

# Happy Hanukkah

*Merry*

*Christmas*



*Buon Natale*

*Happy Kwanzaa*

**Happy Holidays**

## Parent Newsletter



Second Nine Weeks Edition/November-December 2020

### *Announcements*

PTA/SAC Meeting	9:30-10:30	January 8, 2021
Martin Luther King Day- Holiday		January 18, 2021
Student Recognition	9:30-10:30	January 27, 2021
PTA/SAC Meeting	9:30-10:30	February 5, 2021
President's Day- Holiday		February 15, 2021
Transportation Appreciation	12:00-1:00	February 24, 2021
PT/SAC Meeting	9:30-10:30	March 5, 2021
Spring Break		March 15 <sup>th</sup> through March 19 <sup>th</sup>

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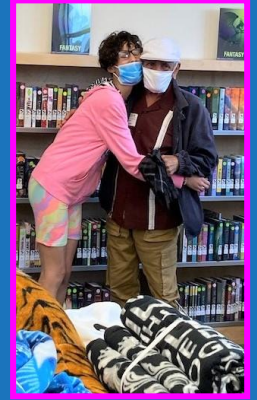
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# A Gift for Teaching



We are so happy to inform you that **Angelli Fraticelli** has been nominated and selected as a winner for our 2020 Grant a Wish event!


Because of her hard work and outstanding attitude, Mrs. Driscoll nominated her to receive free school supplies and extra goodies from A Gift For Teaching (AGFT). AGFT is a free school supply store for teachers, but this time, we are giving Angelli the supplies.

Here at A Gift For Teaching, we were so compelled by her accomplishments and perseverance that, from all the nominations, we selected her as our high school winner in Orange County.

We are excited to meet her and congratulate her in person. Mrs. Driscoll will be coordinating a day where we will present Angelli with all the goodies we have for her. Please help us keep it a surprise from Angelli, we'd like to surprise her on the day of.

In addition to all the goodies your child will be receiving that day, she will also be presented with a \$100 Publix gift card, and a free Chick-Fil-A sandwich every week for a year!

We were so moved by Angelli and cannot wait to give her a little cheer.

Best, The A Gift For Teaching Team 



## *This Season's Sponsors*



# Daniel's Gift



## *Indoor Gardening Sponsor*

Daniel's Gift is sponsoring the aeroponics/hydroponics kit supplies for the middle and high school indoor gardening project. Students will build the kits as an engineering activity that affords them the opportunity to implement math, appropriate social skills, and communication skills. Happy Learning!



# Daniel's Gift is the sponsor of this season

## *Super Star Students Prize Sponsor*

Daniel Brown of Daniel's Gift, and former student of Magnolia School, is honoring our Super Star Students. The Super Star Student Awards started last semester as we realized that during these different learning times, our students are growing and maturing in ways that were once a challenge. Thanks to their determination to grow and make sincere attempts to do their absolute best in regulating their behavior and completing their work, administrators take the time to pick one well deserving student, from each program, for this honor every nine weeks.

Thank you Daniel for making this recognition very special for our students. We are sure they will enjoy the prizes you have sponsored; a tablet, case and 2 year warranty for each student. Simply wonderful. Again, thank you Daniel!







# Wishing You Happy Holidays

Happy holidays to all the parents, educational guardians, and their families! Please continue to stay healthy and safe! You are all very much appreciated for working so hard with Magnolia to ensure the success of our LaunchEd students.  
-Ms. MacAllister



Mrs. Kaufman-Long wishes all our students' families a very happy holiday season. We especially want to thank the parents and group homes for helping the students join us online each day. A special shout out goes to our group home staff who works with the students, problem solve the technology, and ensure the students are attending class. **THANK YOU!**



Happy Holidays,

Flowers, chocolate, gift cards, and candy. The coffee will sure come in handy! My students and parents are the best. I feel so lucky and very blessed that I get to do what I love every day. Students warm my heart with the kind words they say. Sometimes teaching can be hard; but, when I read my students' cards, I realize there is nothing I would rather do, than to be a teacher to all of you. --From Ms. Wilkins & Mr. Atkins



I have truly enjoyed getting to know the parents of my online LaunchEd students! Parents.... Thank you for allowing me into your home via online classroom every day! I want to wish all my parents a beautiful and healthy Christmas! Happy Holidays to Mr. and Mrs. Crapps, to Ms. Belmont, To Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, to Mr. and Mrs. Drayton, Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Figuero and to Ms. Medina!! Thank you for your support and for trusting me with your sons and daughters every day. I also want to give a shout-out to the parents in Ms. Lopez' classroom. I have really enjoyed getting to know them and see how supportive they are when we do our classroom lessons together!! Happy Holidays everyone!

---Karen Day



# A+ Teacher Award Winners

## *You Did It!*

Congratulations on your win! Dr. T and Ms. Wendy Lee are paying attention to the work you do and in what manner. Your dedication and level of professionalism are refreshing and most appreciated. Thank you for all you do and keep up the good work!



## *Way to go, A+ Teachers!*

- Karen Day
- Corrilee Wilkins
- Ashley Harricharan
- Bryan Rodriguez
- Ramona Smith
- Shelly Seabrook
- Arleene Garcia

# Teacher's Choice Award



*Joy Cowan*

*Amanda Nash*

*Pauline Baxter*

*Traci Marchese*

*Beryl Nathan*

*Tina Waters*

*Kenneth Atkins*



# SUPER STAR STUDENTS



Justin Dang has blossomed into an effective tutor to a peer in his classroom and an excellent CBVE student/worker at Burlington Coat Factory. He is definitely ready to move on to the ESE Post High Transition Program. Keep up the great work!



Maxwell Wilson does all of his work in class and can always be counted on for an uplifting smile and conversation. He is a respectful young man who is a pleasure to work with. Go Maxwell!







# Learning Fun!



Good morning from Ms. MacAllister's Class,

We did a unit last month in science on classifying organisms. We learned a lot about plants and animals, herbivores, carnivores, omnivores, invertebrates and vertebrates, ocean life and more. I included virtual field trips via live web cams to a variety of different zoos and aquariums.

As a reward for the students for doing such a wonderful job in the science unit, I reached out to family and friends for donations so that our class could adopt an animal at the Central Florida Zoo. I made a Nearpod survey where students got to vote on what animal they wanted to adopt. We decided on the Giraffe. So now we have a classroom pet- a giraffe! Dianna suggested we name it Elroy ☺



Pictured to the right is Mr. Mitchell and his students. They are practicing for the virtual Winter Concert performance. Mr. Mitchell, students, and staff, we thank you for the wonderful performances you give us each year.

To view concert, click below:

<https://ocps.instructuremedia.com/embed/5970c0a4-68ad-40a1-a7bf-efc2b1a8352f>



Once again Middle & High School will be participating in the OUC Rain Barrel Contest. This is a culminating science lab lesson activity on the Water Cycle. Good Luck kids!



Our class has been involved in organizing the Magnolia Holiday Biz-arre that happened today, on Thurs Dec 17 at 10 am. Our students were online "greeters" and handled crowd control by counting the number of customers who entered. Also, we wish a big GOOD LUCK to our exiting students, Danny and Calvin. Remember everything you learned here at Magnolia. I have enjoyed being your teacher for the past several years.

--Randi Kaufman-Long

The classes of Mr. Itwaru, Ms. Ocasio, Mrs. Traverso-Soto and Ms. Driscoll are sharing the spirit of giving this season. They are all participating in the Science Lab & UF/IFAS Planting Nutrition Project. The above classes are sowing Fall/Winter vegetable seeds to grow starter plants to donate to Kathy's Kritters garden, as well as our STEAM garden. Thank you students for your hard work and I hope many customers will get to enjoy the fruits of your labor in the spring. Thank you Kathy's Kritters for the opportunity to help you care for the community!

---Dr. Hogan

