



#OconeeStrong



April 2021



CONGRATULATIONS TO
Dove Creek Elementary School for
receiving a perfect score and
becoming the nation's newest
Blue Ribbon
Lighthouse School!

Dove Creek Elementary named National Blue Ribbon School

Dove Creek Elementary School has officially been designated as a National Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School of Excellence. The school received the news after successfully completing a rigorous process by national organization Blue Ribbon Schools for Excellence.

"Congratulations to Dove Creek Elementary School, who in just their third year in existence, has been designated as one of the top schools in the nation," said Superintendent Jason L. Branch.

The school made a perfect score of 100/100 in all nine categories in the Blueprint for Excellence assessment process.

Click [here](#) for details.

ELOST passes by wide margin

Thank you, Oconee County, for your support! ELOST VI passed by 84% on March 16.

With its passage, the following projects are now possible:

ELOST VI PASSED

THANK YOU, OCONEE COUNTY!



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- Construction of Dove Creek Middle School
- Classroom additions to: Colham Ferry Elementary School, High Shoals Elementary School, and Malcom Bridge Elementary School
- Renovations to: Oconee County Primary School, Malcom Bridge Elementary School, Oconee County Elementary School, and Rocky Branch Elementary School
- Construction of Instructional Support Center
- Buses
- Technology

For more details please [click here](#).



Youth Athletic Summer Camps

Oconee County Schools is pleased to announce youth athletic summer camps in the following sports:

- Baseball
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Fast Pitch Softball
- Football
- Lacrosse (Boys/Girls)
- Volleyball

For more details, please click [here](#).

Send an eCard to any teacher or staff member!



Send an eCard to a teacher or staff member and let them know they have made a difference!



oconeeschools.org/eCards

Simply [click here](#) to let any OCS teacher or staff member know they have made a difference during this unprecedented school year! We have had nearly 2,000 eCards since this project launched and every single card has made an impact on its recipient.



March-April 2021 Highlights

It's been another great month in OCS! Check out our short video for highlights from around the school system and all 11 schools.

Click above or [here](#) to check it out!



Board Meeting videos online

Monthly Oconee County Board of Education work sessions and regular meetings can be found on the district's [YouTube channel](#).

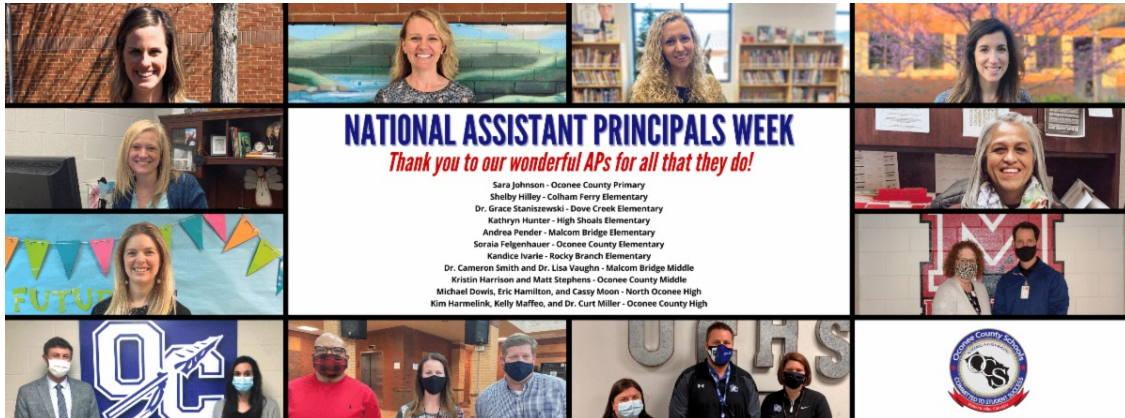
Meetings will be posted the day following the Board meeting and are also linked from

the main page of the Oconee County Schools website, as well as under the Board drop-down link.

The Board of Education playlist on YouTube can be found [here](#).

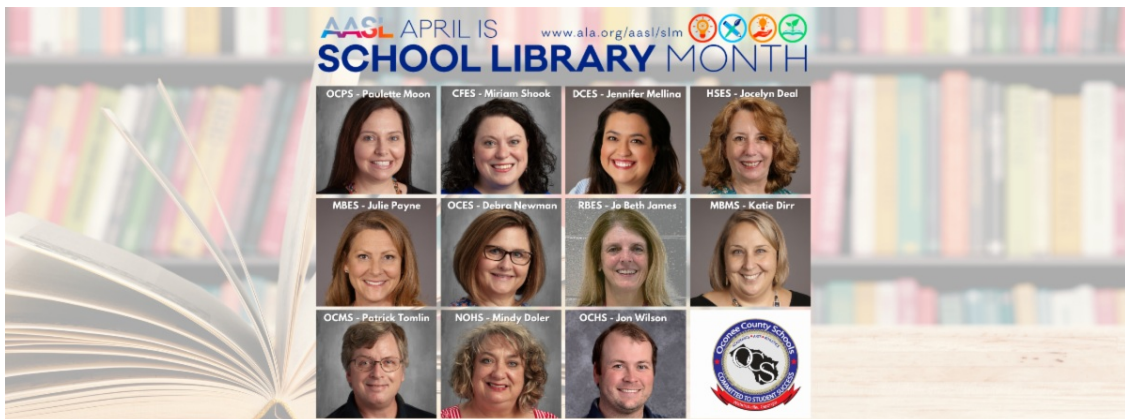
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Assistant Principals Week



Happy National Assistant Principals Week! This week, we pause to recognize the significant role assistant principals (APs) play in the overall academic achievement of students. Thank you, APs, for all that you do! You truly make a difference in the education of our students. If you'd like to express your appreciation, please visit oconeeschools.org/ecards.

School Library Month



April is School Library Month and we want to say "thank you" to our 11 wonderful media specialists! All of them foster a love of literacy in our schools by using both print and digital tools. They help prepare our students for success in today's global and digital world, and we appreciate all that they do! If you'd like to express your appreciation, please visit oconeeschools.org/ecards.

OCHS student wins top national art honor



Oconee County High School senior Mary Claire Hammond won a National Gold Medal in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards! This is the highest honor given at the individual level. She will be attending Georgia Tech in the fall and plans to major in Industrial Design. Congratulations on this amazing achievement!

OCES holds annual poetry recitation contest

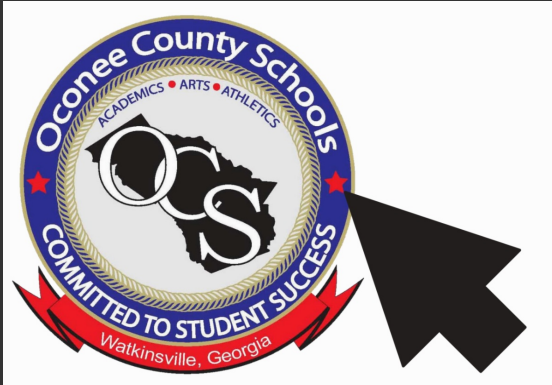


Students did a great job at Oconee County Elementary School's annual poetry recitation contest! The winners were: 3rd grade - Landry W., 4th grade - Katie G.; and 5th grade - Robert C. Participants were winners from classroom-level competitions, and all did a wonderful job with public speaking and poetry recitation.

Afterschool Clubs at HSES



Did you know about all the unique afterschool clubs offered to elementary students? At High Shoals Elementary, students enjoy art, robotics, and ukulele clubs. What engaging experiences for our students!



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