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November Character Award Winner

**Citizenship**

Noah Colbert

Jack Molloy

Jack Fabiano

Madison Rossicoe

Claire Fisher

Barrett Beamer

Matthew Borland

Kenny Zimmerer

Tatiana Southard

Daryn Lugo-Hernandez

Brady Duffy

Sydney Fabiano

Ezequiel Piemental- Roxa

Nicholas Hadley

Dominic Keich

Stella Cronin

Henry Welton

Charlie Markowitz

Riley Garbo

Braden Murphy

Eddie Markowski

Charlie Overmann

Jazilyn Panez

Mia Hadley

Alana Hauser

Leo Evans

Jenna Swartzbeck

Brooke Dirmitt

Austin Jackson

Lainie Kunish

Piper Weingart

Austin Coulombe

Josh McFarlane

Abigail DuBrava

Madelyn McRitchie

Austin Duffy

Sky Peterson

Ricky Stegbauer

Dylan Cassell

Landon Rubin

**Character Word**

**For December**

**Kindness**



**A note from our Principal, Kelly Kennedy**

**Dear Oakhurst Families,**

**It is hard to believe the holidays are here!  I hope in all the rushing around during this busy month that you find time to relax and reflect on what is important.**

**With the holidays coming up, this would be a GREAT time to have your children work on the various programs provided by the District, even when not in school.  Please help Oakhurst log in as many hours as possible and keep our students learning while on break, especially Istation and ST Math.  Many teachers are having in-class contests to see who logs on the most to these on-line resources and I have heard about some wonderful rewards that are planned.  The district as well will be monitoring these programs and some pretty cool prizes will be given away.  Please continue to read great books!**

**Just a reminder that we come back from the break on Monday, January 8th.**

**I wish all of you a wonderful Winter Break!**

**A note from our PTA President, Shannon Jackson**

**Wow! What a crazy time of year. We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the families that came out to Oakhurst Gives Back. It was a very successful evening and Oakhurst showed our local community that, though we may be small, we are mighty. We had a tremendous response to our canned food, candy, and toy drive and lots of cards and activity bags were also made. Fun was had by all! We had our first SPIKE Celebration for those students that turned in their September and October calendars. We have some amazing bookworms at Oakhurst. Looking ahead, we want to wish everyone a very happy holiday season and a very Happy New Year.**

**As always, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to me via email at** **thejackson5fl@gmail.com** **or via phone at** **727-408-0887**

**Upcoming Events**

**December Events:**

**December 5th- Fifth Grade Celebration Planning Meeting 7 PM**

**December 6th- K-Kids Meeting 2:45-3:45 PM**

**December 8th – Fundraiser Pick-Up 2-6 PM—Cafeteria Stage**

**December 11th- ALL HANDS 10 AM-12 PM**

**December 13th- Staff Holiday Luncheon**

**December 15th- All Pro Dads- 7:25 AM—Cafeteria**

**December 18th- NEHS Meeting 2:45-3:45 PM**

**December 23-January 7- Winter Break**

**Looking Ahead:**

**January Events:**

**January 8, 2018 – Hurricane Make-Up Day**

**January 12th - SPIKE Calendars Due**

**January 15th - NO SCHOOL!!!**

**January 16th - ALL HANDS 10 AM-12 PM**

**January 17th- K-Kids Meeting 2:45-3:45 PM**

**January 19th- All Pro Dads- 7:25 AM—Cafeteria**

**January 19th- Report Cards Distributed**

**January 22nd- NEHS Meeting 2:45-3:45 PM**

**January 26th- Daddy/Daughter Dance- 6-8 PM—Southwest Rec Center**

**ALL PRO DADS**

**Come and join us for breakfast and bonding on Friday, December 15th at 7:25 AM in the Cafeteria.**

Fall Fundraiser Update

**Thank you to all of the families that participated in our fall fundraiser. We had over $20,000 in sales.**

**Congratulations to Colten Stanford as our top selling student and Mrs. Fulle for being our top selling class

Please mark your calendar for the fundraiser pick up:**

 **Friday, December 8th**

 **2-6 PM in the Cafeteria.**

Thank you to our 352 members that have signed up this school year! When you join the PTA your $5.00 membership helps us put on amazing events like the upcoming Daddy/Daughter Dance, Mom/Son Night, and Fitness Night as well as our ongoing SPIKE reading and Birthday Book programs. Your membership also entitles you to discount tickets, through Florida PTA, at Legoland. You can purchase tickets for only $35.00 plus tax or Water Park Combo tickets (in season) for only $55.00 plus tax. That’s over 50% off !

Membership forms are available in the front of your child’s agenda or in the front office. Your $5.00 does not come with a time commitment, though there are always volunteer opportunities. If you would like to help with an upcoming event, just ask! **If you have any questions feel free to contact Denise Rohrs at** **rohrsd@gmail.com**

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Need an **Oakhurst t-shirt**? Send in payment & order form (found in front office) or contact Jennifer Conlon @ jennylynn\_k@yahoo.com for more information!

Sign Up for legislative alerts regarding children and school issues at: [**https://www.votervoice.net/FLPTA/register**](https://www.votervoice.net/FLPTA/register)

Box Top Update

**Throughout the month of January, PTA will be collecting Box Tops to help raise money for the school. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents, and they add up quickly. To make things fun we will have a classroom competition; more information will be coming home soon. We have already raised $1600 from the September challenge which means we are over half way to meeting our goal of $3000 for the year. Please start gathering your Box Tops and send them in to your child’s teacher throughout the month of January.**

**Please note: We cannot accept Coke Rewards, Labels for Education, or expired Box Tops.**

Check out our website [**www.oakhurstpta.com**](http://www.oakhurstpta.com)