Have you ever wondered what a guide dog's job is? Have you ever thought about getting a guide dog of your own? Guide dogs first came around 90 years ago during World War I to help blind veterans. They use two types of dogs to train as guide dogs. These are yellow labs and golden retrievers who are bred for their intelligence and low excitability. When they are puppies they have to learn how to live in a home. When they are older, they start their lessons. The job of the dog is to help the handler avoid traffic and obstacles. It also has to avoid overhead obstacles. Guide dogs have to learn intelligent disobedience. This means the dog disobeys some commands made by the handler when it’s not safe. The handler is the person who is blind who leads the guide dog. Guide dogs have to work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you are thinking about getting a guide dog, here are some questions to help you:

1. Are you declared blind by an ophthalmologist?
2. Are you 18 years or older?
3. Are your parents okay having a dog living in their home?
4. Are you comfortable following the dog’s route even when it differs from the route you would have picked?
5. Do you like the idea of having a dog with you 24/7?
6. Do you currently have good mobility skills indoors and outdoors?

You have to complete a written application, get an interview, and then be evaluated by a committee before you are selected for a guide dog.
Ms. Illniski shows Joey how to record expenses on a chart with a Perkins Brailler

New year, New me

By Joey P.

People celebrate the new year by counting down the minutes, until the new year. And they hang with friends to ring in the new year. And people celebrate the coming of the new year by watching the colorful fireworks.

At the end of every year, people look back on what they did and see what they can change. People like to give up doing certain things like eating ice cream and playing games and so on. People also try to do more good things such as doing your homework, being good in school, keeping your room clean, and being nice to
People do not always complete their new year’s resolutions, because people set goals that might be too hard to accomplish. To help you achieve your goal you can maybe tell your friends and family that you have a new year’s resolution and they can help you reach your goal that you are trying to reach. Try to have patience in reaching your goal. Put it on your schedule to make sure you have time for your goal. Here are some new year’s resolutions some of the students and staff have made around campus:

- Gabby said that she will try to eat less candy.
- Ethan said that he wants to try new things this year.
- Angel said that he wants to do better in his classes.
- Joey said that he wants to turn in school work on time.
- Miss Eva said that she wants to read thirty-five books this year.
- Jessica said that she wants to be nicer and more positive.
- Miss Kendall said that she wants to be more vocational with God.
- Louis said that he wants to make healthier choices.

In my opinion, we need to stay focused on our goals that we made for our resolutions. In the past people tend to lose focus on their resolutions.
Ela creates a holiday ornament
Arrow- why I think you should watch it

By Louis T.
My favorite tv show right now is Arrow and I wrote a review about the show. I wrote this to try to convince some of you to try it out.

Review: Arrow is a TV show about a rich playboy turned vigilante named Oliver Queen who was stranded on an island for five years. On the island he had to fight to survive rockets, guns, and so many other crazy things that changed him for better or worse. You will need to find out for yourself.

My favorite character is Felicity Smoak. She helps Oliver in many ways. She is a secretary and a hacker. She is funny and caring. Those are just some of the reasons why I like her.

I would recommend this show for people who like drama but if you want action, there is a lot of that too.

Farangiz, Rashiy, and Nataysha have been working on folding towels and greeting at The Kappen Aquatic Center
The Voice

By Tamir
We all have hard times, things might not be the best, but we’re blessed and no matter what; stay positive. You never want to look back and you never want to think about the negative. Negativity is a thief that steals happiness, and if you allow it to take over it will be self-destruction. As a person you should be able to understand this thing called, “Life”. You always want to remember that you have yourself, you don’t need anybody else. In today’s world most people have low confidence. It’s a hard feeling being in a room full of people and you feel alone, it’s a hard feeling being in society and you feel like nobody hears or understands you. A great quote Martin Luther King, Jr. said was, “In your life’s blueprint should be a deep belief in your own dignity, your own worth and your own somebodiness. Don’t allow anybody to make you feel that you are nobody, you should feel you count. You should feel that you have worth and always feel that your life has ultimate significance.” To be able to get to these peaceful mindsets you must have as a basic principle, determination to achieve excellence in your various fields of endeavor.

You can do anything you want, you prolong your growth. You always want to pay attention to your heart, your heart will let you know if you’re around the right type of people or in the right situation and when you’re not, if you don’t hear the voices inside you telling you to go left, then you’re just going to have to move on what people called “faith” believing something that’s not seen. Always at the end of the day, JUST BE HAPPY!!
Top 5 Reasons Everyone Needs a Best Friend

1. They're honest with you

A good best friend is always honest with you and tells you something that you never heard before. For example, they might tell you your boyfriend or girlfriend is not good for you. Or they will talk to you about something that your parents would say but it's easier to hear coming from your best friend.

2. You care for each other

If you are upset, your best friend comes over and talks to you about it or makes you feel better on a bad day. But, your best friend is there for you on good days too like surprising you on your birthday, laughing, going to the movies, shopping, and sharing the good times. They can care for you even when you are sick or elderly.

3. Trust
You always have to build trust to be a good friend. You can tell your best friend your deepest secret that you never told someone before. Trust is to keep promises and show respect to one another and also dependability.

4. All the fun you have together

The good times are when you have fun and remember the moments like going to a party, travelling together, reading a book, sharing each others Snapchats, liking each other's pictures on Instagram, and talking about crushes. Other fun things you do with your best friend are having lunch together, cooking together, and going to a family member's wedding.

5. You'll never be lonely

A best friend will always be with you when you are feeling sad or having a bad day. We will text or FaceTime each other, when you are lonely. You can even look at a piece of a necklace that says best friends forever and know they're with you. And always remember a best friend is like a snowflake - we always stick together and they’re unique!
Learning in the Rotunda

By Gabby
I’m sure everyone is aware that OSB has a great gift card fundraiser. Not only does it raise funds through rebates but also helps the students learn different skills.

Each day one or two students spend a class period in the rotunda selling gift cards to staff, visitors, and families interested in buying them.

Two of the students that sell gift cards this year are Ela and Nataysha. Some of the skills they practice are visual skills because they have to locate and identify the needed cards and their prices. They learn technology by filling out a Google Doc form on the I-devices to record sales.

The students learn different math tasks such as learning how to read checks. They practice counting by 5’s and 10’s. They also learn that 4- $25 cards or 2-$50 cards equal $100. The students practice making change and using the calculator. The students even make deliveries of cards and make deposits to the business office.

If you see them in the rotunda, stop by and say hello!
Students in Ms. Hays’ and Ms. Worsley’s classes collaborate on a song writing project to spread an anti-bullying message

Self-Driving Cars

By Angel
These new cars can help people that have blindness and low vision. The new cars are on the roads driving by themselves. This could help you in the future. In 2018, people who are blind travel other ways. For example, we use guide dogs, long canes, GPS, Septa, and para-transit. We are even able to cross the streets. Self-driving cars can help people with blindness and visual impairments be even more independent.

The self-driving cars will wait for you and drive you to your location. The self-driving cars will read traffic lights and know when to stop when cars are nearby. The cars can go faster and slower when they need to. The new cars may prevent accidents because when people drive cars, they can be distracted. These new cars
can get into minimal or no traffic accidents at all. They can eliminate most deaths from car crashes. If someone runs in front of the car it will stop. They have radars that can see the speed of things around them so they know when things are standing or moving. They can paint an image of everything around them. Self-driving cars are better than regular cars because it can do many more things like pay more attention to its surroundings. These cars can help us get around much more safely.

In these cars you are a passenger because the cars are driving by themselves. All you need to do is tell it where to go and it will start driving. Soon they will make cars that people drive illegal. Blind people can get to work much safer. The car can drop you off at your destination. When you are in the car, you can return phone calls, text and sit there without having to worry about anything. A researcher was asked when he thinks they will be safe to drive. They don't know and they are not sure.

The Pink Sled and The Can-Cans perform for a music therapy show
What does love mean to me?

By Shamirah
What does love mean to me? When you care and support one another through everything, that is love. When you stand by their side and be yourself. Being honest and respectful to each other is love. When you open your heart, mind, and soul to love. When you are loyal and trustworthy with yourself and others. Love is when you are happy. When you love yourself, others will love you too. To have love you need to have a healthy mind and body. If you want love you need to start with yourself and others will see the beauty in you.

Fun, Creative Ornaments

By Danielle D., Jayson, Nora, Lexis, Lauren, Tylim, Ethan, Angel, Gabby, Jess, Louis, and Joey
Ms. Olecki’s and Ms. DiEgidio’s classes made ornaments and they sold them at the Craft and Bake Sale in December at Overbrook School for the Blind. This class
made glitter globe ornaments for the holidays. For this craft, they needed plastic ornaments, glitter, glue, and colored ribbons. First they used an empty globe and then they filled it with glue. Then they put a lot of glitter inside the globe. They made them in the classroom on Tuesday, November 21st. It took them two class periods to make them. They decided what to make with the help of their teachers. They planned to use the money they made from selling ornaments to go on a class trip or buy new stuff for their sensory corner. They sold these ornaments at the Craft and Bake Sale on December 15th. Every year, Overbrook holds the Craft and Bake sale to help raise money for senior class activities. They earned $56.00 in profits to spend! Coming together for both classes was fun. They really enjoyed making them. We interviewed the students and learned about this holiday project.

Janna and Jessica listen intently as Mr. Irzyk explains the ropes of manning the camera for our very first Good Morning Overbrook news segment.
How to be successful

By Rashad

What does successful mean? Successful means something or someone that is successful, achieves what it was intended to achieve. Achieving success comes with a lot of hard work and dedication. Success doesn’t come overnight, you will have to practice day in and day out to achieve your desires. On the path of obtaining success, you will come across numerous road blocks and hardships. For example, to obtain the college degree of your liking, you will find yourself often stressed out due to the amount of college work you must get done. You may also find yourself in times where you feel like you can no longer go on, but to achieve whatever you’re aiming for, you will go through these emotions, and all the struggles you’ve endured will be worth it at the end.

Being successful is simple. Hard work and dedication is very important. Nothing comes easy without practice. You can’t expect to sing like Whitney Houston, without any practice and determination. Patience is also very important, there will be times where you feel like you can no longer go on, but you must continue and be patient. Anyone can be successful with hard work and dedication.

High School students in Ms. DiFabio's classes created painted poppy flowers for a bulletin board. Students also used snow and tissue paper to produce unique, watercolor creations!
Love at first sight

By Tierra

It was a cold winter night; the stars were shining as bright as the streetlights. Kyle, an 11th grade boy, was walking downtown in the city by himself looking for something fun to do. He would have gone to an arcade but all his friends were busy, he would have went to a movie but he had no girlfriend. It was almost the day of Love, see I would call it Valentine’s Day but Kyle didn't like that name. All Kyle wanted was a girlfriend, someone he could cuddle and watch movies with. Still walking through the city, Kyle saw a beautiful girl, she had long light brown hair, beautiful green eyes and a smile that could light up the world. She saw him staring at her and asked, "What are you looking at?" Kyle didn't know what to say, because her beauty had him speechless, so he just smiled. The girl said, "Well my name is Alliana and what's your name?" Kyle slowly answered, "My name is Kyle." The girl asked again "Why are you smiling and looking at me like that?" Kyle decided to say something cheesy, so he said, "Because you're a work of art." Alliana blushed and looked down at the ground shyly. Kyle said, "Hey, I know we just met but would you like to grab some ice cream right here, right now?" To find out if Alliana and Kyle will end up dating, you will have to read the next newspaper.
Appropriate cell phone use in and out of the workplace

By Justin M., Brandon W., Thomas T., Danielle G., Stephanie A., Sean M., and Erick T.

Cell phones are important for emergencies, talking with friends, communicating with family far away and playing games.

Cell Phones can be helpful to get directions, use apps meant for the blind and visually impaired such as money reader, if you are bilingual you can use a translating app, you tell time, set reminders and send emails. Voiceover is used for blind and visually impaired users. It will read to you what is on the screen.

Cell Phones at Work

You should not use cell phones at work because you are on the clock. Being on the clock means that you should be working and you are getting paid for the time and work you do. Your employer will be mad and think you are irresponsible. You can get fired.

You can use your phone when traveling to and from work to listen to music. You should keep your music low so you don’t distract others.

Cell Phones with Friends

When you’re with your friends you should not use your phone because the other person will feel that she or he is boring, you don’t want to talk to them about something or that you’re not paying attention. They will feel like you don’t care about them and they will not go out with you again. It’s important to not use your phone when your on a date because you need to pay close attention to show the person that you care!

You can use your phone when you are with a friend if something like an emergency happens or to see what time it is. You also can take your phone to show pictures or take pictures of you and your friend.
Check out this article from The Red and White's 1984 publication. It was composed by our very own librarian, Ms. Giddens, when she was a student here!

**UNEXPECTED SEASON**

Bernadette Giddens

It strikes early one morning and slams the shutters open and shut. Frost-biting winds seep through the doors. You pull up your blankets, but that doesn't help. You start to shiver. Your teeth start to chatter. Laying in your bed, you stare towards the window. Crystal-like snow flakes, glued to the window make it opaque and block your view. Being curious, you rise, creep downstairs, and walk, towards the door. On the other side there lays two feet of snow, just waiting for you.
Love

*By Shahdirah*

Love,

Easy to be lost in.

They are always on your mind.

Feeling compassionate for one another.

Being there for each other unconditionally.

Always loving that person no matter the circumstance.
Taking long walks hand in hand.

Romantic dates.

Bouquet of roses.

Long conversations.

Being each other’s best friend.

Loyalty.

Trusting each other.

Love.

Students from Main 210 are all smiles
The definition of a horoscope is an astrological forecast for a day, week, month or year based on the position of the stars and planets at a specific point in time.

**Capricorn: The Goat**  
(December 22-January 19)  
Element: Earth  
Colors: Brown and Black  
Ruler: Saturn  
Signs you get along with: Taurus and Cancer  
Lucky Numbers: 4,8,13,12  
Strengths: Responsible, Disciplined, Self-Control, Good Managers

**Aquarius: The Water Bearer**  
(January 20-February 18)  
Element: Air  
Colors: Light Blue and Silver  
Ruler: Uranus and Saturn  
Signs you get along with: Leo and Sagittarius  
Lucky Numbers: 4,7,11,22,29  
Strengths: Progressive, Original, Independent, Humanitarian

**Pisces: The Fish**  
(February 19-March 20)  
Element: Water
Colors: Mauve, Lilac, Purple, Violet and Sea Green

Signs you get along with: Virgo and Taurus

Lucky Numbers: 3,9,12,15,18,24

Strengths: Compassionate, Artistic, Intuitive, Gentle, Wise, Musical

**Aries: The Ram**

(March 21-April 19)

Element: Fire

Color: Red

Ruler: Mars

Signs you get along with: Libra and Leo

Lucky Numbers: 1,8, 17

Strengths: Courageous, Determined, Confident, Enthusiastic, Optimistic, Honest, Passionate

**Taurus: The Bull**

(April 20-May 20)

Element: Earth

Colors: Green and Pink

Ruler: Venus

Signs you get along with: Scorpio and Cancer

Lucky Numbers: 2,6,9,12, 24

Strengths: Reliable, Patient, Practical, Devoted, Responsible

**Gemini: The Twins**

(May 21-June 20)

Element: Air
Colors: Light Green and Yellow
Ruler: Mercury
Signs you get along with: Sagittarius and Aquarius
Lucky Numbers: 5, 7, 14, 23
Strengths: Gentle, Affectionate, Curious, Adaptable, Ability to learn quickly and exchange ideas

**Cancer: The Crab**
(June 21-July 22)
Element: Water
Color: White
Ruler: Moon
Signs you get along with: Capricorn and Taurus
Lucky Numbers: 2, 3, 15, 20
Strengths: Tenacious, Highly Imaginative, Loyal, Emotional, Sympathetic, Persuasive

**Leo: The Lion**
(July 23-August 22)
Element: Fire
Colors: Gold, Yellow and Orange
Ruler: Sun
Signs you get along with: Aquarius and Gemini
Lucky Numbers: 1, 3, 10, 19
Strengths: Creative, Passionate, Generous, Warm-hearted, Cheerful, Humorous

**Virgo: The Virgin**
(August 23-September 22)
Element: Earth  
Colors: Gray, Beige and Pale-Yellow  
Ruler: Mercury  
Signs you get along with: Pisces and Cancer  
Lucky Numbers: 5,14,15,23,32  
Strengths: Loyal, Analytical, Kind, Hardworking, Practical

**Libra: The Scale**  
(September 23-October 22)  
Element: Air  
Colors: Pink and Green  
Ruler: Venus  
Signs you get along with: Aries and Sagittarius  
Lucky Numbers: 4,6,13,15,24  
Strengths: Cooperative, Diplomatic, Gracious, Fair-Minded, Social

**Scorpio: The Scorpion**  
(October 23-November 21)  
Elements: Water  
Colors: Scarlet, Red and Rust  
Rulers: Pluto and Mars  
Signs you get along with: Taurus and Cancer  
Lucky Numbers: 8,11,18,22  
Strengths: Resourceful, Brave, Passionate, A true friend

**Sagittarius: The Archer**  
(November 22-December 21)
Element: Fire
Color: Blue
Ruler: Jupiter
Signs you get along with: Gemini and Aries
Lucky numbers: 3, 7, 9, 12, 21
Strengths: Generous, Idealistic, Great sense of humor