



## Health Highlight

We all know that we need a good night's sleep to feel our best, but did you know that sleep is necessary for learning? Each night our brain engages in something called consolidation. This is the process of taking all the information that we experienced that day, and moving it to our long-term memory. Short-term memory is like a box – it can only hold so much. However, long-term memory is infinite. We can constantly add new information to our long-term memory so that we can get to it later. This only happens during consolidation, and consolidation only takes place when we are in a deep sleep. This means that your child needs between 9-11 hours of uninterrupted sleep every night in order for their brain to go through this important process. To help your child get high quality sleep make sure to remove televisions and electronic devices from the room, and try to stick to a consistent bedtime even on the weekends. We want our All-Star brains ready for learning each day!

# Dates to Remember

<b>September 10</b>	Progress Report Week
<b>September 11</b>	Dedicated Dad's Breakfast; 6:30 am
<b>September 21</b>	Campaign OES Kickoff & Spirit Day; OES Night at Duck Samford Stadium
<b>October 2</b>	Campaign OES Ends – Pep Rally 1:15 Tailgate 5-6:30pm NO DROP OFFS
<b>October 5</b>	Flu shots for students w/out PEEHIP
<b>October 8-12</b>	Homecoming Week! See below for details about the week's activities.
<b>October 10</b>	First 9 weeks ends
<b>October 12</b>	Fall Picture Day
<b>October 12-13</b>	Fall Campout
<b>October 15</b>	Report Card Week
<b>October 19</b>	Parent Conference Day; No School

## Spirit Day and Homecoming Week

September 21 – In honor of Campaign OES kickoff and AEEC/OES night at Duck Samford, please dress your child in either OES or AHS spirit wear including shirts, hats, face paint (please do not cover your child's entire face), stickers, etc.

October 8-12 – To celebrate AHS's Homecoming Week and National School Lunch Week we will have a variety of activities. Each day we will have a dress-up theme, local "celebrities" will be serving lunch all week, and we will have our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Super Bowl on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for updates!