

# Sally Ride ES: Explorer Monthly

## February 2020 Edition

### Upcoming Events

#### Black History Month

2/06/20 – SAC Meeting - 3:30 pm

2/10/20 – 2/21/20 - Kids Heart Challenge Kick-off

2/10/20 – 2/14/20 - Kindness Week

2/12/20 – Magnet Tour - 9:00 am

2/12/20 – Community Blood Drive 11:30 am-5:00 pm

2/14/20 – Valentine's Day!

2/17/20 – President's Day (Holiday) No School!

2/20/20 – FSA Night – 4:45 pm – 6:15 pm

2/26/20 – Magnet Tour – 9:00 am



## Meet the our school Staffing Specialist: she has heart.

Hello Sally Ride Explorers & Families!

My name is Marissa Zucker, and I am the Staffing Specialist at Sally Ride Elementary. This is my third year being a staffing specialist, but 9<sup>th</sup> year working in OCPS. I graduated from UCF with my Bachelor's degree in Exceptional Student Education. I have taught Pre-K and K-2 varying exceptionalities classes before becoming a staffing specialist. In my free time, I love to read, all things Disney, and traveling.

I work closely with our students and families with various special needs, along with supporting all of our scholars at Sally Ride. I love to celebrate the small victories our scholars achieve, along with the big ones, each and every day at Sally Ride. It is incredibly rewarding to see all that our scholars can accomplish with a lot of hard work, patience, and thinking outside of the box.

Families, thank you for all of your continued support for your children. I truly believe that our scholars will be the most successful when a solid relationship between school and home is formed. I look forward to enjoying the rest of the school year with our Explorers!

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As the school's health representative, Mrs. Zucker has also organized the school's second blood drive of the year. To help more families have access to donate, the bus will be here at the school from 11:30am to 5:30pm in the Pre-K car loop on the far side of the school. Please feel free to sign up for a time at <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now> and use sponsor code 58780.

Happy February!

**Kindergarten** is working on drawing still life to create a realistic artwork. **First graders** are learning about symmetry to create a symmetrical butterfly. **Second Graders** are painting a warm and cool rocket. **Third graders** are using complementary colors and cross contour lines. **Fourth graders** are creating a 3-D animal sculpture out of clay. **Fifth graders** are using two separate color schemes to create an opposite artwork. Thank you!

**Hello Parents and Families, Happy February! This month show your love and support. We have a lot of recognition this month... Black History Month, Heart Month, Counsellor Week, School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day, Valentine's Day, Kids Heart Challenge Fundraiser & FSA Night. Keep a lookout for the flyers and social media postings of all our events. Thank you!**

## Popular Links

1. [www.sallyridees.ocps.net](http://www.sallyridees.ocps.net)
2. <https://launchpad.classlink.com/ocps>
3. <https://ocps.net>
4. [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)
5. <http://www.abcya.com>
6. [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)
7. [www.pbskids.org/learn](http://www.pbskids.org/learn)
8. [www.pbskids.org/apps/](http://www.pbskids.org/apps/)

Have you been checking up on your child on Skyward? 😊

## ALL ABOUT **AEROSPACE** & AVIATION

**Robotics and Magnet News:** Gardening Club is starting for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Fill out a form or Dojo message Ms. Hodges if you're interested. The Magnet Application window closes February 15<sup>th</sup> (for 5<sup>th</sup> graders looking for middle schools or parents looking to come to our school). Magnet families, keep an eye out for our next Magnet Meetup to SIMCOM. Orlando Science Center and OUC are setting up at lab on February 26<sup>th</sup> for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders to learn about green roofs.

**STEM Lab:** 22 fifth graders are members of the Sally Ride/UCF Pen Pal club! Fridays - 7:40 AM - Ms. Berriz's office. This is a great opportunity for our students where they can WRITE about what they love, their favorite subjects and their hobbies. Students from different Engineering careers in UCF motivate our scholars to work hard for their future!!!

- 15 members of Sally Ride STEM club will participate in the SECME Regional

Do you have an upcoming 3 or 4 year old who will be ready for VPK next year? Please be sure to complete the registration online as we will be registering here at school soon! VPK Registration information ([www.earlychildhood.ocps.net](http://www.earlychildhood.ocps.net))

**Kindergarten Launch** is almost here! Our registrar will be available to receive paperwork and answer questions in our office between February 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> for parents of students turning 5 before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. More info is online 😊

## A SNAPSHOT OF THE LAST MONTH:



**Photo One and Photo Two:** Literacy Night was fun for all! A big thank you to author Ihenyen Ejodame for coming and sharing his work with us! The students loved meeting Bintah!

**Photo Three:** CONGRATULATIONS Robotics Club for winning the Robot Game Award at the FIRST Lego League Qualifier on Saturday, January 11th! Check out the trophy in the case in the lobby.

**Thank You to all Stakeholders for supporting SRE!**