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Owls Go to the News

The Olmsted Media Club would like to wish a happy 2024 to the Olmsted community! Thank you for supporting us on the first three editions of the newsletter. Your ever-growing support keeps us motivated and helps us put out the best work possible. If you are interested in submitting artwork, photos, or stories to the Owl's Perch, please contact us!

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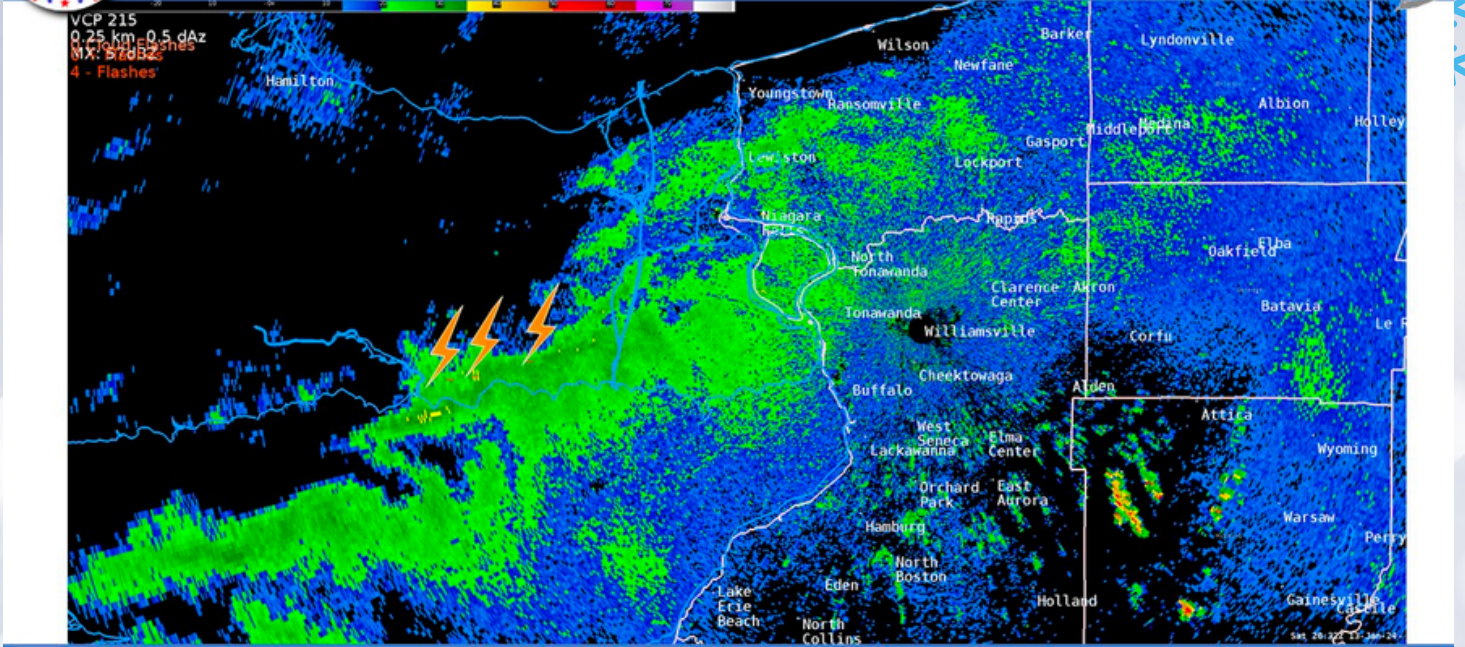
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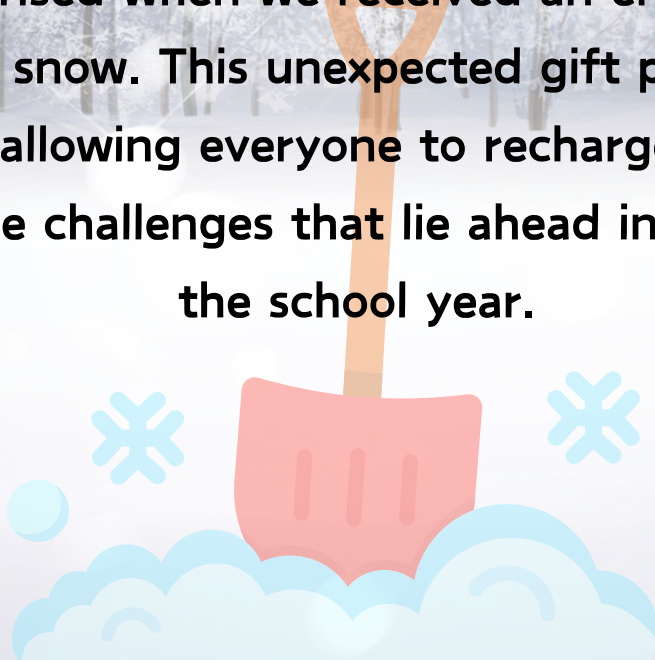
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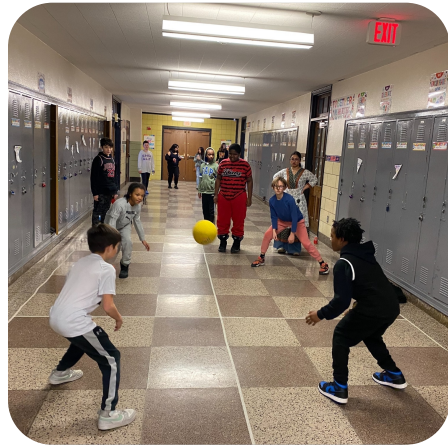


SUDDEN SNOW BREAK

Following a lackluster winter, both students and teachers were pleasantly surprised when we received an entire week off due to the sudden snow. This unexpected gift provided a much-needed break, allowing everyone to recharge their spirits and be ready for the challenges that lie ahead in the remainder of the school year.



Winter Carnival



While the high school was away for Regents Week, the middle school was organizing its own event! On the last Friday of the month, Olmsted held its annual Winter Carnival for our middle schoolers. Students enjoyed a break from schoolwork with some food and games.



Mr. Benson by Nafisa Islam

What do you like about Olmsted? Most of the students are very nice and I enjoy being around them.

What's your favorite color? Blue.

How long have you been teaching? 30 years.

Do you like candy? Sometimes, but not all the time.

What is your favorite holiday? It used to be Christmas, but now it's Easter.

What is the weirdest Halloween costume you have ever worn? I dressed up as my friend.

What is your favorite book? I really don't enjoy reading, so it's hard to say. Do books with a lot of pictures count?

What is one of your hidden talents? I was very athletic, but I don't get to use it very much anymore. I also like building and designing things.

How do you spend your summer breaks? At my beach house on Lake Erie.

What song do you know all the lyrics to? I have a terrible memory for things like that.....don't know if I know all the words to any song.

If you could grow up in any decade, which would you choose? I grew up in the 70's and 80's and that was a good time to be a kid. I don't think I'd change anything.

What are your must-have smartphone apps? Definitely, Tik Tok and Snapchat....just kidding. I really don't have one I use a lot, other than YouTube.

What is your dream vacation? I've traveled a lot, but I've always wanted to go on a transatlantic cruise on the Queen Mary 2.

If you won the lottery and decided to give up teaching, what would you do instead? Sounds strange, but probably open a construction company.

What makes a 'good day' at school? Being around students, especially the 5th graders. Don't tell them because I don't want them to think I like them.

If you could pass on any wisdom to your students, what would you share? If there is something you want to learn, try doing it even if you fail. The best teacher in life is failure. Don't be afraid to be a failure.

What kind of driver were you when you first got your license? An awesome driver, even though I failed my first road test. Obviously, the man giving the road test didn't know what he was doing.

What advice would you give us kids growing up? Try not to get addicted to social media and your phone. Go outside and enjoy nature and spending time with friends. Get involved. If you don't come home dirty and sweaty you didn't enjoy yourself enough.

Twenty or so
Questions



ZEKE HITS 1000 POINTS!

We would like to congratulate Olmsted's Ezekiel Alexander on scoring his thousandth point!



AMAZING!





AP Psychology

Flour Baby Project

Students in Mrs. Henrikson's AP Psychology participated in the old Olmsted tradition of the baby project, with a twist. This year instead of an egg, students made flour babies and learned how challenging being a parent really is.



Let's Go!

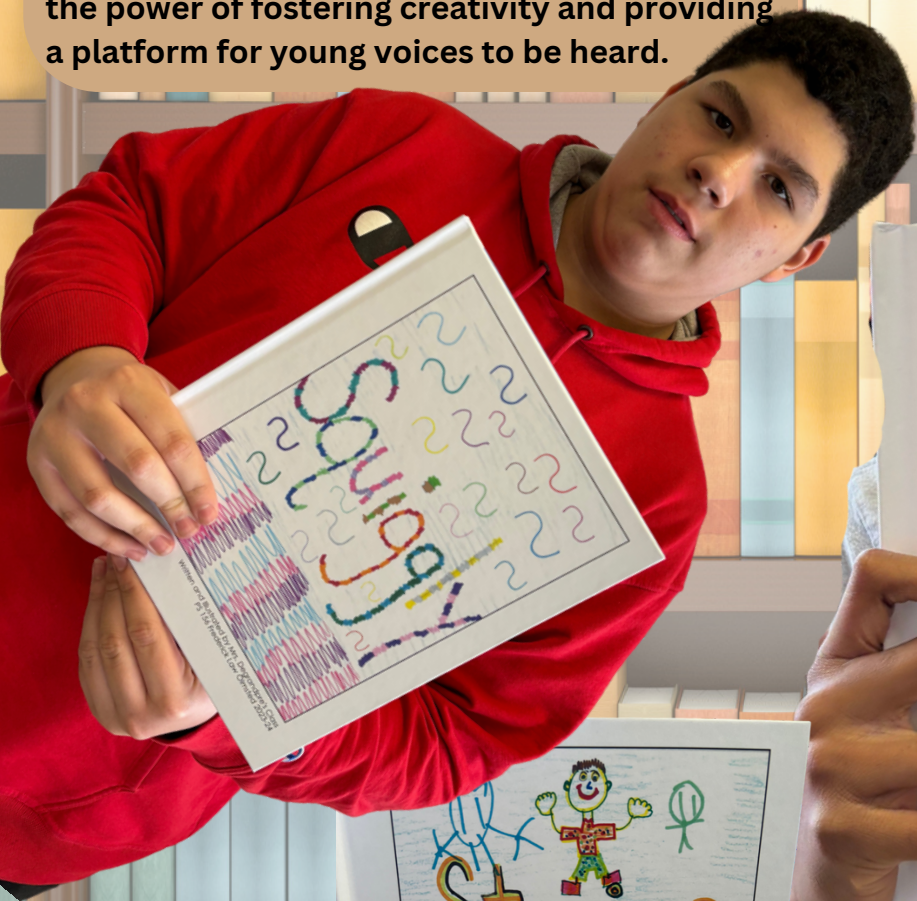
Create



Ms. Roman's 7th grade class created these monochromatic color schemes. The colors were all derived from a single base hue, with tints made by adding white, a darker color, gray, or black. These wonderful paintings really show that our owls' creativity is in full bloom.

We're Published Authors!

Students at Mrs. de Grandpre's Olmsted School class turned their heartfelt journal entries into published hardcover books! Partnering with Student Treasure Publishing, these young authors not only saw their stories and poems in print, but also showcased their artistic talents with self-made illustrations. This project celebrated their literary achievements and artistic expression, proving the power of fostering creativity and providing a platform for young voices to be heard.



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CLRI
fieldtrip



Lorna C. Hill Speaking Contest 2024

On February 29, 2024, a group of students accompanied Mrs. Jenkins, the school's CLRI Guardian of Equity, to the 3rd annual Lorna C. Hill Competition. Scholars from across the Buffalo Public Schools showcased their skills delivering dramatic monologues. Olmsted was well-represented by senior Abu Jallow, who with only a short preparation time, delivered a moving and emotionally charged monologue performance. Adnan Hossain, a skilled photographer and videographer, captured the essence of the event through his lens.





Mr. Crump's
STREET LAW

SPEAKERS SERIES

RYLAN RAWLINS, ESQ.

Corporate Lawyer



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On February 2nd, Mr. Crump's Street Law class hosted a talk by Mr. Rylan Rawlins, a seasoned corporate lawyer with over two decades of experience. Currently leading legal matters at local giant Delaware North, Mr. Rawlins shared his diverse career journey, from banking and finance to business procurement. He offered valuable insights into the fast-paced world of corporate law, emphasizing essential skills like communication and adaptability. Aspiring lawyers in the class gained valuable career advice and discovered the diverse paths within the legal field.

Mr. Rawlins' visit went beyond legalities, igniting passion and motivation in our class. He encouraged pursuing legal aspirations, highlighting the impact hard work can have. We're grateful for his expertise and inspiration! Mr. Rawlins is the parent of ninth grader, Lila Rawlins. She and her friends were able to attend the talk and the reception afterwards.

Trustworthy Teachers

PHOTOS WITH TRUSTY TEACHERS - BY TARYN BEEKS



February

SPIRIT WEEK





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Talent Show



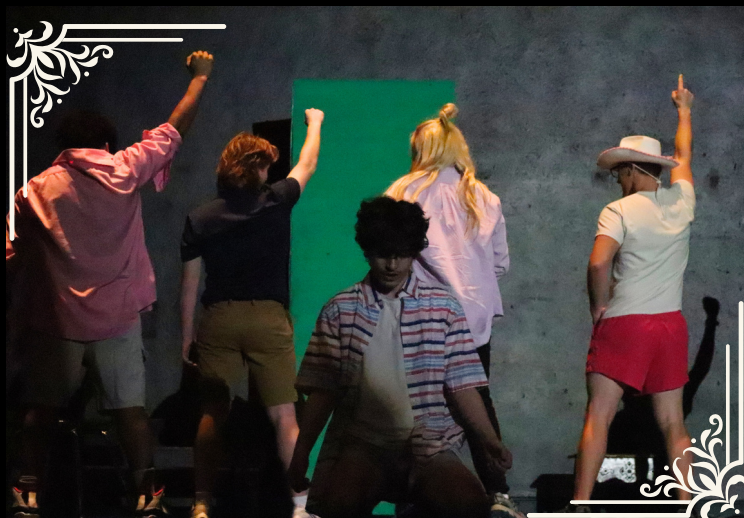
For the second consecutive year, Olmsted hosted its annual talent show, which showcased an array of exceptional acts performed by our talented students. The event was a success with a display of remarkable skills creating an unforgettable and enjoyable experience for all. The full show will be uploaded by Adnan Hossain in the following days.

Here are some of the highlights from the show:



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Senior's Show:



Congratulations to the top 3!



#1. Divine Wakenge



#2. Julieana Williams



#3. John Goss

Thank you for your support and we hope to continue this tradition!

Olmsted #156 Unbound Heroes' Parkside Candy Sale

Feb 26th - March 18th, 2024

Shop, Pay and Share online! Share the link with family and friends.

[Order by March 18th](#) 

Orders can be:

- sent home with student (Place students name in "ORDER NOTES" box of billing page)
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Last week, the Olmsted Cinematography Crew made headlines on Channel 2 News, shining a spotlight on their involvement in the cinema program and its notable achievements. They proudly presented their newfound creative outlet and reflected on the growth it has brought them. Go Owls!

