

The Cougar Print

Advent Edition



Acts of Charity in OLA

By Willa Kenny

Advent is such a fun time for everyone, but, even with all of the excitement and all the preparations for Christmas, we must remember one of the most important aspects of Advent: providing service to others. Charitable service is valued here at OLA and during the Advent and Christmas seasons, students and teachers participate in giving. A great example of this is the blessing bags, one of the next Charitable events taking place here at OLA. "The Blessing Bags" are bags that will be filled with supplies for poor and homeless people in the Cleveland area. Mrs. Wilson, the second grade teacher, is primarily running "The Blessing Bags." She told me that one of her friends owns a bus that goes to areas with lots of homeless people and most of the bags will be distributed to the poor. The whole school is invited to bring in donations for the bags. The ambassadors will also be doing their part to help out. They will be making a paper chain to be hung up around the walls of the school. To add to the paper chain, students are encouraged to purchase a slip of paper that they can draw or write on. 1 costs \$0.50 and 3 costs \$1.00. Even if you don't bring in donations for the blessing bags, you can still do your part to spread some Christmas cheer. It's the random acts of kindness that are the most beneficial. Like Mr. Crawford always says: "One kind thing a day might just change the world."

Teacher Spotlight on Miss Rossi

By Megan Smith



Miss Rossi is the new kindergarten teacher at OLA. She enjoys teaching because it gives her joy watching students begin to learn how to read and write. She also loves how they are full of kindness and imagination. They are so proud of themselves when they accomplish something. She is going to John Carroll University for Educational Leadership. She is going there to get her principal certification. She is from Long Island, New York. She says that Cleveland is different from where she is from because they say things differently, and she says that Cleveland is more "chill." Outside of school, she likes dancing, baking, cooking

healthy foods, traveling, hanging out with friends and going shopping. She also loves watching romantic movies. She likes OLA because we have such a supportive and helpful staff. She loves coming to work and being surrounded by kind people. She went to Ohio State University, and studied Early Childhood Education. She comes from a large family. She misses her hometown because she misses her family and friends. She also misses the food. I think Miss Rossi is going to do great this year! So please join me in giving her a very warm welcome!

Christmas Art Contest Winners

By Marian Cleary

The newspaper staff decided to hold a drawing contest this season. Congratulations to Carter and Mason. Carter is in second grade, and he drew a Christmas tree. We picked his picture because we thought his tree and his story were unique. His story says " This is our family tree. We decorate with all kinds of different ornaments and lights." Great job, Carter!

Mason, a fifth grader, created a cute scene with Santa, elves, and snowmen falling from the sky. What we liked about the picture is that the characters showed the Christmas spirit. In his drawing, the characters are holding candy canes, presents, and hot chocolate, too. This picture reminds us that it is just a few weeks until Christmas. We really enjoyed this picture. Thank you, Mason for sharing it!

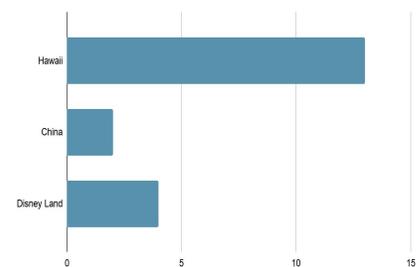


"Where will Santa be going on vacation after Christmas?"

By Mya Marquard

This month, the newspaper staff asked the third grade where Santa will go for vacation after Christmas. I was quite surprised by the results. With 2 votes for China, 4 votes for DisneyLand, and finally 13 votes for Hawaii, it looks like Santa will be lounging on the beaches of Hawaii after Christmas! Thanks to Mrs. Adams and her third grade class for participating in this month's poll.

Santa's Vacation



Advent traditions

By Alora Marquard

During the Covid 19 pandemic, Advent and Christmas are very different than what they normally are. We can't go and celebrate Advent or Christmas with family and friends. Instead we have to spend it with the people we live with. Advent is very important to Christians. Some students in Ms. Rosenbaum's class said that they would spend time with family and visit relatives, while other students said that they would make cookies and give to the homeless. There are many ways to celebrate Advent. A good way is to go to Church and pray for family, friends, and strangers that need a prayer during this Advent season. Thankfully, Covid 19 hasn't stopped OLA from celebrating Advent and lighting the four Advent candles. The four candles symbolize hope, love, joy and peace, so every time you light a candle try to be hopeful, loving, joyful, and peaceful. "Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down" - Pope Francis.

The Newspaper Committee wishes OLA a Merry Christmas and a happy 2021!