

## Highly Motivated Staff:



At OCE, all teachers meet the education guidelines for Florida. Many of our teachers have or are pursuing advanced degrees. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated instructional and support staff who are committed to meeting the educational needs of all our OCE students.

### “Our OCE Family”

**Teachers: 19**

**Staff: 47**

#### **\*Staff Includes:**

- \*Guidance Counselor
- \*Media Specialists
- \*AVID Educators
- \*STEM Educator
- \*Chorus Instructor
- \*Music Instructor
- \*Parent Liaison
- \*Reading & Math Coach

## OCE School Facts:

Grades Served: Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup>  
School Mascot: Tiger  
Colors: Blue and White  
Year Opened: 1964

### **School Day:**

\*7:30 am-2:15pm (M,T,Th & F)  
\*7:30 am-1:15pm (W)

### **Office Hours:**

\*7:30 am-3:30 pm (M-F)

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### **Principal:**

Margaret Talbert-Irving

### **Assistant Principal:**

Melanie Simmons



# Orange Center



# Elementary

### **Orange Center Elementary School Vision:**

We strive to be the top producer of successful elementary students in Orange County.

### **Orange Center Elementary School Mission:**

We will lead our students to success through rigorous academic and social emotional support with the involvement of families and the community.

- Faculty and staff induction
- Professional collegiality
- Curriculum fidelity
- Intense focus on student achievement in a safe learning and working environment.

## Curriculum:

In accordance with **State and District Standards, Orange Center Elementary** is a part of Orange County District Schools, abiding by the State of Florida and District protocol.

### Reading:

All grades K-5, are teaching the **State Standards** called **LAFS, Language Arts Florida Standards.** Students are expected to recognize the standard contained within the text being taught during their class. While stories/analogies are selected, the LAFS drives instruction not the Reading Series. All Orange Center Elementary students are receiving instruction on how to recognize the reading standard presented during their class by daily producing text evidence that cements their findings.

### Math:

Successful Orange Center math students:

- Know that practice makes perfect
- Understand that studying math= doing math
- Can explain their work
- Study, Study, Study their math facts

### Parental Involvement Program:

Here at Orange Center Elementary we understand the important role that parental involvement has on your child's success. The goal of the Parental Involvement Center is to foster positive relationships between families, school and the community by increasing the level of open communication and increasing the active participation of the families at the school. Research shows that increased parental involvement results in an increase in your child's academic performance.

## AVID:

A.V.I.D stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. AVID is embedded into all elementary classrooms, across entire grade levels. AVID Elementary is a foundational component of the AVID College Readiness System and supports AVID Center's mission to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

### AVID at Orange Center Elementary:

All OCE students have been given the tools needed to be successful AVID students. All the students should come to school daily with their AVID Star Binder. AVID is embedded in daily routines. Primary students focus on 7 Habits of Healthy Learning and job exploration. Our intermediate students work on AVID weekly articles that focus on WICOR skills and are working hard to reach their weekly goals. All OCE students are preparing to be career and college ready. You will find teachers and staff wearing their AVID shirts every Wednesday and supporting their college alma-mater every Friday.

### STEM Program:

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math have all come together to give us a bountiful STEM garden. The STEM garden has provided the students with many opportunities for learning. Intermediate students put their math and engineering skills to work as they worked out the area and perimeter of each garden bed and how best to use the space we had. Primary students have been able to learn about the life cycles of plants and insects first hand. Students have studied the effect of the sun on plants and learned about photosynthesis. Even healthy eating has become an interesting topic as they decided on the types of plants to put in the garden. These plants include lettuce, cabbage and collard. They even include the ingredients for pizza (tomatoes, peppers, oregano and basil) and fun herbs such as spearmint, peppermint, and even chocolate mint.

## Partners in Education and Business Sponsors

We are always looking for partners to help with student and staff incentives, Teach-In, supplies and much, much more. We appreciate all of the help our local businesses give our school.

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