

Tribal Talk

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Orangeburg Prep Welcomes Three New Teachers



Orangeburg Preparatory Schools welcomes (pictured left) Michelle Waters, upper school math; Colleen Williams, kindergarten teacher; and Evelyn Pickens, first grade teacher.

Mrs. Waters is a graduate of Duke University with a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics. She is married to Gregg Waters, a Wade Hampton graduate, and has three children. Before coming to OPS, she home-schooled her children. She has taught geometry, honors geometry, and twelfth grade math. Mrs. Waters is a former U.S. Air Force intelligence officer and worked in a genetics pharmacology laboratory during college.

Mrs. Pickens is a graduate of Newberry College where she received her Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. She received her Masters in Early Childhood Education at The University of South Carolina. She is married to Ley Pickens, WHA Class of 1984. They have two children who are students at Orangeburg Prep. Mrs. Pickens taught first grade in Perry, Georgia before coming to OPS.



MAD SCIENCE SUMMER CAMPS 2009 "Fun Down to a Science"

In the Mad Science camps held at Orangeburg Prep this summer, students were able to touch, see, hear, smell, and taste what science was really all about. Mad Science camps offered a daily combination of in-class discovery and exploration, outdoor games, and physical activities and hands-on applications of the scientific principles presented. New camp for this summer was the "Spy Academy" that helped sharpen special operative skills as these students learned about the secret world of espionage.

Participating in the Mad Science Camp held at Orangeburg Prep during the summer of 2009 were (pictured front row:) Kotaro Matsuda, William Pannitt, (back row) Parker Kuck, Avery Folk, (a student from another school), Guy Watkins Best, and the Mad Scientist!

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Announcing 2009-2010 School-wide Fundraisers



Charleston Wraps : Our wrapping paper sales is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. This year we are proud to announce our partnership with Charleston Wraps. This paper is the same quality paper that you have become used to in the previous years. We are also very impressed with the other items offered in the catalogs. Your student will bring the Charleston Wraps packet home on Monday, August 31st, and the sales end on Wednesday, September 16th. Online orders may be placed throughout the year. We receive a 40% profit on these sales, so we encourage you to please participate.

Magazine sales will be sold by the students in February, 2010. However, you may order online, <http://www.qsp.com/Store/Index.aspx>, throughout the school year. Forty percent of these sales are returned to our school.



Money for OPS without costing you any extra!

1. Give this enrollment card to the cashier with your BONUSCARD one time during the program term.
 2. One percent of your purchases will be donated to your designated group through May 31.
 3. Call 800-768-4438 if you have any questions.

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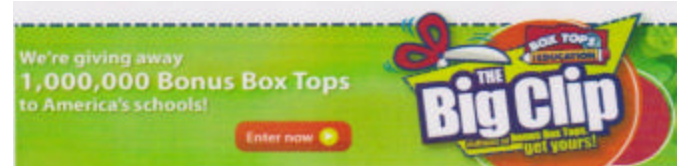
Orangeburg Prep is participating in BI-LO's boosterplus fund-raising program again this year. You can earn money for the school by simply shopping at any BI-LO with our BONUSCARD. Just give one of the enrollment cards above to the cashier along with your BONUSCARD to be scanned with your grocery order. This one-time scan will enroll you for ORANGEBURG PREPARATORY SCHOOLS, INC. until May 31, 2010, and we will receive one percent of your purchases. Give the extra enrollment cards to family and friends so they can help us raise money as well.



When parents, teachers, and other school supporters use their REDcard (Target Visa Credit Card, Target Credit Card, or Target Check Card), Target donates up to 1% of their purchases to their designated eligible K-12 school. It is a minimal effort for Orangeburg Prep with maximum rewards:

- The more people involved, the more OPS can earn.
- All you need is a REDcard to enroll and participate.
- Enroll at Target.com/tcoe or 1-800-316-6142.

To learn more about the program, visit Target.com/tcoe.



GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Finding ways to earn Bonus Box Tops are easy! Be sure to check boxtops4education.com to learn about these opportunities!



Full article may be found: *GSESC to participate in FIRST LEGO League* By PHIL SARATA, T&D Staff Writer/Saturday, July 25, 2009

Recently, twenty girls attended a three-day open introduction to LEGO robotics at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. GSESC Director of Programs Lesley Robinson says the Girl Scouts want to get girls interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. "For many, this is their first introduction to building robots with LEGO. During this introductory workshop, they are working on constructing their robots, and later they will learn how to program them." **One of the mentors is Jonathan Obien, pictured left, who teaches high school chemistry and physics at Orangeburg Preparatory School. He also coached the OPS FIRST LEGO team in its first competition in January.** "Our team's goal was to have some fun during the competition," Obien said. "Winning is not as important as participating and learning. "The girls should get a lot out of this, such as learning to work together as a team, developing critical thinking skills and self-confidence. The competition will allow them to anticipate potential problems and solve them."

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On June 15, four students and Madame Thornton traveled to Paris, France for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Andy Szakovits, Will McLachlan, William Utsey and Alli Ott had their first experience of an eight hour airport "layover" before even reaching Paris. We thought we would never arrive! We met our guide at the Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris and then rode two hours in busy traffic to get to our hotel. We wanted so badly to hit the sack and get a few winks after twenty-four hours of no sleep, but we hit the streets "running." So instead of sleeping, we sat down to enjoy refreshments in a quaint little café. Our first visit in Paris was the famous catacombs. We walked two miles underground and saw thousands of bones. Spooky was an understatement! We then checked out our new neighborhood and rode the newest tram in Paris. We definitely preferred the tram to the underground subway. After seeing Notre Dame, Sainte Chapelle, the D'Orsay Museum and cruising down the Seine, we were definitely ready to eat our first French meal in a French Restaurant. However, our first meal was really not French, it was Greek! That just tells you that Paris is truly metropolitan! We took two-day trips to Northern France in the Normandy area and then to the island of Mont St. Michel. This was a highlight of the trip! We patiently awaited the arrival of Madame McGee and her daughter, Reedy. We enjoyed accompanying them to the Place des Tertres, the hangout of the all of the rising artists in Paris. Then, Madame McGee showed us the "hotspots" in celebration of the largest music festival in the world. The next morning, we definitely had to get in a little shopping to make sure we fulfilled the name of "Parisian tourists" after climbing over two hundred steps to the top of the Arc de Triomphe. Madame Thornton and Madame McGee decided to leave it to the young people to make this climb! We ended our day with a guided visit of the Louvre museum and a wonderful French meal at a local restaurant. We all have so many photos and memories to share. We hope that you will consider going to France with us one day. Start saving your "euros!"

ALUMNI NEWS

MARTIN DREW JERNIGAN, OPS Class of 2005, "donned his paws" to receive his philosophy degree at Clemson's graduation held in May, 2009. It was revealed that he was the "Tiger Cub" the past four years for the Clemson Tigers!

Trimmier, Ripley Represent Orangeburg Prep on National Stage

From August 2-9, freshman Paul Trimmier and new OP boys' basketball coach Rip Ripley got an opportunity to play and coach in the AAU u14 national championships. As members of the Orangeburg Xpress, Paul and Coach Ripley traveled with Coach Isiah McGee and eight others players from Edisto, Orangeburg-Wilkinson, Bamberg, and North, to Orlando, Florida for the week-long tournament.

In June, the team won the DII u14 state championship to qualify for the national tournament. Competing against teams from all over South Carolina, the Xpress went 5-0 on the weekend while defeating opponents by an average of 31.5 points per game, en route to the championship. "When Coach McGee approached Paul and me in February about the team, we were hesitant. I've heard some horror stories of AAU teams, and I know that this was initially a step outside of Paul's comfort zone," Coach Ripley said. "Looking back on it, I can't explain how thrilled I am that we committed to it. Coach McGee, along with u15 Coach Louis Whitesides, have put together a remarkable program, and I feel that Paul and I were able to become better players and coaches due to this experience."

The team's success didn't stop at the state tournament. The Xpress won their pool in thrilling fashion by defeating teams from Georgia, Arkansas, and Massachusetts. Placed in the championship bracket, the Xpress ran out of gas, losing to a team from Delaware, and finished 4-2 on the week.

Coach Ripley commented: "When we have a chance to better our abilities during the summer we have to take advantage. It was an honor to be asked to help with this great group of kids, and it's great to have an opportunity to represent Orangeburg Prep positively on the local and national scene."

Paul Trimmier, who averaged 8.2 points per game in the national tournament, had this to say about the experience: "Playing AAU basketball this summer was an awesome experience that I will never forget. I competed with a new level of talent. It was cool to know that I was playing with some of the best basketball players in the country. My goal is to bring what I've learned back to OP basketball and have a successful season."

Paul and Coach Ripley will move up to the u15 level next summer as the Xpress will again compete for a national championship!

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HAVING A BRUSH WITH HISTORY

isn't uncommon for students who take part in the Washington Youth Tour. Students visit lots of historic sites in and around the nation's capital. One of our students, sponsored by Tri-County Electric Cooperative on the June 13-18 trip, found history with a strong family tie. Trey Watford located the grave of his great-aunt, Juanita R. Hipps, one of about 300,000 veterans interred at Arlington National Cemetery. A nurse during World War II,



she helped start the Army Nurse Corps, says Trey, son of Lisa and Woody Watford, Jr. "She wrote a book, *I Served on Bataan*, that was turned into a movie," Trey notes.

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All-Star Cheerleaders



The following OPS JV and Varsity Cheerleaders were picked by UCA instructors for AllStars when they attended camp this summer in Myrtle Beach.

Pictured left to right: Clare Wannamaker (8th grade), Brittany Garrick (12th grade), Rachel Galloway (9th grade), Alex Fanning (12th grade), and Jordan Collins (9th grade). Congratulations Girls!

A Letter from the SID's Desk

I trust that everybody had a wonderful summer, and I hope that you are as excited for the new year as I am. When I was hired last year, Coach Layton informed me that one of the many hats that I would wear would be *Sports Information Director* (SID). Not only would I be in charge of collecting the statistics and records of our Indian teams throughout the season, I would also need to try to form a record book for all sports at Orangeburg Preparatory. Here is where I need your help!

I am looking to the OP alumni to give any information that could help in forming these records. Please email me at ripley@orangeburgprep.com with any of the following information that you can remember:

- Final team records and standings
- Individual performances for individual games, seasons, or career
- Any other information that could be helpful in forming these records.

All help that can be provided will be greatly appreciated, and I look forward to working with each of you on this great project!

Thank you,
Coach Ripley



The *Indian Yearbook* is off to a great start, but we need your assistance. Please send in your photos of the first day of school, August 14th Jamboree, sports camp pictures, and summer activities and vacations. We would also like to encourage any business owner out there that would like an ad to contact us ASAP. Senior ads are also being created and assigned pages. If you missed any of our deadlines, please use the new contact email below:



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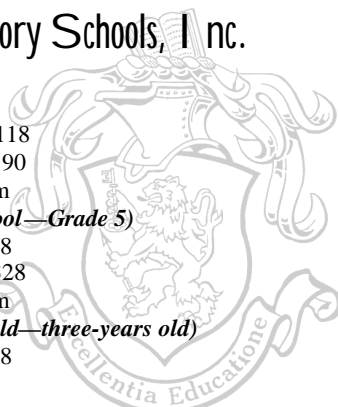
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