



Shenandoah Elementary
Our School Newsletter

Bobcat Brief

**“Bobcat Success...
Nothing Less”**

December 2017

Dear Shenandoah Families,

I hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving break.

December is here! Cooler temperatures... disappearing daylight. We have a few short weeks before the Winter Break. The upcoming weeks can become quite overwhelming as families prepare for family gatherings, special travels, and perhaps some shopping outings in preparation for special traditions.

As much as we'd all like to feel that we are organized and well-prepared for the upcoming weeks, each family deals with the stress of the holidays in different ways. Oftentimes, children fall victim to later bedtimes, hectic trips to the store for that last item, and sometimes experience first-hand the financial stress that plagues many families during this time of the year.

Routines often fall to the wayside along with daily reading practices, consistent homework support, and even family meals. At times families need to make a concerted effort to see that the rush and stresses of the holiday season do not seep into their child's daily routine and need for consistency.

We will continue our focus on the students and their learning all the way to the Winter Break. We want the students to be excited about the break and holidays but also want them to focus on school and learning each day. Please remind your children that while at school, they should be focused on what they are learning each day. This will keep the students on track as we move into the Winter Break and as we enter 2018.

I wish you safe travels during the holiday, relaxation and also as always thank you for your continued support for everything we do here at Shenandoah. We couldn't do it without each and every one of you.

Educationally Yours,

Pamela Crabb



Grade Level Updates



First Grade

First grade has been working so hard and we have learned so much this year! We have already begun AR and are becoming exceptional readers. In Reading, we are learning how to describe the characters, setting, and events in a story using illustrations and text. Also, we are learning how to compare the adventures and experiences of characters in stories. In Math, we have been learning ten more and ten less, as well as, adding two digit numbers. We have introduced close reading, and our firsties are really starting to get the hang of it. We now know that we are to read a text three times or more for better understanding. We are looking forward to seeing continued growth this year. Hope you all have a wonderful break!

Third Grade

In reading, third graders have started fractured fairy tale rotations. They are comparing and contrasting two fictional stories using various graphic organizers. They are comparing similarities and differences with characters, setting, plot, and theme. In math, students are ending the unit on Area and Perimeter. They will even get to design a dream house! They will also begin working on fractions this month.

Fifth Grade

We will wrap up the grading period on December 21st! The fifth graders have been working hard in all subject areas. We are looking forward to the winter break coming up. When we return in January, we will be collecting permission slips and payments for our field trip to Sea World. We will be going on January 26th. More information will come home soon.

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FRONT PARKING LOT

The front parking lot has limited extra parking spaces which are reserved for parents and visitors who need to conduct business within the school. Please do not use these “limited spaces” as a “waiting area” until the school bell rings.

Excerpt from the First Day Packet, under Arrival Procedures:

Car Rider Drop Off: ALL K-5 car riders should be dropped off and picked up using the entrance off of Hoffner Avenue.

FROM THE ATTENDANCE CLERK

- * Children must be in their classroom ready to learn by 8:45 a.m. After 8:45, please walk your child into the front office to sign them in and to receive a tardy slip.
- * Students should not be on campus prior to 8:15 a.m. since there is no supervision, unless they are registered in Morning Extended Day.
- * Please address ALL notes with the teacher’s name as well as your child’s full legal name (first and last - please no nicknames)
- * Early Dismissals are recorded as an Early Departure Tardy in your child’s attendance record. Please remember they are missing important class instruction time.

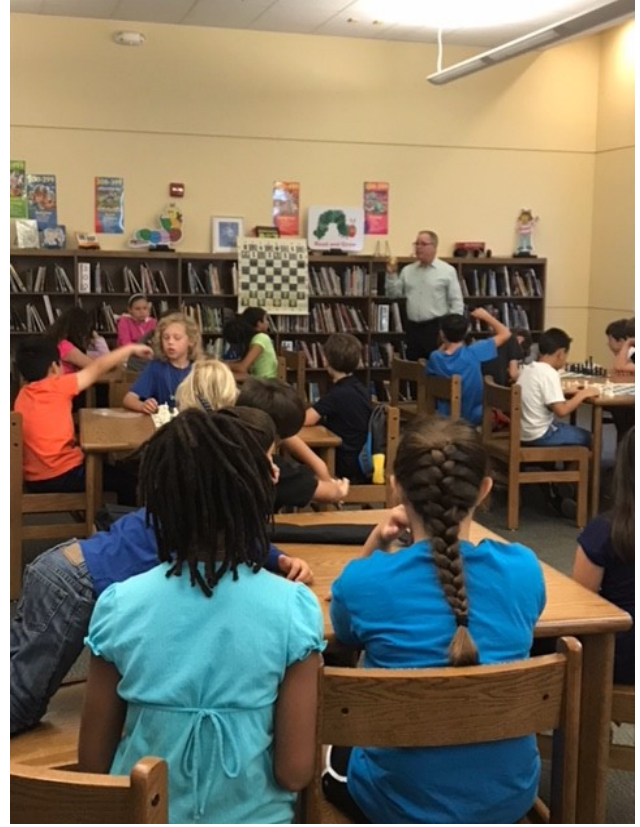
Thank you.

Jo Ann Chastain

The Physical Education Department had a busy November. The students did their first phase of Fitness Testing and will do the second phase in April 2018. They practiced jumping and jump roping skills; which they put to use at our Jump Rope for Heart station on Field Day! By the way, our students raised close to \$7,000 for the American Heart Association. Way to go Bobcats! We will be rewarding the whole school with a popcorn party in December! And let’s not forget Field Day! We had such a great time getting the kids prepared for field day and watching them have a great time that day! In December we are playing some of your kids favorite team games. Ask them how P.E. was when they get home and have them explain the game to you. This is always a fun time of year!



Chess Club Fun!



Please plan ahead for extended Wednesdays due to testing.

March 7, 2018
March 28, 2018
April 18, 2018



Students In The Spotlight



September's Bobcat of the Month for Responsibility!

The following students were chosen for Student of the Month:



November
Miyalina DeJesus
Yohanna Santos
Abigail Hayes
Saheli Espinal
Maria Trujillo
Adam Ramig
Nathan Bridewell
Brooke Bloom
Mindy Exume
Nicholas Baldwin
Aidan Emrich
Raniyah Wright
Levi Davis
Grey Doolittle
Jaslene Vazquez
Landon Gerrol
Erick Chambers
Kendylle Torres
Tollan Encinias
Aubrey Bridewell
Analia Santana
Gezana Solis
Nahya Jimenez Colon
Danna Loaiza
David Core Valentin
Jaxon Sutton
Hope Borieo
Mason Hughes
Charlie Morgan
Alice Churchill
Brandon Burney
Kenley Woods
Heidi Urbina
Joshua Windham
Dylan DeJesus



AWESOME



The character word for November and December is **RESPONSIBILITY**. Teachers will be looking for students that have these characteristics!

“Responsibility is the price of greatness” –Winston Churchill



Have you heard about Shenandoah's Beat the Clock game show? Each Tuesday morning, two contestants from a grade level compete to see who is faster solving problems mentally. In all math classes, children are taught different strategies for solving math problems mentally. Children are encouraged to explain the strategy they used with their teacher and classmates. Could you add $948 + 796$ in your head or multiply 15×30 mentally? As a parent, you might want to practice problems while you're in a car, at a restaurant, or waiting for a dentist appointment. You might be surprised at how fast they can solve problems without any paper at all.

Mrs. Babir
Shenandoah's Math Coach

From the Registrar

This is a reminder to bring a copy of your current or new lease, if yours has recently expired. If you have purchased a home, please bring a copy of your Settlement Statement, Home Exemption Card or Property Tax Record. If you do not own or lease, you must obtain a "Verification of Residence Form" from the Student Enrollment Office, 6501 Magic Way, #100B. All visits are by appointment only---<http://enrollment.ocps.net>. Documents are required-visit [OCPS.net](http://ocps.net).

Florida Statute 6A-1.0955, Section 1 1001.52 (2&3), and Orange County Public Schools Policy, requires that the official student records have verification of the correct address of the parent/guardian.

Please provide this documentation as soon as possible. Your help in keeping our records accurate is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.
Lori Taylor

Notes from Mrs. Hughes, our Guidance Counselor...

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Print this page and cut out this box! Mrs. Crabb said you can turn this in for a fuzzy prize!



WOW!! Thank you to all the support from our Shenandoah families for sending in an overabundance of canned goods! This year was not only canned goods but we were fortunate to be able to give out turkeys as well!! Thank you so much for helping so many families this holiday season!



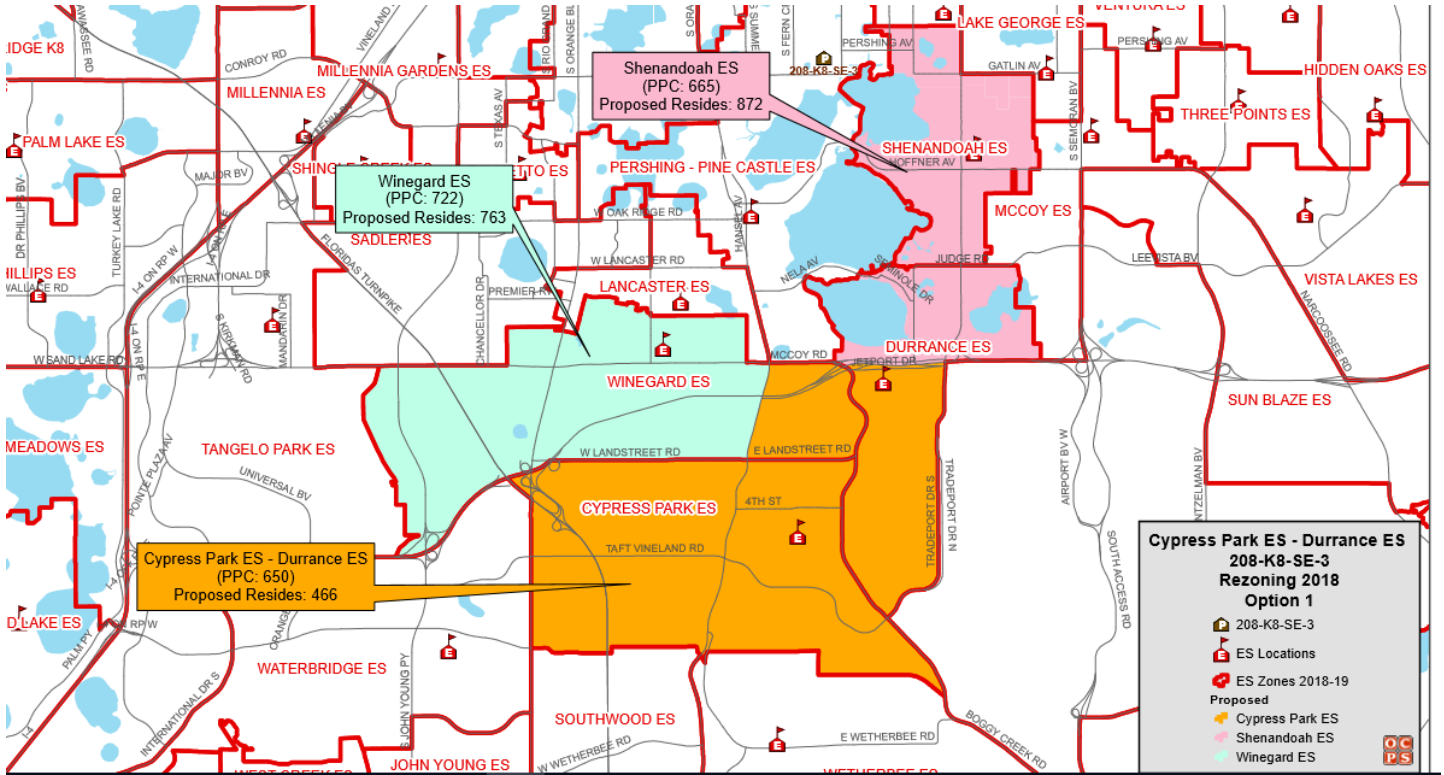
We have kicked off our annual Holiday drive. Thank you to all the classrooms who have chosen a family to adopt! Please remember if you are sending in gifts, please do so by December 18th!!!

Rezoning Information

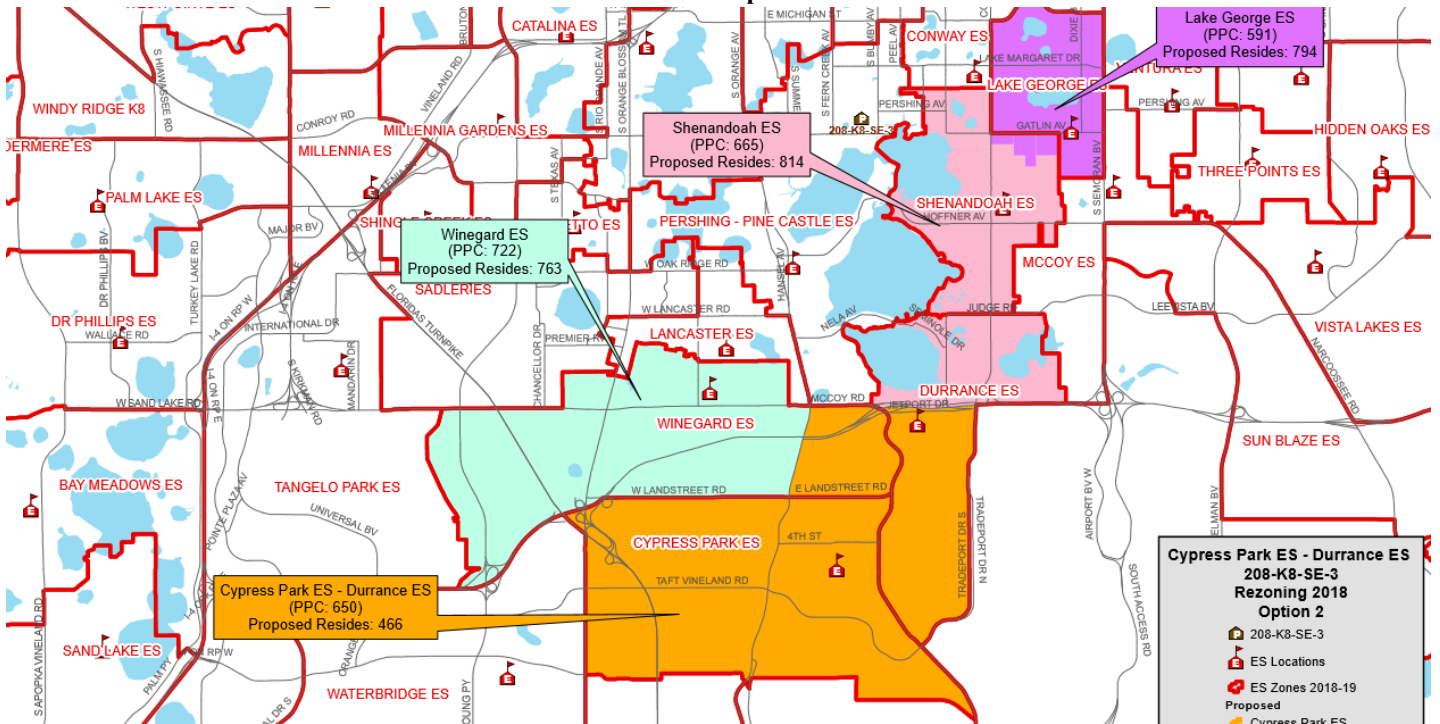
The link to where it is on our website is below:

<https://shenandoahes.ocps.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=79358&pageId=79376>

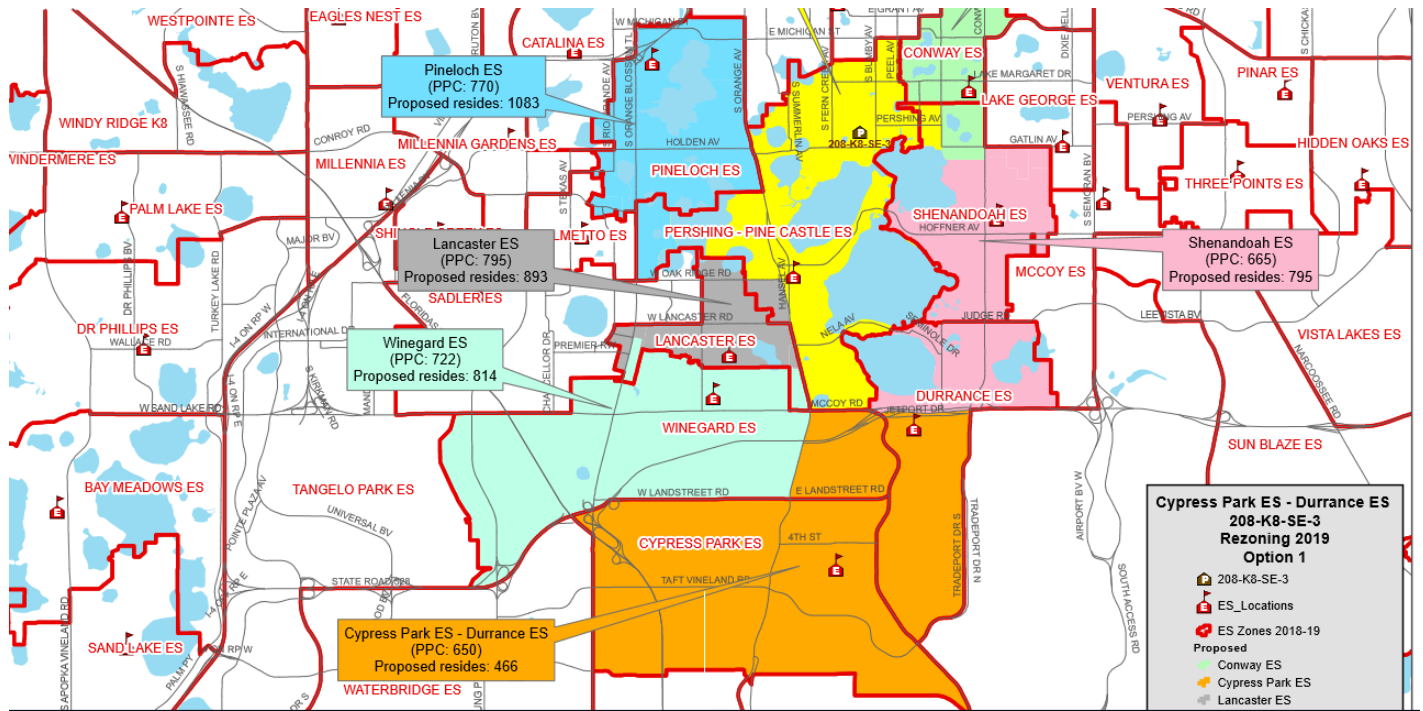
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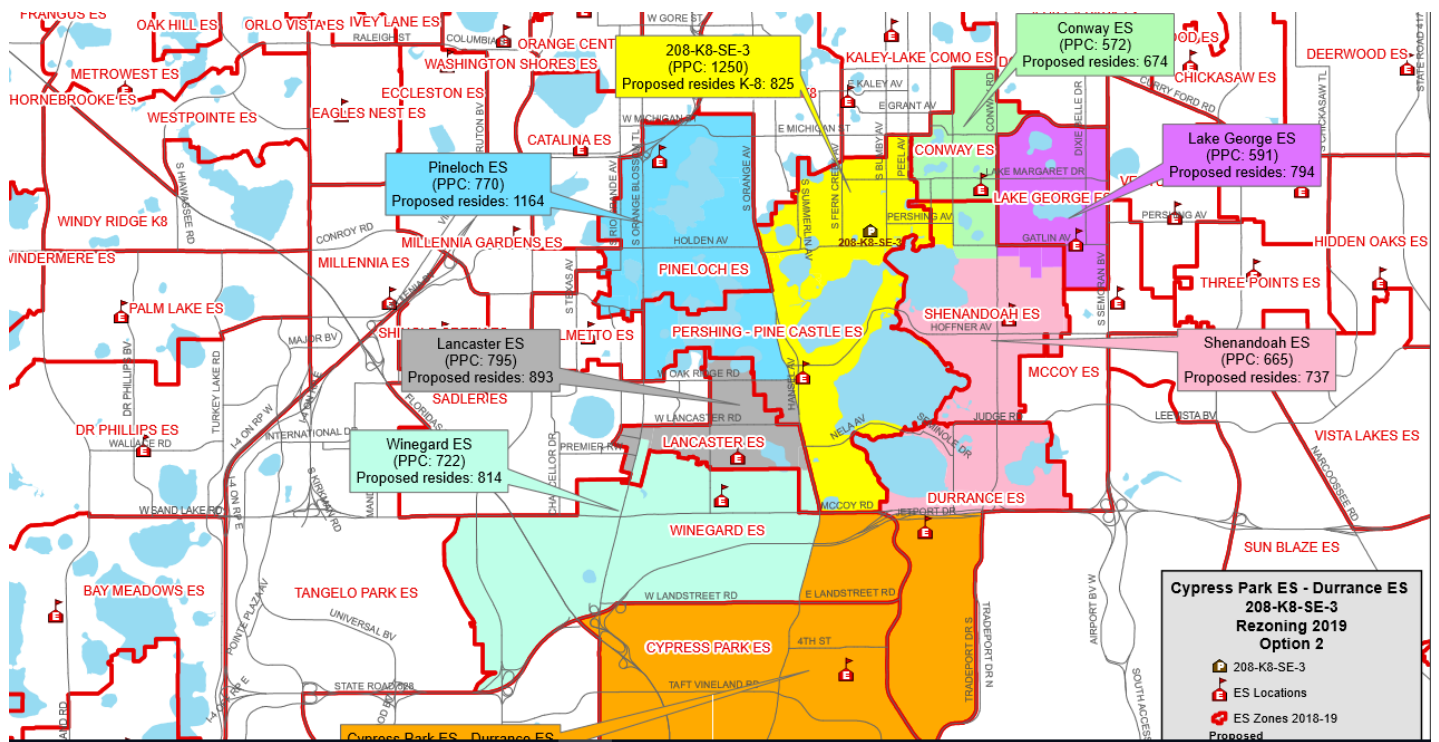
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2019 Option 1



2019 Option 2



The next Zoning Meeting will be December 14th at the Ronald Blocker Educational Leadership Center. The meeting will start at 4:30. Please see the www.ocps.net for more information.

PTA and SAC
Meeting Dates
First Thursday of the month in
the
Media Center
SAC 5:00PM
PTA 6:00PM

December 7th
January 4th
February 1st
March 1st
April 5th
May 3rd



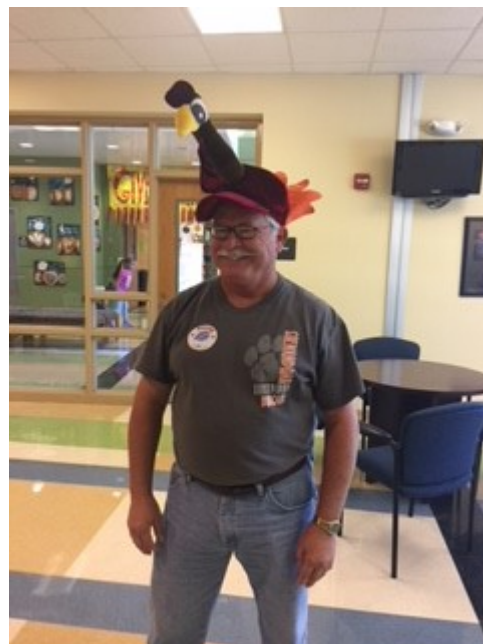
PTA News
Check us out on Facebook
"Parents of Shenandoah
Elementary"

Fifth Grade Activities News

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"5th grade parents of
Shenandoah"

SPIRIT NIGHTS

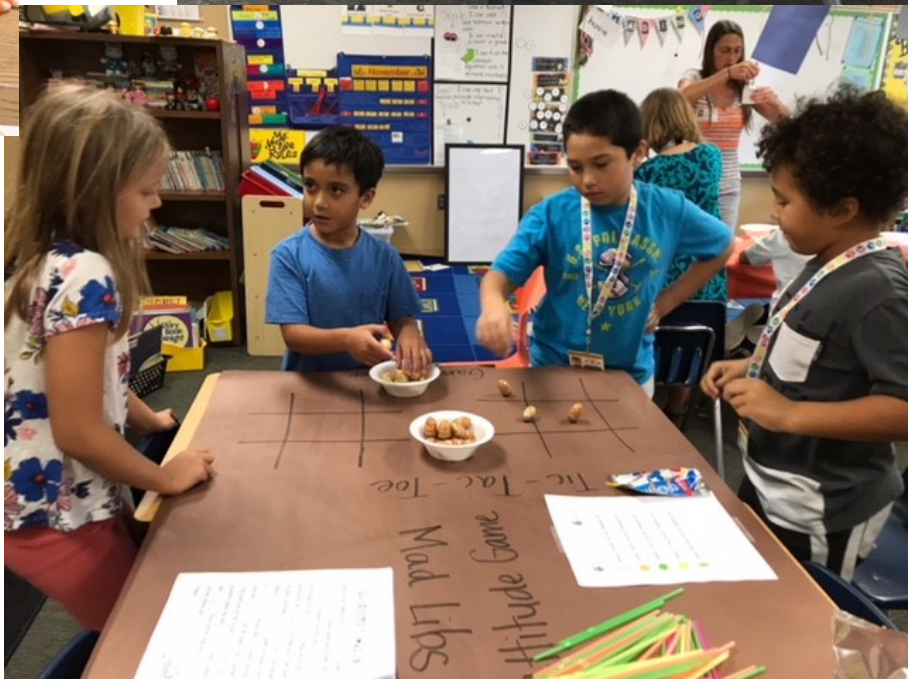
Mike's Italian Ice—Friday, December 1
Always the first Friday of the month

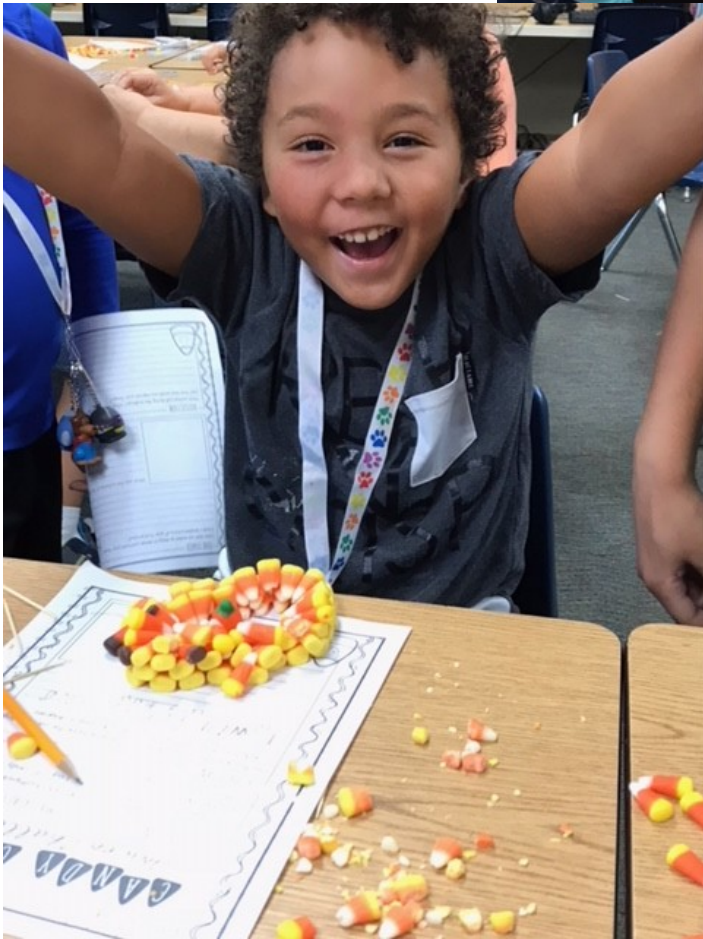


Shenandoah's Running Club is BACK!!!

If you have a student in 1st grade through 5th grade they can participate in Shenandoah's Running Club. We will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30pm – 4:00pm beginning December 11th. If your child would like to participate in the running club please e-mail Mrs. Encinias at julie.encinias@ocps.net.

Fun in the Fall





Shenandoah Elementary
Pancake Breakfast
& Holiday Shop Kick-Off!

When: Saturday, December 9th
8:30-10:30 a.m.

Where: Shenandoah Elementary Cafeteria

Bring you Bobcat family and enjoy a FREE Pancake Breakfast
hosted by Shenandoah Elementary PTA!
The breakfast will also be a kick-off for the Holiday Gift Shop
being held December 9-14th.

