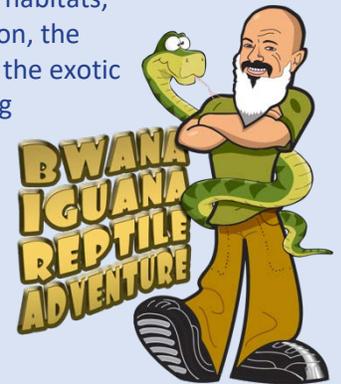




## An Incredible Iguana Experience!



What a treat we had here at Ocean State Academy this month when we were visited by our friend Ray from the Bwana Iguana Reptile Adventure. Our students were both awed and entertained as they learned about different species of snakes, turtles, tortoises, and skink lizards, including their environments, native habitats, and eating habits. During the demonstration, the students were able to touch and interact with the exotic creatures Ray brought along, smiling and laughing the whole time. Delivering equal parts education and fun to children and adults alike, we'll be sure to invite Ray again for another exciting reptilian adventure!

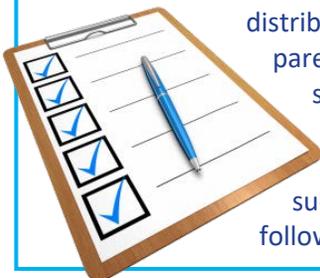


*Top: It took many hands (left to right: Elijah, Tyrone, Jheremy, Mike, and Lamar) to handle this mighty python!*

*Bottom: Angel and Meajon playfully prod this red corn snake along.*

## IEP Corner

This month's contribution to our ever-growing library of IEP resources consists of a [checklist for parents](#). Whether new to the IEP process or a seasoned meeting attendee, this list will help prepare all parents by mapping out what they can expect during IEP meetings, what topics will be covered, and what they are entitled to request for IEP fulfillment. Presented in a simple and logical format, feel free to print out this PDF and distribute to your parents, who will surely appreciate receiving such an easy-to-follow resource.



## Tuesdays Are for Ommm ...

We're deeply grateful to Shri Yoga instructor Robin Sousa for providing our staff with a much-needed weekly yoga session on Tuesdays. After the school day is done, staff members are welcome to participate in an hour-long session of various yoga exercises, poses, and relaxing techniques—all intended to provide a dedicated span of self-care that will yield a whole mat-full of health benefits. It's not just a physical workout, it's a mental practice that feeds both body and soul. Keep it up, staff! Namaste.



# CORKBOARD CONTEST



OSA recently hosted our "Language of the System" competition in which staff and students created corkboard exhibits using the elements of our school's language and behavior system to promote unity and understanding. Each grade level designed their own display, featuring various pictures and messages that depict our common language in the building. Running throughout the month of March, the event truly showcased our students' talents in a beautiful and brilliant array of creativity!



## A Wonder-ful Program

March, the month of fresh springtime beginnings, seemed an opportune time to conduct a second round of Works Wonders on campus, a career development program hosted by Foster Forward for older students interested in pursuing a variety of post-graduation employment options. Held during the school day, the program begins with several weeks of preliminary training in such areas as résumé writing and applying for jobs. During the job training workshops, our students were able to work one-on-one with the employment specialist and engage in some meaningful conversations. In their own words, they learned about "how to present myself for a job interview," "proper ways to greet or introduce myself in a job placement," and "how to deal with work-related issues and standing up for myself." All of the students who provided feedback on the program reported that they would recommend it to others, also agreeing that they "enjoyed" the "respectful" staff who ran it. We're very excited to continue this invaluable partnership and offer this incredible opportunity to our deserving students.

## Way to Go, Dragons!

Each month, our elementary school teachers select two students as "Dragon of the Month" on the basis of two respective categories: Academic Achievement and Good Citizenship. Students take great pride in earning this title, which makes it extra-special to the staff. We are so proud of this month's honorees: (left to right) Angel Ozuna, Jeremiah Lewis, Christian Goddard-King, and Jah'Nai Johnson.

