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OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY LAUNCHES BRAINFUSE HELPNOW SERVICE

Oceanside Public Library is excited to announce the launch of Brainfuse HelpNow – on demand, anytime, anywhere eLearning for all ages and levels. Brainfuse HelpNow offers personalized homework help in core subjects (math, reading, writing, science and social studies) including SAT preparation. Brainfuse is made available to all library patrons from the library's website (www.oceansidepubliclibrary.org) and can be accessed with the public computers at the library or from any computer with internet connection.

HelpNow provides differentiated learning solutions for students of diverse needs and background. Students communicate with live, online tutors using an interactive, virtual whiteboard to chat, write, draw, copy/paste text or images and graph homework problems. HelpNow also offers skills building and test preparation where after taking a quiz, the user can then connect directly to a live tutor to review the topics and questions covered in the quiz. Both the student and the tutor can view the quiz questions and the corresponding student answers for an intensive test prep which may include loading lessons onto the whiteboard. All tutoring sessions are saved and can be replayed, as well as shared with friends and teachers. Live tutors are available every day from 1:00-10:00 PM.

The Writing Lab and the 24/7 Center options give users the freedom to receive assistance at any time of the day without connecting with a live tutor. Users can submit papers through the Writing Lab for detailed feedback. All reviews and comments from tutors are found and stored in the Message Center on the student homepage. For students who prefer to work independently and form their own online study group, HelpNow offers a set of collaborative tools – Meet and Brainwave. Meet allows students to schedule their own online sessions using the Brainfuse Meet whiteboard which is specifically designed for a group setting. Brainwave is a recordable whiteboard where students can draw, write and chat and send it to others for feedback.

For more information about the Library, please visit www.oceansidepubliclibrary.org or call 760-435-5600.

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