

THE RISING TIDE

Finding Inspiration in Our Students and Our School Community

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**Student Hours:
8:35 a.m. - 3:39 p.m.**

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7:30 a.m. - 4:10 p.m.**

PTA Membership

Thank you to every family who has joined the ODS PTA. Thank you for the donation of your membership. Teacher grants, field trips, enrichment programs, and so much more are made possible by ODS PTA members.



Old Donation School
Home of the Edward E. Brickell Academy for
Advanced Academics and Arts

VBCPS Builds the Next Strategic Plan: Get Involved

Virginia Beach City Public Schools is building the plan that will guide the division’s work from 2020-2025 and your input is needed. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunities made available to you to give input, share experiences, and make recommendations for the future of VBCPS.

Visit the school division’s website to understand the components of the Graduate Profile, contribute to the Virtual Town Hall, and examine the timeline for plan development:

[http://
www2.vbschools.com/
compass/beyond2020/
index.asp](http://www2.vbschools.com/compass/beyond2020/index.asp)



Mission, Vision, and Honor Code: What do we value as a school?

Vision Statement: Every student is engaged in a creative, collaborative, and challenging environment characterized by support and mutual respect for individual differences.

Mission Statement: Old Donation School, home of Brickell Academy, will inspire a passion for learning in all students through innovative opportunities and authentic tasks throughout our unique school community.

Honor Code: I will have the courage to act with integrity, choosing to demonstrate honesty, responsibility, self-control, and respect in my words and actions.

What do I do if there is a problem with bus transportation?

In the event a bus is late picking up your child in the morning, doesn't arrive at all, or is late in the afternoon, please contact the Virginia Beach City Public Schools Office of Transportation Services.

- Main number: 757-263-1545
- Bus routes and schedules (5 a.m.-5 p.m.): 757-263-1545
- After hours (5 p.m.-7 p.m.) 757-263-2949
- vbcpbusstop@vbschools.com

Note: At the conclusion of dismissal each day, the recording on the ODS machine is updated with the latest transportation information as we know it at the time of dismissal. Call 757-648-3240 and select option #4.

A Great Addition to PE

ODS Health and Physical Education teachers are excited to introduce students to an engaging new device being installed in our gym this week. Meet the Lu: <https://www.play-lu.com/> As our teachers continue to engage students in physical activity that stimulates the mind and body, this new device will help them to reach that goal in ways that will engage and challenge students. We are appreciative that VBCPS supported our desire to add the Lu to our school and our educational program.

Learning Differences is Not a Bad Thing

All parents are invited to join us for a showing of the movie, *2e*, on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Understanding what it means when a gifted child has learning needs that are atypical is important for parents and educators alike. This parent-only event is designed to help parents develop understanding and gain support. See the movie trailer to see if this event is right for you: [2e](#)

Please contact Janet Smallwood at janet.smallwood@vbschools.com if you have any questions.

Resources for Parents in the ODS Library

Parenting Gifted Children 101: An Introduction to Gifted Kids and Their Needs by Tracy Ford Inman, Ed.D., Jana Kirchner, Ph.D.

Letting Go of Perfect by Jill L. Adelson Ph.D., Hope E. Wilson Ph.D.

Stressed Out!: Solutions to Help Your Child Manage and Overcome Stress by James W. Forgan, Ph.D., and Mary Anne Richey

Twice-Exceptional Gifted Children: Understanding, Teaching, and Counseling Gifted Students by Beverly A. Trail Ed.D.

Emotional Intensity in Gifted Students: Helping Kids Coping With Explosive Feelings (2nd ed.) by Christine Fonseca

Parenting Gifted Kids: Tips for Raising Happy and Successful Children by James R. Delisle Ph.D.

There are additional titles available so stop by the ODS library.

Scratch Cooking Update

ODS has increased the number of lunches served daily by more than 100 since last year. Students, staff, and guests are finding the enhanced menu a delicious and nutritious option to packing lunch.



The salad bar is a popular option open most days. It now includes fresh items from the ODS garden.



Fresh items are no more expensive, just as delicious, and helpful in keeping energy and focus high.



Freshly-made pizza is a favorite.

Mark Your Calendar and Join Us:

Tuesday, November 6 Alumni Speaker 6:00-7:00 PM

Bring your entire family and join us for the launch of the 2018-2019 Alumni Speaker Series with Keano Rich, a senior at the Mathematics and Sciences Academy at Ocean Lakes High School. An alum from both ODC and KLMS/KLODS, Keano will inspire everyone in his discussion on his educational path, his love of learning and music, and his future plans. Join us to be inspired!

Friday, November 9 Workshop for Parents of MS Students

Middle School Parent Workshop: *Keeping Adolescents Safe on the Internet* 6-8 pm (Please note: The content of the workshop is not appropriate for children.)

A middle school dance sponsored by NJHS will be held at the same time.

Plan Ahead: Early Dismissal on November 21

ODS will dismiss at 12:39 PM for Thanksgiving Break. Parents picking up students earlier than dismissal, must arrive by 12:15 PM. No bus changes for riding home with friends will be honored.

Staying Informed

Keep up to date on what is going on at Old Donation School with the **Daily Update Email**. This daily email includes the morning announcements and is distributed to subscribers by noon each school day. You can sign up by going [here](#).

Daily Updates on Twitter:

- Dr. Hedrick [@Principal4GT](#)
- Old Donation School [@OldDonationSchool](#) (Includes daily bus departures at the end of the school day)
- PTA [@brickellpta](#)

School Web site: <http://www.brickellacademy.vbschools.com>

School Messenger: Do we have your current contact information? School Messenger messages are used for a variety of communications, including emergency situations.

Teacher Webpages: <http://www.brickellacademy.vbschools.com/pages/aboutus/staff/>

Email: BrickellAcademyPTA@gmail.com