Hurricane Michael: "The Lawnmower From the Sky"
By: Ivy Seguin

Did you know that hurricane Michael is called The Lawnmower from the Sky? It was called that because it shredded everything in its path.

Hurricanes are most common in the month of October. Hurricane Michael hit Panama City, Florida on an early Wednesday afternoon, October 10, 2018. Michael was a category 4 hurricane (Category 5 being the worst). Category 4 storms can reach wind speeds between 131-155 miles per hour.

Panama City and the Florida panhandle were hit the hardest by hurricane Michael. Hurricane Michael was the first category 4 storm recorded in history to make landfall in the northeast gulf coast.

Madison Gilley, a 4th grade student at OBE, went to Panama City over Thanksgiving break. She said that hurricane Michael did a lot of damage. Roof shingles were on the ground, trees were blown down, and some roofs even blown off houses. She says that people were helping clear the land and rebuild houses while she was down there.

One house that she saw had its whole front porch area pulled off and you could actually see the house’s kitchen from outside!

People are helping each other and pulling things together in Panama City. You can also help by donating supplies to the victims of hurricane Michael. Although the damage was tragic, things are slowly improving.

Does Marshmello Make you 'Happier'?
By: Ricardo Vega Gutierrez

Marshmello, the well known American DJ is blowing up the radio. You may know some of his popular DJ tunes such as "Wolves" with Selena Gomez; "Silence," featuring DJ Khaled, and most recently, "Happier" with British band, Bastille.

Marshmello, or "Christopher Comstock" was born in Philadelphia, PA on May 19 1992. Marshmello makes about $48.5 million dollars a year, he is only 26 and makes more money then most people make in a lifetime. He gets his name from the Marshmallow shaped helmet he's known for wearing.

Years ago, Marshmello actually misspelled his name. It was supposed to be "Marshmallow," like the actual spelling. He's also known as Dotcom.

In May 2016 he released the song "Alone" which made it to the America top 100, beginning his fame. Marshmello has won about 3 awards in his career! Now, some of Marshmello’s songs have even reached number 1 on Billboard's top 100.

You should download Marshmello’s latest album, "Joytown II," because his beats are really catchy.

Mrs. Francisco: Vice Principal by Day, Super Mom by Night.
by: Denise Galvez & Noorjan Shukur
We all know Mrs. Francisco as a super Vice Principal. But at night, she is a hard-working supermom.

Did you know that…
1. Mrs. Francisco has worked at OBE for almost 11 years. Her first position here was teaching 2nd grade and 3rd grade each for 4 years at a time. This is her 3rd year as OBE’s assistant principal.
2. Mrs. Francisco is afraid of cats! A terrible accident happened to her mom a few years ago with a cat, and ever since then she keeps her distance.
3. Dancing Queen: Mrs. Francisco used to dance and teach dance at the high school level. She loves dancing.
4. Supermom Alert: she comes home every day to a 19-month-old daughter named Chandler. Mrs. Francisco is actually pregnant right now with her second baby. The gender is still a mystery. Her due date for the new baby is May 7, 2019. “Being a mom can be both tiring and fun,” Mrs. Francisco says.
5. In high school, she broke 2 fingers on each hand at the same time!
6. Mrs. Francisco and her husband recently went on a trip to Hawaii and rode bicycles down the Tanna Volcano. They also went through a bamboo forest and got to swim with sea turtles.

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Time for Teamwork

by: Micah Williams

The students that did the activity are third graders. Students were put into groups of three with the objective of the scavenger hunt being to search for different things in nature while cooperatively working together and using coping skills if needed.

They had to find things outside such as leaves, grass, pinecones, flowers, trash, sticks, and even bugs!!! Don’t worry, the students didn’t pick up the bugs with their bare hands. Instead, they used bags and caught them that way.

I had the opportunity to interview two third graders from Ms. Castle’s class about the scavenger hunt. I asked both students four questions about this great lesson from our wonderful guidance counselors.

Here’s what they had to say:

What did you learn from this activity?
John: I learned that when you work together, you can get things done faster.

What was your favorite part?
Reese: My favorite part was when my group found a dead wasp!

What went well in your group?
Reese: Everyone in my group cooperated.

What didn’t go well in your group?
John: My group couldn’t agree on some things.

Overall, it sounds like these kids had a fun day in guidance AND learned some valuable life lessons!

Steelers: Protecting Their Record?

By: Armaan Gill

Football fans: who do you think can make this long run to the Super Bowl? You don’t know that much about football? That’s okay, I will teach you. To get to the Super Bowl you must have a great winning record in the normal season, an awesome coach, and wonderful team leadership. The Steelers have all those things that’s why they have the most Super Bowl titles.

The Steelers are a very good team this year, even though Le’Veon Bell (one of their best running backs) took this season off. Their current running back is James Conner. This season their record is 7-5-1 mostly because of Antonio Brown being a great wide receiver. Antonio Brown has been playing since 2010. He has 10,938 total career running yards; 71 career touchdowns; and 814 interceptions. Do they have what it takes to make it to this Super Bowl and add another title to their record. If you ask me, I think they can.

Who's Most Likely?

By: Kayla Payne

Following the Eagles surprising win at last year’s Super Bowl, we researched the top NFL teams currently playing. These teams have the best winning records (As of December 3rd, 2018):

Tied for third we have the three teams with 9 wins: The Houston Texans, New England Patriots, and Chicago Bears. There's still time in the season, so these contenders may still have a shot!

In second place with 10 wins are the Los Angeles Chargers. The Chargers started as a football team in 1960, and moved to San Diego in 1961. Then the team moved back to LA a couple years ago in 2016, and here they are now potentially moving towards the finals.

Finally, in first place are there 3 teams tied with 11 wins. They are: The Kansas City Chiefs, New Orleans Saints, and Los Angeles Rams. All 3 teams are not frequent Super Bowl visitors, so wish them some good luck!

Super Bowl 2019

As the season moves on, the rankings will change. But the real question is: who do you think will make it to the Super Bowl 2019? We decided to ask around and find out! Check out who OBE teachers and staff members voted for:

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Here's what you need to know about the NFL’s top 3 teams:

- Chiefs: Their team started in 1960 as the Dallas Texans. Then in 1963 they moved to Kansas City and changed their name to the Chiefs. Their mascot is the Kansas City Wolf.

- Saints: They began in 1967 and play to their fight song, “When the Saints Go Marching In.” In 1980, the team lost their first 14 games, causing the local sportscaster to ask fans to wear a paper bag over their head at home games.

- Rams: They started out as the Cleveland Rams and moved several times after that, most recently being called the Saint Louis Rams before this year moving to Los Angeles and becoming a top threat!
Enlightenment From Emily
By: Emily Boekestain

Dear Emily,

My group of friends keep teasing me. I ask them to stop and they just laugh. I like hanging out with them but not when they tease me. -Thanks

Dear Anonymous,

First, let me say that this is a common problem in friendships, and that you’re not alone. It just recently happened in Ms. William’s class. Two kids were teasing their friend because of his handwriting. It made him feel sad, but in the end, they apologized, and they were all happy and friends again.

Second, teasing can be either a small problem or a big one. The teasing you’re experiencing (like asking them to stop and they won’t) is getting close to a big teasing problem.

Okay, so I’ve talked about the teasing problem, now for some advice: let them know that you’re serious when you tell them to stop. Hopefully, if they know you’re serious and you don’t like it, they’ll stop. But, if they don’t stop, there are some other things you could do.

One option would be to ignore them when they tease, but it can be hard at times because teasing can hurt. Another option would be to just break up your friendship altogether, but I understand that they’re your friends and doing that would be difficult.

But whatever you do, I want you to know, that if the teasing gets too out of hand, you can always tell a trusted adult. I’m sure any staff member at our school would be more than happy to help. You can also tell your parent or guardian, older sibling, grandma, grandpa, or anyone else you think can help.

Well, at the end of the day, just do what feels right to you and hopefully your friends will figure out their own “right.”

Sincerely,
Emily

Going on Vacation?
Myrtle Beach vs. New York City

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
By: Bryana Fuentes-Lemus

What’s sunny and has Broadway at the Beach? Myrtle Beach of course! There are so many things to do at this popular vacation spot that I had the opportunity to visit this past summer.

The beach is the best part. Unlike some beaches, the water is warm. There are so many side stores along the street. There are piers you can fish at and even try some fudge. When you are on the pier you have a beautiful view of the sandy beach. The beach at Myrtle is loads of fun.

There’s amazing food there, too. Me and my family ate at Mama Mia’s Pizzeria, Sonic and Maryland Chicken. At Sonic you order in your car, and they bring the food to you! Maryland Chicken is crispy fried chicken. Mamamia’s pizzeria has some delicious pizza. All perfect beach snacks!

In Myrtle Beach, there are many fun activities. You can ride helicopters, which go over 30 mph. With that view of the ocean from above, you couldn’t have any more fun! At the end of the ride, you curve and it feels like a rollercoaster. There is also a Ferris wheel on the boardwalk. You’re probably wondering why this is different, right? Well it isn’t an ordinary Ferris wheel. It has air conditioning and is closed so the air won’t escape. In North Myrtle Beach you can parasail, which is when you glide through the air while being pulled along by a boat! Also, you can horseback ride or go to the Upside Down House. You can’t go wrong with any of these activities!

New York City
By: Nikta Walker

New York is the place for you! There are so many cool sights to see, delicious food to eat, and fun activities to do.

One of my favorite sights to see is the Empire State building! The view from the Empire State building is amazing, and the height is also very shocking. The height of the Empire State building is 1,250 feet tall! Another cool sight to see is the Statue of Liberty. The Statue of Liberty is built on the Hudson River and is 143 years old.

New York has tons of food trucks with lots of different options. Some of the unique cuisines I saw while I was there were: BBQ pork waffles, create your own grilled cheese sandwich, and even mini pies! If you want to try some good new food New York is definitely the place to go.

In New York City you have plenty to do. There's a famous M&M store with a lot of M&Ms. It was named after the company's founders: Forest Mars and William Murrie. If you want to see the city up close, take a pedicab. A pedicab is something you sit in while someone
Poetry Corner

A Crafty Bird
by Camryn Dutro & Amelia Fuertes

There is a bird that likes to tweet
He likes to fly way up high
In the night sky
He loves to make up words.
With a lot of other birds
This poem is about a bird, because we were thinking about nature. This poem is a rhyming poem.

Virginia's Senate Elections
By: Arianna Catwell

The Virginia Senate Election took place this past November, 2018. The main candidates were Tim Kaine (D) versus Corey Stewart (R). Of course, there was a third, Matt Waters (L), but he didn't rival much in the situation.

Tim Kaine is from Richmond, VA, and served as a city council member and then, just four years later, he was elected as the Mayor of Richmond. Kaine was elected as a VA senator in 2013, taking up one of two spots in the U.S. Senate. After this year's election, he will keep his place in the U.S. Senate as a Democrat. He was also Hillary Clinton's running mate, or if Hillary was elected, he'd be the vice president of the United States.

The other Senator, representing Virginia since 2009, is another Democrat: Mark Warner. Warner served as governor of Virginia until 2006. Senators are elected every six years. Senator Warner will run again next fall in 2019, if he would like to serve again. Since both Virginia senators and our governor are a part of the Democratic Party, this makes Virginia a mostly "blue" state at this point in time.

Art in the Spotlight
By: Ella Devore

In this article, we explore student artwork here at our own school! Here in OBE’s art studio, Mrs. Spinello has each grade doing unique art projects that are fun and creative.

Kindergartners and first graders are working on an activity using lots of dots. Second grade is making their own color wheels made from paper mice that are many different hues. Third graders are painting pictures of brightly colored dogs, where each painting is different.

My personal favorites are the 4th and 5th graders’ artwork. Fourth graders are creating aliens out of their names written in cursive, using a rubber transferring technique. Fifth graders are painting pictures of leaves that are colorful and they are sprinkling salt on the paintings to make them look kind of crystal-like. The salt stays in its original form to make this effect on the paint.

The students at OBES are working on brilliant projects and we can’t wait to see what they create next! Take a closer look next time you’re walking down the art hallway.

Book Reviews

By: Meghan Robinson

Hey there upper elementary students, would you like to read a book filled with excitement? Well, don't answer that yet. First, let me tell you about this book by James Patterson, "Worst Years of My Life." It starts with a boy named Rafe who starts his first year of middle school. Rafe decides to make a game, a break every rule in the middle school rule book, by the end of the year without getting caught! Because we are all expected to follow the rules in school in real-life, I think you would like the twists and turns in this book. Luckily, Rafe has his trusty imaginary friend, Leonardo, that helps him through all the obstacles. Now are you must be interested in this book? If you are, you can read it today because our school library has the whole series!

Attention to all little "monsters," would you like to read a funny book? Well, if you like grover from Sesame Street, then I think you would read this book. Grover is a lovable, curly, old friend who, with your help, might make it to the end of his funny book without getting scared. Recommended for grades K-2.

Hey girls, winter styles are coming! If you want to be the coolest looking kid in your town keep reading. This season, boys are more about sweaters than ever. Turtle neck, cardigans, quarter zips...you name it! Boys are also all about skinny blue jeans. Another great winter style is vests because vests are the best. They are very flexible, and they keep you warm. Who wouldn’t want to be toasty and able to move your arms at the same time? You can pair these clothes with a pair of white boots and scarf. This will keep you warm and comfortable all season long!