



Ocone County Schools Monthly Newsletter February 2022



Breaking ground on Dove Creek Middle School

What an exciting morning on Jan. 27 for a Groundbreaking Ceremony for Dove Creek Middle School! The Board of Education, Superintendent Jason L. Branch, and school system staff - as well as representatives from Bowen & Watson, Lindsey Pope Brayfield & Associates, Breedlove Land Planning, and Spurlock & Associates - officially broke ground on DCMS.



Dove Creek Middle School will welcome students in August 2023.

For more information on ELOST projects, please [click here](#).

Winter Break



WINTER BREAK

FRI., FEB. 18 AND MON., FEB. 21

MEET ME *Monday*



Meet Me Monday Video Series

Check out our latest features in this year's "Meet Me Monday" series! This weekly highlight features new and returning faculty, staff, and students. We hope you enjoy taking a few minutes to meet them!

Click [here](#) for all the "Meet Me Monday" videos.



BOARD MEETING VIDEOS

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.

#SustainedExcellence

Walton EMC EmPOWERment Grant Recipients



Congratulations to eight of our schools that received nearly \$40K total in **EmPOWERment Grants from Walton EMC**! We are so thankful for the support of Walton EMC and we cannot wait to see these grants in action!

OCHS teacher named GATFACS Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Oconee County High School teacher Erin Just for being named GATFACS (Georgia Association of Teachers of Family & Consumer Sciences) Teacher of the Year!

NOHS team wins NASA award and will have experiment conducted in space

CONGRATULATIONS!

*Team to have experiment conducted
in space*

Dr. Scott Thompson, Teacher
Andrew Allen
Jack Armstrong
Michael Im
Ian Shi



A team from North Oconee High School was announced a winner of the **NASA TechRise Student Challenge** – meaning their experiment will fly on Blue Origin's New Shepard Rocket. This experiment will test if the relationship between pressure, velocity, and elevation when dealing with fluids is the same in microgravity – outer space – as it is on Earth.

OCPS opens "Little Chief Nature Trail"



What a wonderful ribbon-cutting recently to open up the Little Chief Nature Trail at Oconee County Primary School! Students will enjoy time outdoors on the trail and in its reading garden. A special thanks to Lowe's for donating lumber and to the City of Watkinsville for donating mulch.

Pursuit of Excellence Winner



Celina Brock, school nutrition staff member at High Shoals Elementary School, received the Pursuit of Excellence award for February. Each month, the Board of Education recognizes an outstanding employee in a different category. Ms. Brock received the award

for School Nutrition. For more information and to see the list of all past recipients, please click [here](#).

OCMS Culture Day



In conjunction with Chinese New Year, many 7th graders at Oconee County Middle School participated in Culture Day! Students enjoyed traditional Southeastern Asian games, as well as writing their names in different languages and sampling various cuisines.

Job Openings



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AVAILABLE POSITIONS INCLUDE:

- Bus Driver
- Counselor - Elementary School
- Custodian
- Director of Finance
- Director of Secondary Education
- Head Football Coach - High School
- Maintenance Worker
- Media Specialist - Elementary
- Paraprofessional Positions:
 - Elementary
 - Special Education
- Parking Lot Attendant
- Principal - Elementary School
- School Nutrition Staff (Assistant and Manager)
- Substitute Nurses
- Substitute Teachers
- Teaching Positions:
 - Elementary - EIP/Title I Tutor
 - Elementary - Special Education
 - Middle - Special Education
- Technology Support Technician

- WORK WITH ONE OF THE NATION'S PREMIER SCHOOL SYSTEMS
- BENEFITS PACKAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES
- COMPETITIVE PAY
- SPRING BREAK, FALL BREAK, WINTER BREAK, AND HOLIDAY BREAK FOR REGULAR EMPLOYEES

Parent Resource of the Month: New Lunch Menu Website

