

## What's News April 22

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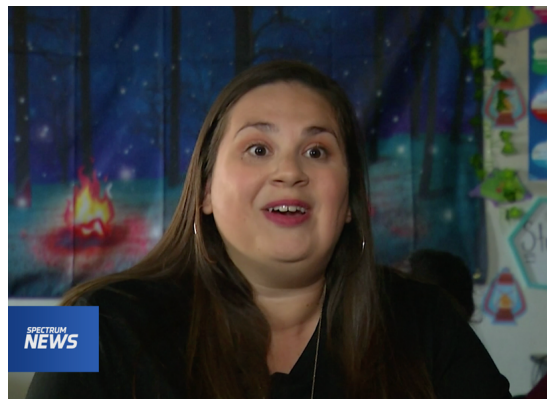
### Teachers volunteer to produce PPE for healthcare workers

Hearing the call from the healthcare community worried about running out of personal protective equipment, teachers with 3D printers got to work making face shields and ear protectors. [Watch this story](#) to see these impressive teachers in action. So far they've made more than 5,000 pieces and don't plan to stop anytime soon.

Additionally, Orange Technical College donated N95 and surgical masks, surgical and exam gloves, isolation and disposable gowns as well as protective goggles. These items were collected from OTC campuses, middle schools and high schools. [Check out this video](#).

**We are guaranteeing tears**

Acknowledging the history of this moment in time, mourning the many experiences they are missing, and also sharing their resilience and positivity despite it all, the the [Lake Nona High School senior class](#) sent a message to their principal. [Watch this story](#) to learn more.



## She's an A+ camp leader

Nora Marrero not only teaches fifth grade standards, but she works to make her lessons fun and engaging. [Watch this story](#) to learn why her students at Sun Blaze Elementary say they are happy campers and why Spectrum News13 chose her as an A+ teacher. (NOTE - this video was filmed before COVID-19 required social distancing.)

## Partnership wows dancers

It's not every day a world class ballet dancer teaches high school dance classes. Thanks to a unique partnership with the [Orlando Ballet Company and School](#) students have access to special lessons during distance learning. [Take a look at this #OCPSArts](#) Beyond The Screen ballet class. There's a [Sentinel story too](#).



## The show must go on

Budding journalists at Bridgewater Middle School are making sure their broadcasts continue despite school closures. Their work ethic and innovative ideas wowed the professionals at [FOX 35 Orlando](#). [See their story here](#) and then [check out their YouTube Channel](#) for full episodes of Bobcat News. You'll see why their teacher, Andrew Inches, is so proud of them.



## Sweet harmony

As part of their distance learning, a University HS band class performs "You'll Never Walk Alone." They wanted their music to give people joy and hope. [See their story here.](#)



If you or some of your families need help navigating distance learning, check out our [#OCPSDistanceAssistance](#) series. The Q&A videos, called Distance Assistance 101 on the districe's [YouTube channel](#), help answer common questions as well as debunk myths. Graphics with Distance Assistance Tips for parents and families are shared on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). We hope you'll check out the series, share the posts and [YouTube channel](#) with your students' parents and **recommend topics** you think will be helpful.

## Teacher caravans excite students, families

Before the statewide Safer-at-Home order went into effect, teachers decorated their cars and rode through neighborhoods to say hello and to encourage their students. Many teachers were touched to see students also held signs of love



for them. [See Rock Springs ES' story](#) and [read about Timber Lakes' parade](#).

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