

LOWER CAMPUS LIFE

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Feature Teacher: Mrs. Braxton

"I love children," says Mrs. Braxton, who was chosen for this week's "feature teacher." As Mrs. Braxton said, she loves children very much! That's why she helps them celebrate Christmas at school.

Mrs. Braxton's 2nd grade class celebrates Christmas by reading Christmas stories, decorating, and having a Christmas party!

She also helps them learn things such as "subtraction with regrouping, chain operations, and every kind of verb," Mrs. Braxton says.

She thinks it is important for

students to learn to write in cursive "so they can write their signature." Mrs. Braxton can write faster in cursive.

Other OPS teachers and staff like Mrs. Braxton because:

"She always has a smile on her face," Mr. Ellis said.

"She was a wonderful teacher to my son," Mrs. Fogle said.

Ms. Hughes likes "how much she loves her students."

"Her energy," Mrs. Tant said.

"Her smile," said Mrs. Creech.

Mrs. Braxton is a great teacher because of all her many qualities!

By Carrie Ann Martin & Morgan Garrick
Pictures by Chrysanthé Greene



Football Favorites

By Anna Katherine Evatt & Kylee Bonnett

This week, we asked kids and teachers what their favorite football team is. We got many different answers.

We went down to the office to ask Nurse Beth Kuck and her daughter Anna Kate Kuck what their favorite football team was. Nurse Beth said, "Clemson Tigers" and Anna Kate said, with excitement, "Tigers!"

We asked Ms. Tant, she said that she liked the Miami Dolphins. Then we went to Mrs. Hiers room. She said that she went for the Carolina Panthers.

We asked Emily Hughes, who is in the 5th grade, she said that she went for Clemson and Carolina. But she said that she still liked Clemson a little bit better.

Ramsey Albergotti, said "Carolina, Carolina, Carolina!!!"

Ms. Patterson said, "Gamecocks!" Mrs. Chandler said, "Gamecocks!"

Thank you to everyone who answered our question!

Question of the Week: By McKenzie Brown & Kate Boland

What would you rather have on Fridays, instead of pizza?

(5th) Ethan Williams: Steak

(3rd) Hannah Lambrecht: Spaghetti

(2nd) Riley Brown: Fried Chicken

(2nd) Ryan Tool: Fried Chicken

(5th) Reece Brown: Tacos

(5th) Emily Hughes: Mac 'N Cheese

(5th) CarrieAnn Martin: Sour Gummy Worms

(5th) John Colston Strickland: Japanese food

Wet or Dry: Should OPS get hand dryers or stay with paper towels? **By Chrysanthé Greene**

I am writing about if the school should use hand dryers or paper towels.

I asked Nurse Beth if she thinks the school should get hand dryers. She said "no, because they harbor bacteria." She said that "paper towels do the job more

efficiently, and hand dryers do not dry the skin surface."

I interviewed Ms. Creech. I asked her if the school should get hand dryers or stay with paper towels. She said "paper towels because they are a renewable resource,

and not hand dryers because they use energy." She said that the kids at public schools use the hand dryers as a heater.

How about you? Which one do you think OP should use?

What do you like most about OPS? **By Gavin Smith & Thomas Fogle**

We asked 6 teachers and 2 students what they like best about OPS.

First, we asked Mrs. Patterson what she liked most. She replied "I like the children." She also said "I like the teachers I work with." Last, she said "I like the sports and I think it's the best school in the state."

We then asked Mrs. Worrell. She said "I like the welcoming teachers and staff."

Next, we asked Mrs. Smith, she said "I like the family atmosphere." She told us she likes how the teachers look out for each other.

We next asked Mrs. Braxton. She said, "We are all like a

big family."

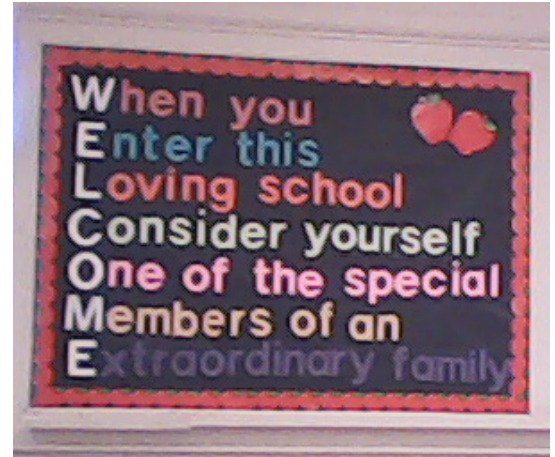
Then, we asked Mrs. Gleaton, she also said she likes how we are a big family.

Next, we asked Ms. Hughes, the principal, what she liked. She said she likes, "All the nice people here."

We asked students next.

Avery Tucker, a fifth grader, says she likes the playground.

We asked Luke Davis, a second grader, after the previous



Picture by Kate Boland & McKenzie Brown

He responded saying "We have a lot of kids in our class." Overall, OP is a great place to be.

Class Pets **Articles & pictures by Carrie Ann**

Almost everyone has a pet at home. Well, some teachers have their pets at school!

Mrs. Bair, 3rd grade teacher, has 1 class pet. He is a guinea pig named Timothy.

"He tends to bring some calm to the classroom," Mrs. Bair proudly exclaimed. "They are good pets to



have."

Mrs. Bair also says she likes having him because some parents won't let their kids have pets at home.

At the beginning of the year, Mrs. Bair always checks to make sure no student has a guinea pig allergy.

1st grade teacher, Mrs. Bozard, has 4 class pets. They are 2 hermit crabs, a beta fish, and a guinea pig.

Mrs. Bozard and her class have placed a



Mrs. Bozard's hermit crab

bird feeder outside their classroom window. "We're hoping to attract birds," says Mrs. Bozard.

Sarah Beth Fogle, one of Mrs. Bozard's students, likes "All of them!"

What do you like most about your teachers? By Grayson Bowers, Ethan Williams, & Daniel Rutland

We asked some students what they like most about their teacher.

First we asked the 2nd graders. Campbell Bowers said that he liked Mrs. Boland because she gives out candy.

Then we asked Ben Boland and he said that he likes Mrs. Bozard because she is very nice.

After Ben, we asked Eli Waystack and he said

that he likes Mrs. Boland because she is nice.

After that we asked Sydney Patterson and she said that Mrs. Hoffman is very nice.

Then we asked Lily Felkel and she says that she likes Mrs. Watts because she lets them "shoot" for candy.

Finally we asked Conner Funchess and he likes Mrs. Fogle because she lets us watch movies.



Picture by Chrysanthé Greene

Classroom Distractions By Carrie Ann Martin & Morgan Garrick

There are many distractions in an elementary school classroom. Do you know what any of those distractions happen to be?

Fifth grade teacher Mrs. Sanders said that she thinks "other kids, talking, gadgets" distract her students.

Some OPS students shared what distracts them

in class.

Dev Patel, from fifth grade, said "talking."

"Random noises," said fifth grade student Kate Boland.

"Thinking of my plans for the rest of my day," distracts fifth grader Ramsey Albergotti.

Other classmates distract Kai Yang.



Picture by Kate Boland & McKenzie Brown

How do you celebrate New Year's? By Kate Boland & McKenzie Brown

We asked some kids what they do for New Years.

Some kids said "having fun" like Zoe Hutto in 2nd grade.

New Years is awesome because you can have parties, stay up to see the ball drop, or even shoot fireworks!

Other people might eat something that might give

them good luck or money the next year!

There is a saying that if you eat black eyed peas and turnip greens the night before New Year's you will get good luck and money depending on how much you eat those two!

A lot of kids said fireworks.

(2nd)Campbell Bowers-"sparklers"

(2nd)Elizabeth Bair-"fireworks"

(2nd)Emma Cuttino-"shot fireworks"

One student named Anderson Fogle in 2nd grade said "a party." All of these answers were amazing too!

We hope that everyone had a great New Year's and good luck on your resolution too!

New Year's Resolutions By Avery Tucker, Kylie Bolen, & Reece Brown

Ms. Tant- "Help others more"

Mrs. Smith- "Recommit my life to read my bible more"

Sarah Beth Fogle- "Help Mrs. Bozard"

Mrs. Hiers- "Don't get so stressed out about things"

Averi Evans-"Stop breaking things"

Reece Brown- "To find a unicorn"

Ms. Hoffman- "Eat healthy and exercise more"

Ella Evans- "Stop being mean to my sister"

Jacob Fogle-"Help Mr. Nibbles" [a guinea pig]