

ORMS Newsletter April 19 – April 23, 2021

Dear ORMS Families,

I can't believe the 4th quarter is already underway. What an exciting and interesting year this has been so far. We would like to encourage all of our students to finish out the year strong with maintaining a focus on their academics. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns as the school year winds down.

Sincerely,
Janel Fosnot

Reminder:

Please send a clear plastic water bottle to school with your student each day!

Announcing this week's ORMS Achievement Raffle Winners:

Prisila T.
Jamie P.
Gavin S.
Caleb E.
Ryan C.
James T.

This raffle is to help ORMS students stay motivated and reward them for an outstanding work ethic.

Only those students who have handed in all assignments for the quarter in every academic and related arts class will be eligible to enter the raffle. Every Friday, we will raffle off a \$10 gift card per team. We will also raffle off one - \$25 gift card per grade at the end of the quarter. If a student wins a weekly prize, they will still be eligible for the end-of-quarter raffle. We will contact the families of any virtual students who win the raffles so that they can pick up and sign for the gift cards.

Calendar Information

Monday, April 19

B Day

Tuesday, April 20

A Day

Wednesday, April 21

B Day - All Virtual

Thursday, April 22

A Day

Friday, April 23

B Day

Upcoming Dates/Reminders

Monday, May 31

Schools/Offices Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 15

Last day of school for students

Fundraiser – Furnace Hills Coffee from Westminster

We would like to help support our small, local businesses and have joined with Furnace Hills Coffee from Westminster for a fundraising event. For each pound of coffee purchased, ORMS receives \$5.00. You can order online, and the coffee can be picked up in store or sent directly to you. This fundraiser will be on-going through the end of the school year. Please feel free to pass the below link on to family and friends. We appreciate all of the support from our ORMS community!

[Oklahoma Road Middle School - FURNACE HILLS COFFEE®](#)

Junior Achievement – Inspiring Tomorrows

There is no better time than now to prepare the students of Central Maryland for their future! JA Inspire Virtual gives these students access to area employers, post-secondary education opportunities, and hands-on career activities. By attending JA Inspire Virtual, students will have the ability to build their coursework pathway for high school and beyond!

JA Inspire Virtual is a free dynamic career exploration experience for middle and high school students that has been brought to life by our region's employers. Students will gain insight from industry professionals, explore career pathways, learn necessary skills for in-demand jobs, and match post-secondary education opportunities for high school and beyond. Using virtual-event software, this online career event is filled with a variety of exhibits, downloadable career information, and exhibitor videos. Available at no cost to all students, JA Inspire Virtual is adaptable for students in any setting!

Virtual Career Event Highlights:

- More than 50 local career exhibits based upon MSDE career clusters including: Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development, Maryland Department of Commerce, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Maryland Department of Labor, and University System of Maryland.
- Downloadable career information and on-the-job videos, career-related webinars about resume building, how to ace an interview, and internship/apprenticeship information.
- Welcome video featuring WMAR-2 News Anchor Kelly Swoope
- Entrepreneurship Lounge featuring videos with JA alumnus Mark Cuban
- Access to JA Pathfinder, an intuitive and interactive career exploration platform that helps students prepare for in-demand careers in the Baltimore region beyond the event
- Event software is compatible with multiple devices: computers, tablets, and mobile phones. Recommended browsers include Google Chrome and Firefox.

2 Minute Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MW3uS3IZ-MI>

Link to Register: <https://jainspire.vfairs.com/>

Media Information

Citations instead of Plagiarism!

Citations enable the student to document where they located their material, allows their teacher to refer to that information, and helps the student understand that their work connects with others, and supports their finding.

We use MLA 8th. MLA stands for *Modern Language Association 8th version*.

All of our databases and the public library's databases have a citation tool embedded in their site with an icon either on the top or side of the page - sometimes at the bottom of the article.

Most of our databases offer website links - these are sites that have been reviewed and considered good sources of information. If a student goes out on the web and uses information gleaned from a site, it must be cited.

At this point in time, the students should understand how important it is to cite and not to plagiarize. By simply cutting and pasting, the student is not showing comprehension of the subject and when using several different sources, they should be able to come to their own conclusion, thus writing their own ideas.

Students may also use Noodle Tools to help them with citations. If you see a blue wheel spinning, you will need to turn off Ad Blocker in their extensions. <http://my.noodletools.com/web/express.html>

PTA Virtual Meeting Link for April 19, 2021

Topic: ORMS PTA Meeting

Time: Apr 19, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86824770576?pwd=ZkVnNnBZRGZCSEF6ZIRmYTRJQUJqUT09>

Meeting ID: 868 2477 0576

Passcode: 168320

Scholarship Opportunities

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 10076, Mt. Airy MD

The following scholarship opportunities offered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 10076, Mt. Airy, MD can be found at <https://mtairyvfw.com/community-programs>

“Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest” for 6th-8th graders with an entry deadline of October 31

“Counties Four VFW Post 10076 of Mount Airy Scholarship Program” with an entry deadline of May 31

“Scout of the Year”

Service Hour Opportunity

City Nature Challenge, 2021 – April 30-May 3

Join the project at iNaturalist.org

Carroll County Observations count as part of the Baltimore Metro Area.

How much wildlife can you find in Carroll County?

April is Earth month and citizen science month!

Participating in the City Nature Challenge makes you a citizen scientist as you observe nature and share data with cities around the world.

(Please follow all local COVID regulations so we can all observe nature safely.)

Here is how you can participate:

Step 1: Download the iNaturalist app. Create a user account at INaturalist.org.

Step 2: Find wildlife. Spot and observe plant and animal life in and around your home environment or neighborhood.

Step 3: Photograph what you find and note the location.

Step 4: Share your observations. Post photos on iNaturalist to share with fellow observers and scientists.

Step 5: Help identify observations. Help ID what citizen scientists like you discovered.

Tech Issues – Link to form for students and parents

We **no longer have the mystudent@....for tech issues**. Students/parents will now have to fill out a form that better informs IT as to the issue that needs to be addressed.

Link: scroll to the bottom to get to the form.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FhEzcaZxr0GbpZtpyCs_RsfaTALfUZ1HtOtIn5r22GNUMVA5NklFTVRDM0hUWkdHQk5FU084SVFaMy4u

Tech Tips

Did your student accidentally close a tab? Here is a great tip from our tech gurus~

When you accidentally close a tab in Chrome, here is a quick way to reopen it~

Command + Shift + T on a Mac

Control + Shift + T on Windows

Tutoring

There is a new, free tutoring service available through the Carroll County Public Library called Brainfuse. It is live, online tutoring every day from 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and is available for all ages and levels. You do need a library card to access the tutoring. The website to access this is: [Welcome to Brainfuse eLearning](#)

Yearbook Ordering Information

Yearbook ordering is now open.

Go to www.YBPay.lifetouch.com

Enter the school code, which is **13006921**.

Ordering will be open until the end of April 2021.