



# The Oberle Update

## Welcome,

### Roarke Anderson

This year marks the end of an era as our current owner and CEO, Mrs. Joan McLaughlin embarks upon her retirement! "Roarke Anderson brings a vast amount of leadership, training and management experience to the organization with 38 years of service in the United States Marine Corps," said McLaughlin. "I am so thrilled we were able to hire a person with such impeccable credentials and leadership and management skills to lead our organization into the future."

Mr. Anderson received his Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) degree from North Central College in Naperville, IL in 1984. He obtained his Master of Arts in Business Management degree in 1999 from the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, KS. In 2004, Anderson completed his second Master's degree with a Master of Science degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the US Naval War College in Newport, RI.

Anderson began his Marine Corps career as an enlisted man in 1975 serving as a communications specialist at Camp Pendleton near San Diego, California. He remained in his communications position until 1978.

From 1978-1980, Anderson moved into an elite unit as a Marine Corps Security Guard, protecting United States Embassies around the world. His first assignment was at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran. He was transferred to his second assignment prior to the November 1979 Iran hostage crisis. In 1979 he arrived at his second assignment providing security at the U.S. Embassy in San Salvador, El Salvador.

Anderson left active duty and became a member of the Marine Corps Forces Reserve from 1980-1984 while pursuing his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Upon graduation, he returned to active duty in the Marine Corps as a commissioned officer with the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant.

He served from 1984-1988 in a variety of places in the Marine Corps Operating Forces. From 1988-1991 he was assigned to the Marine Barracks Washington, DC, the oldest active post in the Marine Corps.

After attending the Marine Corps' Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico, VA for one year, Anderson was transferred in 1992 to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he served as the Communications Officer until 1995.

Over the next several years, Anderson's stellar career in the United States Marine Corps was nothing short of exemplary. He served in a variety of posts as his responsibilities increased with each promotion he received. His posts were as follows: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Communication Electronics Operation School, 29 Palms, CA (1995-1998); Chief of Computers and Computer Support, U.S. Forces, Japan (1999-2001); Commanding Officer, 8<sup>th</sup> Communications Battalion, Camp Lejeune, NC (2001-2003); Chief, Director's Action Group, J6, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon (2004-2006);

Assistant Chief of Staff, J6, Camp Lejeune and Fallujah, Iraq (2006-2008); USMC Representative to the Joint Chiefs of Staff Working Group, Pentagon (2008-2009); Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, Arlington, VA (2009-2011).

In his final position, Anderson served from 2011-2014 as Chief of Staff of the Marine Corps Base, Quantico. After 38 years of service to our nation, he retired as a Colonel on June 30, 2014 and spent some well-deserved time with his family. Anderson's duties as President of Employment Resources Incorporated include managing a staff of 39 employees while overseeing the entire operations of ERI's employment training and educational programs and services at the Gladys H. Oberle School. "I'm extremely excited and humbled to be given the opportunity to serve the community in this capacity," said Anderson. "The work ERI does in providing our youth a safe and individualized avenue for success is inspiring."

## Counseling Corner

The National Federation for the Blind is hosting a fundraiser and community awareness walk on April 16, 2016. The walk begins at 10am at the City Dock and will conclude at Headquarters Library. Registration begins at 9:30 prior to the event. Come support Ms. Frisch, our Interact Advisor, and Volunteers for the Blind with your participation in this event!

Rappahannock Area Autism Council is sponsoring "Autism—Putting the Puzzle Together Across a Lifespan". Presentation topics will include Educational Advocacy, Waivers, Employment, and Financial Planning. Saturday May 14, 2016 at the Caroline County Community Center. Cost is \$10/family and includes lunch. Register online at [www.rappautismconf.eventbrite.com](http://www.rappautismconf.eventbrite.com)

## This Month in American History

- April 1<sup>st</sup> - United States launches first weather satellite (1960)
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> - First Easter egg Roll at the White House (1877)
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Apple releases first iPad (2010)
- April 4<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King, Jr., assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee (1968)
- April 5<sup>th</sup> - Pocahontas marries English colonist John Rolfe in Virginia (1614)
- April 6<sup>th</sup> - United States declares war on Germany to enter World War I (1917)
- April 8<sup>th</sup> - Hank Aaron break Babe Ruth's homerun record (1974)
- April 9<sup>th</sup> - Robert E. Lee surrenders to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia (1865)
- April 10<sup>th</sup> - F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby" is published (1925)
- April 11<sup>th</sup> - Congress declares and end to the Revolutionary War (1783)
- April 11<sup>th</sup> - Jackie Robinson becomes first African-American player in MLB (1947)
- April 12<sup>th</sup> - Bombing at Ft. Sumter, South Carolina starts the Civil War (1861)
- April 14<sup>th</sup> - President Abraham Lincoln is assassinated at Ford's Theatre (1865)
- April 15<sup>th</sup> - The Titanic strikes an iceberg and sinks (1912)
- April 19<sup>th</sup> - American Revolutionary War begins (1775)
- April 24<sup>th</sup> - Space shuttle Discovery is launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida (1990)
- April 30<sup>th</sup> - George Washington takes office as the first President of the United States (1789)
- April 30<sup>th</sup> - United States purchases the Louisiana Territory from France (1803)

# Word of the Month: FAIRNESS

## April Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Cheeseburger Baked Beans Cole Slaw	5 Marry Me Chicken Pasta Zucchini	6 California Veggie Melt Potato Soup	7 Hot Dogs Sauerkraut Crinkle Fries	8 Pizza Carrot Coins Ice Cream
11 Beef Lo Mein w Rice	12 Chix Nuggets Green Beans Waffle Fries	13 Tuna Salad Sandwich Pretzels Tomatoes	14 Fettucine Alfredo Salad	15 Pizza Hot Fudge Pudding Cake
18 Chili Corn Muffins	19 Curried Chix Rice Mattar Paneer	20 Grilled Cheese Sweet Potato Fries	21 Turkey Sub Potato Chips	22 Pizza Flower Cookie Crudite Boats
25 Meat Loaf Peas Mashed Potatoes	26 Orange Chix Fried Rice Broccoli	27 Baked Ziti Italian Sausage	28 Ham&Cheese Sandwich Celery Popcorn	29 Pizza Strawberry Pie

### Important Dates:

April 4: Return from Spring Break  
 April 6: Clubs  
 April 14: Report Cards  
 April 20: Clubs  
 April 21: Reward Day-Earth Day @ Fort AP Hill  
 April 28: Early Dismissal/Staff Inservice-Paper Tigers Community Forum  
 April 29: Adopt-A-Trail  
 May 4: Clubs/Invasive Species Trip  
 May 5: Flying Squirrels Baseball for earning an "A"  
 May 6: Bellisimo Ball-more info. to follow  
 May 18: Interim Reports/Clubs  
 May 27: Early Dismissal/Adopt-a-Trail  
 May 30: No School-Holiday  
 June 1: Clubs  
 June 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Golf Tournament  
 June 10: Graduation @ 1:00pm  
 June 16-17: Exams/Early Dismissal  
 June 17: Last Day of School  
 June 20-July 15: Extended School Year  
 June 24: Report Cards

### Reminders to Students:

1. Yoga is now practiced on Wednesday mornings at 8:45am. Interested students should see Ms. St. Clair for a permission slip.
2. Support your SCA and bring in a canned good to help support our local food bank. All participants are eligible for a reward!
3. Students must consistently earn 4s and 5s with good attendance to be eligible for Reward Day. Receiving a referral results in an automatic disqualification.

### Reminders to Parents:

1. A recent change has been made to the school calendar. April 28<sup>th</sup> is now a scheduled  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and April 29<sup>th</sup> will be a full day.
2. Extended School Year (ESY) is an extension of the school year that supports students with emerging skill sets or those who would regress without this support. ESY begins June 20 and concludes July 15. These dates are a change from the original schedule!
3. Questions and or concerns regarding attendance should be made to Mrs. Sharp who can be reached at [csharp@eri-va.com](mailto:csharp@eri-va.com) or x. 127.

### \*\*\*Bulldog Barks\*\*\*

\*\*\*Happy Birthday!!!\*\*\*

Jeremy S.- April 19

\*\*\*The school is hosting a viewing of *Paper Tigers*, a compelling documentary following a year in the life of an alternative high school that has radically changed its approach to disciplining and working with its students, becoming a promising model for how to break the cycles of poverty, violence, and diseases that affect families. Inquire within for more details!\*\*\*

\*\*\*The disability Resource Center is hosting 'Walk N' Roll' on Sunday, April 10. Anyone interested in participating or putting together a team should contact the disAbility Resource Center.\*\*\*

\*\*\* Students in Mrs. Mark's art classes have been busy making Chihuly sculptures and creating their own watercolors! Be sure to stop by to check them out in person!\*\*\*

\*\*\*Arts and Crafts Club visited Poet's Walk Alzheimer Care Facility on March 16 and helped create shamrock art with the residents!\*\*\*

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