

LOWER CAMPUS LIFE

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Feature Teacher: Mrs. Watts

Mrs. Watts was interviewed as "Feature Teacher." She had a lot to say about OP. She said she liked OP because of "the friendly staff and eager students all working together to make a wonderful place of learning."

Mrs. Watts favorite thing about her students is their joyful attitude. They love to be around her too! Here is just what a few of what her students said:

Jenna Blume said "She's very pleasant to be around." "She is nice," Cameron Cooper said. "She teaches math in a fun

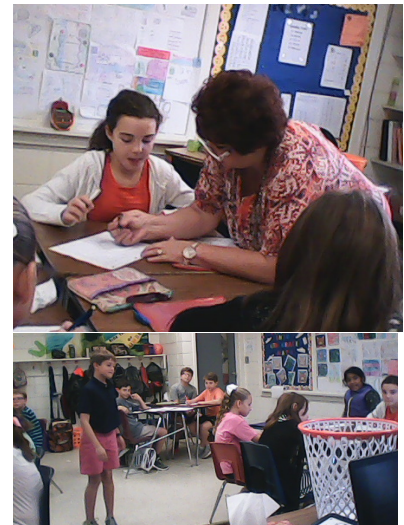
way!" exclaimed Charlie McCutchen.

For all the nice comments they give her, she has to reward them in some way.

Mrs. Watts rewards her students by letting them shoot paper balls into a trashcan that looks like a basketball goal. She also uses candy. "It works every time!" Mrs. Watts said.

Mrs. Watts loves being a teacher. She wanted to become a teacher because: "It's very rewarding and I want to change the world one child at a time."

By Carrie Ann Martin & Morgan Garrick
Pictures by Chrysanthé Greene



Holocaust Speaker *By Ramsey Albergotti & Avery Tucker*

The fifth grade went during recess on a trip to the upper campus to hear a Holocaust speaker. It wasn't just any speaker. Marion Blumenthal Lazan was a survivor. She said "I have come to speak to you because you are the last generation to hear this from me." I felt honored when she said that to us.

Mrs. Lazan told us about the Holocaust, a plan to destroy Jews in Germany.

It all started when she was just 4. Her family owned a successful shoe shop. But soon they were forced to sell it for a fraction of the price. Her family made plans to move to America. They traveled to Holland, where they were to

depart. But, sadly, Holland was invaded. The Nazis closed in and the Blumenthal family was captured.

So the Blumenthal family was forced to go to a concentration camp, not America. Mrs. Lazan recalls seeing a wagon of what looked like wood for their fires. But, after a closer look, she realized they were bodies of women, men, and children.

Soon, her family was sent to an extermination camp. But, on the ride there, Russian armies closed in on the train and saved them.

We interviewed Mrs. Lazan after her speech. She said at camp, she felt "fear. Always afraid."

Camp was cold and barren. Pebbles littered the floor. She made a game with these pebbles. She tried to find four "perfect" pebbles. Se convinced herself if she could find four pebbles exactly alike, her family would survive.

I think we can all learn from Mrs. Lazan. She is very, very brave to talk about the Holocaust. Always be brave, OP, and give thanks for freedom.



LUNCHROOM BEHAVIOR: By Gavin Smith, Daniel Rutland, & Reece Brown

We asked the lunch ladies 4 questions. The first question we asked them was: Do you have any kids that go here? Ms. Michele Burns, who runs the lunchroom, said her kids were Rheney and Robbie. Ms. Missy Malatesta has three kids whose names are Kinzley, Kailey, and Kelsey.

The 2nd question we asked them was: What is your favorite part of working here? Ms. Burns said "I like seeing the smiling faces of the kids." Ms. Malatesta said "I like seeing and feeding the kids." Ms. Paulette Knight told me to skip this one but I will

just say she liked everything. She was pretty funny!

The 3rd question we asked them was: Do you think kids should listen more in the lunchroom? Ms. Burns said most kids that come to her listen but some kids don't listen very well. Ms. Malatesta said the kids need to say "Yes ma'am" and "yes sir." She also said the kids need to be more respectful when talking to them.

The 4th question we asked them was: Do you think the kids should change their behavior? Ms. Burns said to be clean and

tidy. Ms. Malatesta said be respectful and also treat other people how you would like to be treated. Ms. Knight said speak when spoken to.



Picture by Chrysanthé Greene

Bullying By Kylie Bolen, Harris Holstein, and Grayson Bowers

We asked Mrs. Pascoe why would she like to end bullying. She replied, "it hurts other people and it's just not nice at all." Then we asked her if she ever experienced anyone being bullied. She said, yes. It hurt her just watching it.

Then we asked our sub Ms. Visotski if she could make a

poster about bullying, what would it say. She said she would use a lot of positive words. She said it would say "bullies are despicable" with a minion on it!

We think it is awesome that we do Indian feathers because it motivates people to be the Indian of the day and helps them use respect.

Tips for dealing with Bullies

Written by Harris & Grayson

1. If you are bullied, walk away and tell the closest adult.
2. Say nice words back to try to calm them down
3. Don't try to handle it yourself.
4. Always have someone help you – a teacher, friend, or both.
5. Be nice, no matter what.

Camp St. Christopher: By Averil Evans

Last month, the fifth grade went to Camp St. Christopher. It was really fun. These are some of the things we experienced.

Cabins: The cabins were kind of small but still roomy. Living in our cabins for 3 days was really fun for 2 reasons. 1. You get to live with your friends. 2. You get to play with your bunkmates at really any time. It was a great bonding experience for me and my bunkmates because we became really close.

Counselors: The camp counselors were really nice to us. They taught us many things about fish, reptiles, amphibians, ecosystems, and a lot of other stuff. We had a lot of fun doing all of our activities with them.

Mud Pit: The mud pit was really fun...and really cold. Everyone got really muddy and dirty.

After the mud pit we rinsed off in the ocean (#freezing) and hosed off in the outside showers.

Food: The food was very good. There was always a salad bar if you didn't like what they were having though. There was also always a wait person (server) and bus person (cleaner upper) for every meal (lunch, breakfast, dinner). There were also always vegetarian choices of food.

Beach: The camp was right on the beach. We got to see horseshoe crab shells, dead jelly fish, seastars, and seashells.

Activities and Classes: Our classes were very fun and very

educational. We learned a lot in each and every class we had. We learned about ecosystems, currents, and tides. We also had many activities (mostly at night). We had a bonfire with dancing and a talent show with games. They were both really fun and it was good because you would work up an appetite and then go and have a snack at the dining hall.

Overall, everything was amazing. personally think that that was a once in a lifetime experience. To you fourth graders, you have a lot to look forward to next year. You will have a great time at Camp St. Christopher and experience all the things we did and maybe even more. Thanks for reading.



Halloween at OPS: By Kate Boland, Emory Myers, & McKenzie Brown

OPS has a spooky story about their Halloween. At OPS this Halloween was crazy. People were talking about what they were going to be and what candy they wanted to get.

People were very creative with their costumes. Some kids even made their own. We asked some kids a few questions.

Some people said they liked candy. Chrysanthe Greene said, "I like Kit-Kats because they are crunchy."

Some other people said chocolate or M&Ms were their

favorite.

We also asked teachers what they thought of Halloween. Mrs. Ruff said, "I think it is fun and magical!" Mrs. Bozard said she likes to see the kid's costumes.

We asked Morgan Garrick what she was for Halloween. She said, "a sock hop dancer."

Also, we asked Brynley Pantaleon and Hannah Lambrecht if they liked

Halloween. They both said, "YES."

Brynley said yes because of the candy, and Hannah said yes because it is fun.

Halloween this year was a crazy Halloween but we bet it will be even crazier next year!

Seniors at upper campus dressed up on Halloween. The spooky Halloween this year wasn't as scary as it will be next year.

Photo Album: 2nd grade field trips

If you have cool photos to share from your class, email them to Ms. O'Donnell!



Question of the week: What would you add to the playground?

Hailey Phillips: bigger slide

Fajer Alawad: swings

Suzanna Fender: swings

Carlie Phillips: more monkey bars

Mrs. Boland: swings

Mrs. Ruff: seesaw and a spray park

Zoe Wingard: balloons

Naomi McCutchen: swings

Morgan Garrick: tire swing

Mr. Ellis: swimming pool, cotton candy machine, ping pong table, and a petting zoo

Emily Hughes: big playset with lots of swings

