

SHARK TALES

Message from the Principal, Mrs. Axson



Red Ribbon Week Spirit Week is next week!

For this special week, students can participate by wearing special attire each day to show their support for being drug-free!

There will be a kick off movie at the Ocala Drive-In on Oct. 24th starting at 5:30.

Monday, Oct. 27th- Wear Hawaiian or tropical wear

Tuesday, Oct. 28th- Wear your tackiest clothes

Wednesday, Oct. 29th- Wear your pajamas

Thursday, Oct. 30th - Wear western or law enforcement attire
no weapons allowed

Friday, Oct. 31st - Wear your costumes- no masks or weapons

Please see the attached flyer for more information!

WALL OF FAME

Wall of Fame Word: GRATITUDE

Carter - Gianna Taylor

Maldonado - Mazie Lewis

Booe- Alphonso Pender

Montanez - Cayden Clarkson

Amerling - Leilani Samuels

Dillingham - Abraham Betancourt

Dube - Mason Knotts

Kucharek - Waylon Lindstam

Crawford - Landon Scott-Patterson

Moon- Aubree Carver

Egert - Ian Roman-Velazquez

Fish - Luka Fry



Report Card Conferences are happening now!

For our first and third report cards, we require parents to meet with their child's teacher to discuss not only their grades, but their academic strengths and weaknesses as well. Parents can hold these conferences in person, via a phone call, or virtually. Please contact your child's teacher to set up a conference time.

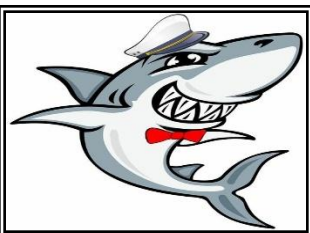


National School Lunch \$50.00 Gift Card

Winner:
Kinsley Lee



As the holidays are approaching, and with the current economic struggles currently happening, please reach out to Mrs. Axson, Ms. Wells, or your child's teacher if you need holiday food assistance. Please see the information from Interfaith Emergency Services on pages 9 and 10 of the newsletter for additional services that are offered. As always, the information will remain confidential.



NEWSLETTER!



Mr. Roy from FANS came out and laid down our weed barrier for our garden. Next up, soil, and planting our seeds!



Since we just finished Qt. 1, we want to celebrate all of our PERFECT ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

Jayden Alfred
Sadie Allen
Jordan Chesser
Hazel Day
Tommy Dejager
Alexa Diaz Perez
Caleb Fish
Myla Harris
Logan Jameson-Torres
Miles Jones
Virgil Linnell
Sofia Mercado
Ian Rogers
Andre Samaroo
Hayden Scott
Odin Taylor
Penelope Trahan
Isaiah Woolbright
Isabelle Zegheru

Lailiana Alfred
Avy Alva
Desmond Curry
Isabella Day
Mariah DeJesus
Lillyanne Duesling
Jackson Godwin
Rukhsara Ismail
Alexandre Javier
Kinsley Lee
Lily Lovely
Adabelle Robinson
Arshad Samad
Declan Scott
Gianna Taylor
Olivia Trahan
Cameron Wimmers
Easton Wooten

CONGRATULATIONS!

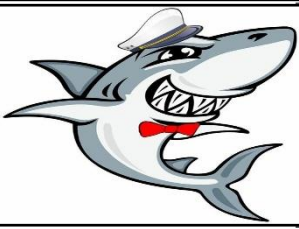


Upcoming Field Trips:

November 7th - Kindergarten through 3rd grade to Ocali Days! (Chaperones are needed; however, spaces are limited, so please get with your child's teacher! 😊)

Please make sure that you have completed the Volunteer Background screening process through Raptor so that you can chaperone on field trips and volunteer for field day.

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MTE2NTplbi1VUw>



NEWSLETTER!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Please remember to keep your child at home if they are not feeling well. If your child has a fever, diarrhea, or are throwing up, they **MUST** be symptom free for 24 hours **WITHOUT** the aide of medicine before they can return to school.

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Tammy in the front office at 687-2100.

RESILIENCY SKILL OF THE MONTH:

HONESTY

Honesty is being truthful in your words and actions, meaning you say and do things that are true and fair. It's also about being someone other people can trust and rely on, like keeping promises and sharing information with adults. Being honest isn't just about not lying; it means being open and clear in your thoughts and behavior.

Check out this short video about being honest.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aO6xcrJbLI0>

A great story to read to your child about honesty is "The Empty Pot!". Click on the link to hear the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnOb63ftWGc>

Resiliency Skills

The State of Florida has implemented resiliency skills and standards throughout all grade levels. These skills are intentionally designed to impart the value of resiliency in early grades, such as volunteerism, responsibility, and goal setting, and then support students as they demonstrate those concepts in higher grades. The standards embed concepts of civic responsibility through citizenship and mentorship to not only help students understand the value of these ideas but to actively engage in activities and exercises that will prepare them to be upstanding, responsible citizens.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

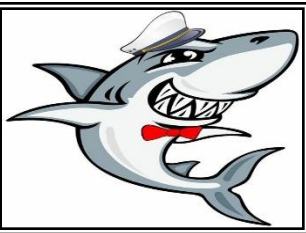
BE HERE! ON TIME! EVERY DAY! ALL DAY!

Our school mascot, Captain Clark the Shark will be visiting classrooms with the best attendance in the school each week! Ms. Wells will also be giving out \$5 Shark Bucks every day to a student in each grade level if they were here on time.

This Week's Winner: Mrs. Kucharek's Class



Text-A-Tip Hotline
352-877-2838



NEWSLETTER!

Fl♥rida KidCare

Florida KidCare offers high-quality, income-based health insurance just for kids. Costs are based on a child's age, household size and adjusted gross annual income. Many families pay just \$15 or \$20 a month to cover all qualifying children in the household. Our simple, free application makes it easy to apply online through the Florida KidCare Parent Portal or call 1-888-540-5437 to request a paper application. Enrollment is open year-round, so the best time to apply is always now! <https://www.floridakidcare.org>



We are starting our food drive that will benefit Interfaith Emergency Services on Monday, November 3rd, and it will last until November 14th. Please see the attached list of some items that are greatly needed. The class with the most items will earn a pizza party! Please let us know if you have any questions.

Student Handbook

Please take time to read our Student Handbook located under the PARENTS section on our school website at:

www.marioncharter.org

Important Dates:

October 24th - RED RIBBON Kick-Off

October 27th-31st - RED RIBBON WEEK! See information at the end of the newsletter

November 2nd - Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 7th - Kdg.-3rd Grade field trip to Ocala Days

November 12th - EARLY RELEASE for Marion Charter School

INFORMATION HIGHWAY -

PARENTS, WE WANT TO KEEP YOU INFORMED. SCHOOL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON:

www.marioncharter.org

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
CONNECT TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS
DOJO



Just a reminder that NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES are allowed in the classrooms per our school policy. Children must turn in their phones and/or Smart watches in the office for safe keeping and at the end of the day, they may come pick them up at carline time.



November 3rd-14th



MCS Community Drive for **Needed Food Items**

Canned Vegetables and Fruit
Peanut Butter (plastic containers best)
Jelly or Jam (plastic containers best)
Canned Meats (tuna, chicken)
Canned Soup
Spaghetti Sauce (like: Hunts 26 oz can)

Macaroni and Cheese
Cereal and Oatmeal
Canned Beans
Pasta and Rice
Coffee or Tea

Needed Hygiene Items

Shampoo & Conditioner
Deodorant
Feminine Products (pads)
Diapers – all sizes
Tooth paste
Razors & Shaving Cream

Bar soap
Toilet paper
Combs
Baby wipes
Tooth brush

Needed Food 4 Kids Items

Macaroni and Cheese (boxed)
Instant Oatmeal (single serve)
Ramen Dry Noodle Soup packets
Snack Bars (cereal bars, granola bars, etc.)
Crackers (filled with peanut butter or cheese)
Canned Pasta, (Spaghetios, Ravioli, Beefaroni, etc.)
Canned Meat (tuna, Vienna sausages, chicken, etc.)
Snacks (pretzels, cookies, raisins – all single servings)
Peanut Butter & Jelly (separate, plastic containers)

Fruit Cups (lunch box size)
Pop Tarts
Pudding Cups (lunch box size)

Note: please no candy



MCS Lunch Menu - October 2025



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Daily Milk Choices:</i> <i>White 1% Milk</i> <i>Chocolate FF Milk</i>	29 Chicken Mac. & Cheese Bowl; Breadstick Roasted Carrots Homemade Pickles Fresh Fruit	30 Walking Tacos Cheddar Dip Fiesta Beans Mixed Vegetables Fresh Fruit	1 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Breadstick Mixed Vegetables Green Beans Fresh Fruit	2 Chicken & Rice Roll Black Beans Roasted Broccoli Fresh Fruit	3 Pizza Mixed Vegetables Crunchy Carrots Fresh Fruit Fruit Juice
<i>*Menu options are subject to change without notice*</i>	6 Chicken Drumstick Biscuit Mashed Potatoes Sweet Peas Fresh Fruit Juice	7 Walking Tacos Cheddar Dip Fiesta Beans Mixed Vegetables Fresh Fruit	8 Chicken Quesadilla Breadstick Mixed Vegetables Roasted Carrots Fresh Fruit	9 Orange Chicken with Noodles, Roll Cucumber & Tomato Roasted Broccoli Fruit Cup	10 Chicken Tenders Roll Crunchy Carrots Green Beans Fresh Fruit Fruit Juice
	13 Chicken Empanada Potato Smiles Roasted Broccoli Fresh Fruit Juice	14 Bosco Cheese Stick Side Salad Homemade Pickles Fresh Fruit Fruit Juice	15 Cheeseburger Crunchy Carrots Roasted Broccoli Fresh Fruit	16 Cheese Pizza French Fries Sweet Peas Fruit Cup	17 NO SCHOOL! Teacher <u>Work Day!</u>
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An illustration for a movie night event. It features a red sign with yellow lights around the border that says "Red Ribbon KICK OFF" in white cursive and bold fonts. To the right of the sign is a movie screen showing a large number "3". In front of the screen are two large soda cups, one blue and one red, both with straws. Next to them is a large bucket of yellow popcorn with red and white stripes. A pair of blue 3D glasses and a red megaphone are also visible.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

GATES AT 5:30 | MOVIES BEGIN AT DUSK

**JOIN US FOR A FREE MOVIE NIGHT
TO KICK OFF RED RIBBON WEEK!
4 MOVIES & FUN ACTIVITIES - ALL FREE!**

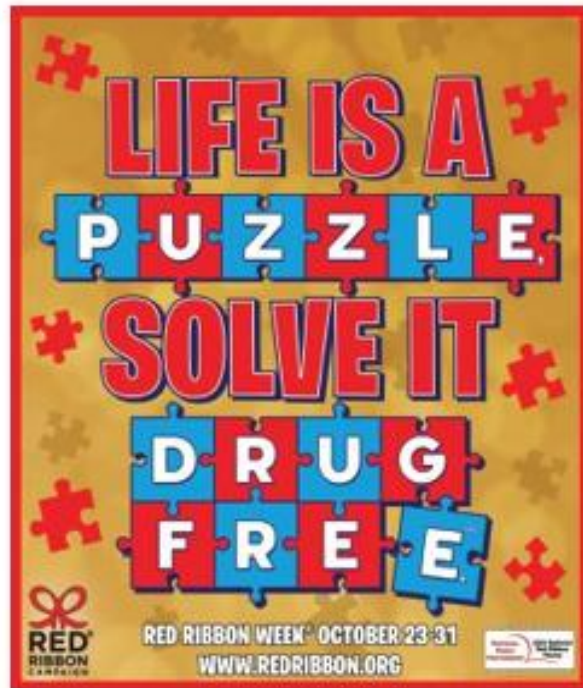
at the Ocala Drive-In
4850 S PINE AVE | OCALA, FL

Two logos are displayed at the bottom. On the left is the Ocala Children's Alliance logo, which is a green circle with a white border containing the text "OCALA CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE" and "TOGETHER". On the right is the CCASA logo, which features a blue house icon with the text "CCASA" and "Community Councils Against Substance Abuse" below it.

Please have your child come give me the code word Red Ribbon to earn something special AS SOON AS THEY GET HERE. 😊 Don't tell others, as it is a secret to see if they are reading the newsletter.

RED RIBBON WEEK 2025

October 27th-31st



Marion Charter School will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week with Spirit Days beginning Monday, October 27th:

Monday, Oct. 27: “Lei Off of Drugs” Wear a Lei and/or Tropical Attire

Tuesday, Oct. 28: “Drugs are out of style.” Wear your tackiest clothes

Wednesday, Oct. 29 (Early Release): “You snooze, you lose.” Wear your pajamas

Thursday, Oct. 30: “Outlaw Drugs” Wear Western or Law Enforcement Clothes (no weapons)

Friday, Oct. 31: “Characters Don’t Do Drugs!” **WEAR A COSTUME** for our Character Parade (begins outside at 9:00 if weather permits). *No scary costumes, masks, or make-up. No weapons. Please dress for school safety and appropriateness.*

Our classrooms will have a door decoration contest for RRW! There will be one winning class from K-2 and one from 3rd-5th. The winning classrooms will get to celebrate with Popcorn and a Movie! *A special thanks goes out to Ocala’s Best Aftercare Program for judging and contributing to our school!

Students will have fun learning activities provided by teachers and Ms. Wells, School Counselor. They will also be able to sign the Red Ribbon Week Pledge!

For more information and resources, please go to www.redribbon.org



<https://www.iesmarion.org/ourprograms>

Interfaith provides a wide array of services. All services are based upon availability of resources and volunteer staffing. Hours may change due to severe weather or other unforeseen circumstances. If you have further questions, please contact our helpdesk at (352) 629-8868.

Our goal is simple – to help as many people in the community as we can.

Essential Services

Hours: Monday - Friday, from 9:00am – 11:30am and 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

Location: 421 NW 1st Street, Ocala.

Required for Services: You will need to bring proper identification including a photo ID. We will provide one-time service for those lacking requested documentation.

Food Assistance is available to each household one time per month as a supplement for those needing assistance with groceries. As the majority of food is received by Interfaith as a donation, we cannot guarantee specific food items. We also provide food assistance with other community partners at Fellowship, Dunnellon and Marion Oaks. For information about these pantries, please call our office.

Hygiene items such as soap, deodorant and other essentials are provided when available.

Reading Glasses are made possible through a partnership with the Lions Club, upon availability.

Identification Cards are provided for those that have recently moved to the area from out of state or county. This program is made possible through a partnership with our local Tax Collector's Office. Required documentation varies, please call for more information.

Gas Cards for medical appointments at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, as available. In rare circumstances this program also helps people get to other hospitals around the state for specialized care or critical medical procedures.

Work Boots for Jobs are provided in partnership with local employment agencies, for those needing work boots or non-skid shoes required for gainful employment. Requires letter from employer (on letterhead) with need of specialized footwear.

Boutique and Shower Ministries

Location: 435 NW 2nd Street, Ocala.

Required for Services: none

Free Clothing Boutique is open throughout the week for those in need.

Hours: Monday - Friday, from 9:00am – 11:30am and 1:00pm – 3:30pm.

Shower Ministry For those experiencing homelessness, our shower ministry includes a hot shower, towel, and hygiene items as available, as well as clothing from the Boutique.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Center for Life Services

Hours: Monday - Friday, from 9:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

Location: 108 N Pine Avenue, Ocala.

Required for Services: Photo Identification. Other documentation may be requested as needed.

The Center for Life exists to meet the urgent healthcare needs of those without insurance or enough income to afford professional care.

The Prescription Assistance Program provides assistance with prescription medications and primary care visits. Funding for this program is provided in partnership with the Marion County Hospital District and proceeds from the Interfaith Thrift Store.

Patient Assistance Program aids with applications to pharmaceutical companies that provide medications directly to clients at no cost to them. Only available from participating manufacturers and with physician assistance.

Mental Health Counseling provided free of charge to clients without health insurance, trauma-informed mental health services by a Licensed Mental Health Counselor who is also a Certified Clinical Trauma Specialist. This program provides hours of professional counseling to individuals who otherwise would not have access to this critical service. Services are contingent on work-load capacity of our therapist.

Charley's Garden is a special place where parents can memorialize children that were lost before birth due to abortion or natural causes. This space is created to promote spiritual and emotional healing. For more information or to memorialize a child, call 352-629-8868.

Clinic Services

Through partnerships with Hope Clinic and the FreeDOM Clinic, clients can receive free medical, vision and dental services.

Hope Clinic (Medical): for an appointment, please call (352) 629-8868.

Freedom Dental and Vision: appointments are made at www.freedomclinicusa.org.

Housing Programs

Addressing housing insecurity and ending homelessness one person at a time through supportive housing options with wrap-around services: **Interfaith Duplex** offers housing to single women who were previously sheltered in our emergency homeless shelter and who also suffer with a disabling condition.

Grace Way Apartments in partnership with Marion County Community Services, with the support of our County Commissioners, this program offers two types of housing assistance:

Support Housing: provides 5 units and staff support to end homelessness for individuals who are experiencing chronic homelessness with a disabling condition.

Low Income Housing provides 8 units for housing individuals and families with income at or below the 50% of the AMI for Marion County.

Engagement Center

Hours: Monday - Friday, from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

Location: 421 NW 1st Street, Ocala.

The focus of the Engagement Center will be to meet the individual needs of those experiencing homelessness through partnerships with other local agencies. Services focus on:

Obtaining identification documentation

Employment services in partnership with Career Source

Work related needs such as steel toe boots, uniforms, and non-skid shoes

Transportation services such as free bicycles or bus passes to medical appointments or job-related needs

Help finding affordable housing and connection to partner agencies that may be able to help with start-up costs

Social security services such as help filling out disability paperwork or initiating the disability claim

Referrals to partner agencies that provide mental health services or substance abuse recovery programs

Programs to develop soft skills for job preparedness

Literacy and GED services in partnership with the Marion County Literacy Council and Howard Academy.

Basic life skills

Shelter for People Experiencing Homelessness

Hours: Shelter staff are available daily 3:00pm – 9:00pm.

Applications Available: Monday - Friday, 9:00am – 11:30am and 1pm – 4:00pm.

Location: 435 NW 2nd Street, Ocala.

Required for Services: You will need to bring proper identification including a photo ID. Other documentation may be requested. Assistance is based on bed availability. Due to safety issues, we are not able to assist anyone in an active domestic violence situation. Please call the Domestic Abuse Hotline: 800-799-7233.

Our Shelter Program provides a safe haven and transitional services for women, single parents, and families experiencing homelessness. Residents are provided with all their basic needs while staying with us. We offer a three-month program for those seeking self-sufficiency and stability. This includes weekly case management meetings, budgeting, life-skills, mental health & trauma counseling, art therapy, bible study, parenting classes and goal setting. Our goal is to help individuals and families end their homelessness.

Food 4 Kids 'Backpack' Program

This program provides weekend meals to children at risk of hunger. Participants are referred by school personnel. Backpacks are filled with food for every child in the household and can include: canned meat, shelf-stable milk, peanut butter and jelly, soup, applesauce, oatmeal, pasta, etc.

Thanks to our donors and volunteers, we partner with nearly 40 schools in Marion County. The program can support up to 1,800 students, providing more than 200,000 meals each school year. Food 4 Kids makes a huge difference in the lives of children by enabling them to focus on learning instead of their hunger and keeping them healthy and nourished. A \$25 monthly donation will provide the food needed to fill a backpack for one child for the month.

For more information please go to: <https://www.iesmarion.org/ourprograms>

8 Habits of Healthy Kids[®]

Healthy kids:



Spend at least 1 hour a day being physically active

Spend less than 2 hours a day watching TV and playing video and computer games



Eat at least a total of 5 fruits and vegetables everyday

Snack on healthy foods and less junk food and sweets



Drink or eat at least 3 low fat dairy foods a day

Drink at least 2 glasses or bottles of water a day instead of soda



Eat less fast food and make healthier fast food choices

Eat smaller amounts - bigger is not better



How can I help my child **SUCCEED** in school?



Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Ask your children about school and encourage them to talk about their day.

Do not talk negatively about your child's teacher or school.

Read with your child **every** night.

Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.

Help your child with his/her homework **every** night.

Teach your children to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.