

# THE O.E.C.S. TIMES

## WOMENS HISTORY MONTH EDITION



### Addicted to Your Phone Quiz

- You wake up and go to sleep with your phone/tablet
- You hold it in your hand instead of having it in your bag/pocket
- If it gets taken you cry, scream, get angry, withdrawn or all of the above
- You use acronyms more than words
- You have very little iCloud storage
- You can be on your phone looking for your phone

#### SCORES

said yes to all 6 - extreme addiction  
 over 4 - moderate addiction  
 under 2 - low addiction  
 0 - not addicted at all

By Dr. Ellis (School Counselor)



Viola Davis during her Grammy speech after completing her EGOT

### By Kenaldo Ovil

Viola Davis is one of the most celebrated women in pop culture. With one Emmy, two Tony's, one Oscar, and one Grammy, she is the third black woman to EGOT. Acting in popular shows, movies and plays. She is a role model for a lot of women to chase her dreams even though they might not have the best resources to start off with.

Growing up poor in Rhode Island, Davis distracted herself from family's financial problems by watching movies. She discovered a love of acting early in high school. At Rhode Island College, in 1988 Davis got her degree in acting. From there, she studied at Juilliard School of Performing Arts in New York City. Before long, Davis began to make a name for herself in New York. She made her Broadway debut in August in August Wilson's play, *Seven Guitars* in 1996. She again worked with Wilson on 2001 drama *King Hedley II*, for which she won her first Tony Award. In 2010 she would win her second Tony for her leading role in the Broadway revival of the play *Fences*.

In 2015, Davis won an Emmy for her role in "How to Get Away with Murder" and made history, becoming the first African American performer to win for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series. In 2016 Davis won a Golden Globe award for reprising her role as Rose Maxson in the film adaptation of *Fences* and became the first black performer to get the "Triple Crown" (An accomplishment by winning an Oscar, Emmy and Tony in acting categories.) In 2020, Davis took a character in *Rainey's Black Bottom*, the role earned Davis several award nominations and the SAG award for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role. To complete her EGOT, she won a Grammy for her audiobook memoir, *Finding Me*. In her words, "I just EGOT"

Viola Davis is not only an inspiration to women, or African-Americans, but everyone. Even with growing up poor she became one of the most celebrated actors on this Earth. This is why until the Earth stops spinning, she will be remembered as a legend.

**THIS MONTH'S CHARACTER TRAIT: FRIENDSHIP**

## BREAKING NEWS: The Willow Project Must Be Stopped!!!!!!

BY KALEY MARTINEZ

The “Willow Project” is a 30-year-old oil drilling project that is happening in Alaska. Its goal is to make 180,000 oil barrels a day. Alaskans want this to happen because it will bring good money, give lots of jobs, and overall make Alaska a more profitable state. The climate activists think that this project should have been canceled due to it probably injuring and killing the animals there. The Polar bears are getting slimmer and scrawny, the penguins are dying off, seals don’t have much ice to lay on, and many other cruel things. Activists are working to stop this but failed. We hope that this does not affect the environment greatly.

If you would like to help put a stop to this please go to the link below:  
<https://www.protectthearctic.org/stop-willow>



### An Interview with Ms. Thomas (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher)

By Danny and John

- What do you enjoy most about teaching? Being able to help students and making an enjoyable experience for them.
- What is your taste in music? Hip Hop
- Who inspires you? Every black person that defies the odds.
- What made you become a teacher? I wanted to help people in a direct way.
- Which women do you look up to? My sister and mom.
- What's your favorite food? Thai food, Lasagna and anything spicy.
- What's your favorite TV show? Family Reunion.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The March 17th celebration known as Saint Patrick's Day started in 1631 honoring St. Patrick. He had been Patron Saint of Ireland. Saint Patrick was born in Roman, Britain around A.D. 35 with the name Maewyn Succat. Unfortunately perished on March 17th A.D. 465, at the age of 78 in Saul, United Kingdom. He was the son of Conchessa & Calpurnius, only having one sibling, Darerca of Ireland. Saint was a missionary and Bishop in Ireland and was also Known as the Apostle of Ireland. Slavery was what brought St. Patrick to Ireland, made him want to teach how to stand strong in the face of oppression and cruelty. Saint Patrick used to show the holy trinity with each leaf representing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But St Patrick did not believe in Christianity until one day he heard a voice in his dream which he believed was God who said he could help all the Irish sinners from going to hell and that was when his mission started.

### AN INSPIRATION: MRS. GREY

By Nevaeh Nunoo

I sat down with Mrs. Grey, a security guard at Ola Edwards Community School and began my interview. I asked her the first question.

“What school did you attend?”

“Malcolm X Shabazz High school”. I looked at her with great surprise because most of my family had been in that school. I began to follow up on my next question.

“How do you describe the word woman?” She was stumped a little bit but began to speak.

“I would describe the word woman as strength”. I nodded my head in agreement and satisfaction, I began myself for the next question waiting for her next answer.

“Why did you choose your job?”

“I enjoyed working with kids!” Mrs. Grey replied with a soothing voice and smile, I smiled back and launched into my next question.

“What inspired your job” I asked this question since she stated she enjoyed working with kids.

“I used to work in group homes with kids.” I wrote down her response with a light nod soon imploring my following question.

“How do today’s women make you feel as a woman?”. She asked me to repeat the question so she could think so I waited.

“It makes me proud, seeing strong others.” I nodded and moved on to my next question.

## Ask Liam

YOUR BURNING QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Dear Liam, out of all the women in the school who do look up to and why?

I look up to all the women in the school but if I have to pick I would pick Ms. DaSilva. I love technology and if I had to choose what my future job would be, I am thinking of becoming a tech expert.

Dear Liam, how do you celebrate Women's history month?

It's really simple, I celebrate all the women in the world. Personally, I think you should celebrate the women in your family.

Dear Liam, when and why was school made?

School was made so it would be easier and more efficient to have a small group of adults teach a larger group of children. This idea was put into place in 24th–23rd century BC.

“Define the word respect.”

“Appreciating others and their differences.” I replied with a smile and continued my next question.

“What woman/women do you look up to”

“My godmother showed me what a strong woman was growing” I smiled and nodded since my own godmother is someone who I look up to as well.

“What got you here now as a person?”. She thought a little and answered.

“Environment, beliefs, and growth.”.

“What people pushed you to do more.”.

“My children” She nodded with a gentle smile

“How does your family shape you as a woman?”. She began saying many things but told me not to with a laugh.

“Makes me want to do more.” I wrote down my answer, stood up and shook her hand “Thank you for answering my questions”

## TOP 5 VACATION HOT SPOTS

BY EMMA MARTINS

## ARTS & LEISURE



1. Montego Bay, Jamaica  
Hotel: Iberostar Rose Hall Beach; 4 days \$1000, All Inclusive

Airfare: JetBlue \$600 per person

Where to eat: House boat

Activity you must try: Bay Trip to Dunn's River Falls

Local saying: "Wah Gwaan" "What's happening"



3  
Ghana, Africa

Hotel: Icon house 4 days \$1,000

Airfare: United Airlines: \$1,200 per person

Where to eat: Divincs Car and kitchen

Activity you must try: Rock climbing

Local saying: "A child who asks questions does not become a fool"



5. Miami, Florida, USA

Hotels: EAST Miami 4 days 1,135

Airfare: American airlines; \$552 per person

Where to eat: Crazy about you

Activity you must try: Zoo Miami

Local sayings: "Life is better in Miami"



2. Costa Rica

Hotel: W Costa Rica-Reserve Conchal; 4 days \$1,184

Airfare: American Airlines \$678 per person

Where to eat: La Criollita -San Jose

Activity you must try: Go hiking-any trail

Local sayings: "Pura Vida" "Pure Life"



4. Phuket, Thailand  
Hotels: Banyan Tree Phuket 4 days: \$1,184

Airfare: Korean Air: \$1,906 per person

Where to eat: Dibuk Restaurant

Activity you must try: The Big Buddha, Phuket Buddhist temple

Local sayings: "Mai pen rai" "It doesn't matter"

## An Interview with our Nurse

This month is Women's History so I chose Ms. Ardino. Ms. Ardino is our school nurse here in Ola Edwards Community School but before she got here she went to Union County College and Trinitas School of Nursing for her RN. She also went to Saint Elizabeth University from RN to BSN. After all that she went to New Jersey City University to be a certified school nurse. Why did she want to become a school nurse here? She loves helping kids and working with them. A woman that has inspired her is her mother and in her free time she loves to read. Something that makes her happy is her family and going to work to help the kids.

By Alyssa Joseph



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