

December 15, 2016

# OHMS NEWS

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## ELA NEWS

# *Winter Break*

**December 19 - January 3**

**Students return January 4th**

Ms. Tharpe, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher, attended the National Conference for Teachers of English. She states the highlight of the conference was having the opportunity to meet some of her favorite authors Kwame Alexander, Sharon Draper, Jon Scieszka, Laurie Halse Anderson (pictured below). Ms. Tharpe had the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion with Scholastic Inc. regarding equity in schools. Attending the conference also allowed her to gain insight and best practices that will in turn have a positive effect on her students.

### **Important Dates:**

Dec. 19 – Jan. 3 – Student Christmas Break

Students return to school January 4<sup>th</sup>

## SOCIAL STUDIES NEWS

Sixth grade students are currently working on WWI, the Treaty of Versailles, Russian Revolution, and Nazism. The students are working on a self-directed assignment on WWI where they can create an illustration, journal entry, short oral presentation, or flash cards.

Seventh grade is currently working on the historical events of southern and Eastern Asia, including WW2, Mohandas Gandhi, Ho Chi Minh, and the Great Leap Forward.

Eighth grade students have recently starting an exploration of the causes of the Civil War. Students will be learning about the various causes of the war between Northern and Southern states, as well as key issues and events of the war and their impact on Georgia. Students will also study the impact of Reconstruction in Georgia.

All social studies teachers are also conducting the second of three RI tests to be given this year.

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## SCIENCE NEWS



Oak Hill Middle School SAGE (Steam Academy of Growth and Exploration) students got to chance to show their science and design skills by creating water towers from specific regions of the state.

The project was part of an ongoing challenge in STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math) to demonstrate abilities for a real-world situation, emphasizing what types of designs would be most beneficial to a given area. Students were encouraged to get creative, and that's exactly what they did. There are several entries from separate teams, and each entry had its own unique theme. The ideas covered a lot of possibilities, including on-site museums, restaurants, water parks, homeless shelters, and even amusement parks. One water tower was even used as a roller coaster. All in all, the students had the opportunity to use resources wisely, and get proficient at recognizing the necessity of improving our state's water supply and management.

## EXPLORATORY

On Thursday December 15, 2016, Miss. Jones's chorus classes want to spread some Christmas cheer by going to the other exploratory classes caroling. They did a great job.

OHMS Chorus and Band both performed at the Milledgeville Mall. They both did an outstanding job. Thanks to all the teachers, parents, and student for their support.

## Math News



This month in math, the students are learning how to combine like terms. This concept can be a tricky one for students. So, the teachers here at Oak Hill Middle school decided to use Uno to help the children practice which variables can be paired together. The students had so much fun, and you know what, combining like terms is not that tricky anymore!

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