

Oakhurst Elementary News

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November Character Award Winner

Citizenship

Kaitlyn Smalley
Donavin Williams
Anabella Mrkaja
Isaiah Hernandez
James Hanlon
Grant Tacia
Zander Barela
Ethan Pelose
Luis Cam
A.J. Gann
Collin Followell
Hadley Namey
Miranda McKinley
Brielle Yakich
Kennedy Rigali
Nova Comey
Mara Blanchard
Zoey Dirmitt
Ramajana Ramic
Evan Menendez
Erin Hauser
Jantis Parker
Ava Sells
Owen Thompson
Aiden Gonzalez
Alexa Goff
Keirra Austin
Teagan Jones
Dylan Vinci
Waseem Shanin
Emily Miller
Almir High
Jayden Rossicoe
Alexander Haley
Payton Crandall
Lianni Rosario
Piper Weingart
Brooke Dirmitt
Jacob Hollis

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.

Please be sure to check out **Clever** over the break on the PCS website. There you will find many resources to keep the learning growing over the break! Also, there is a new Personalized Learning Pathway for Grades 3 - 5. 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 St Math, MyOn and iStation. The district will provide contests and a chance to win prizes for students who have logged in over the break!

The Mayor of Seminole, Leslie Waters, gave us a donation to honor students that volunteer to improve their community. Thank you to the following students for being honored at the November Mustang Round-Up with Mayor Leslie Waters: **Ava Bottichio** collected items for Back to School backpacks for underprivileged children, **Rachel Rohrs** collects birthday items for children staying at Grace House, **Alexander Haley** places flags on the graves of military and first responders, **Kaylee Hanna** collects needed items for Fisher House for families that have loved ones in Bay Pines Hospital, **Zoey Ward** collected donations for victims of Hurricane Michael, **Jocelyn Frohnerath** volunteers at Horses for Handicapped and **Payton Crandall** makes activity bags for cancer patients at All Children's Hospital. These students have spent hours of their time raising funds, collecting needed items and volunteering for their special causes. We can all learn from their selflessness and their commitment to service learning! I am proud of you all! I challenge the rest of our Mustangs to find a cause that is meaningful to you and help improve our community!

I wish all of you a wonderful Winter Break!

With much gratitude,

Kelly Kennedy

A note from our PTA President, Suzanne Morgan

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. I would like to personally THANK all of our VOLUNTEERS that help out with Mustang Round Up, teacher lunches, SPIKE counting, bringing in box tops, supporting our Spirit nights, and supporting our fundraiser. Without you our many programs would not happen. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the TEACHERS that help with events throughout the year. 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 goofitaz@yahoo.com or via phone at 727-481-1477

Membership Update

Your \$5.00 membership dues helps your award winning Oakhurst PTA put on so many great events, including teacher luncheons and the upcoming Daddy/Daughter dance in January. NO time commitment is required! One of the perks in joining is that you are eligible for discounted LEGOLAND tickets, these make a great gift!! Check out the offer for LEGOLAND at: www.floridapta.org/member-perks.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Rohrs at rohrsd@gmail.com



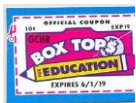
There will be NO December All Pro Dads. Join us for inspiration, togetherness, and a morning cup of coffee on January 18th at 7:30 AM in the cafeteria.

Congratulations to the following students who had winning entries at Oakhurst and will now be moving on to Pinellas County PTA for judging:



Liam Reed
Casey Morgan
Jacquelyn Gars
Jazilyn Panez
Christina Hill

The student works will be judged at the County Council level, along with the other Pinellas County entries in their category. Winners will be announced sometime in January.



Start saving your Box Tops NOW!! Our next Box tops challenge will run throughout the month of January. Our goal for the second contest is \$2,000, but we can't do it without you!!



Our rescheduled Fall Festival will now be our Winter Festival, scheduled for Friday January 11th. Come join us for fun games and inflatable activities. Look for a new Sign-Up Genius to be coming out soon. We will need many volunteers at the games and inflatables to make the Festival fun!!

YOU'RE INVITED!
TO A FUNDRAISING SHOPPING EVENT FOR
Oakhurst Elementary

DATE: **12.3.18 - 12.10.18**
TIME: **Sun-Sat: 9AM-10PM**
WHERE: **7931 113th St N Seminole, FL 33772**

it's simple! 10% of the purchases made by members of your group will be donated back to your organization.

all we ask is that this flyer is presented to our cashier at the time of purchase. please note that we do not allow flyers to be handed out in our store or shopping center at any time before, during or after your event.

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PURCHASE AMOUNT (PRE-TAX) \$ _____

REGISTER: 1 2 3 4 5 6 (circle one)

ASSOCIATE NAME _____

sports. media. crafts. party. candy. room. style. now.
fivebelow.com

Hope you can support our Spirit Week Fundraiser!!

Thank you for your support of Oakhurst Gives Back!

Thank you for everyone who came out on November 14th to support PTA's Oakhurst Gives Back. The following organizations will benefit from your support:

Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue

SPCA

Operation Shoebox

All Children's Hospital

Check out our award-winning website www.oakhurstpta.com

To submit an article to the newsletter please contact the front office at 727-588-6801



Thank you to the following volunteers who helped with our PTA events, your help was truly appreciated!! We tried to remember everyone, but if we missed your name it is unintentional and please know that we are grateful for your help!

November Mustang Round-Up

Nicole Henn
Patti Kupfermann
Iliana McClellan
Cyndie Griffith
Wendy Banull
Fran Markowski

October SPIKE calendars:

Tracey Dylong
Audrey Dennery
Mary Ann Siores
Jill Pahl
Iliana McClellan

November All Hands:

Tracey Dylong
Lee White
Pat Stethem
Jacqui Carpenter
Cyndie Griffith
Alicia Parinello
Michael Parinello
Jill Pahl
Fran Markowski

November All Pro Dads:

Shane Cress

November Staff Lunch:

Wendy Banull
Mary Ann Siores



Lisa Vinci
Suzanne Morgan
Denise Rohrs
Kristina Miles
Sara Filipek
Jake Gars
Our NEHS members
Our K-Kids members

Oakhurst Gives Back:

Our Oakhurst staff who helped out:

Kerry Hernandez	Karen Reed
Erin Weingart	Melissa Flores
Marilyn Gars	Sally Ewald
Jenn Kunish	Paula Cheshire
Marissa Miranda	Mrs. Kennedy
Cynthia Cook	Mrs. Bockover
Debbie Sawa-Szostak	