

# Oakhurst Elementary News

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September  
Character  
Award Winner

## Respect

Clate Moravick  
Ethan Leandry  
Tucker Stephens  
Addy Brown  
Daniel Riley  
Brielle Yackich  
Elena Colbert  
Eliot Kent  
Trey Stanton  
Giselle Restrepo  
Genevieve Latto  
Luke Jackson  
Giana Conlen  
Juliana Mensah  
Lily Lecureux  
Brady Filipek  
Karsyn Jackson  
Olivia Leonard  
Rhys Sekeres  
Anthony Mattei  
Kayleigh Roque  
Jantis Parker  
Caiden Ancona  
Andrea Bell  
Tyler Davis  
Liam Followell  
Peyton Spadlin  
Winter Bauman  
Mara Baretto  
Bryce Brooks  
McKenzie Hitt  
Patrick Mazzei  
Chase Marsala  
Zachary Byrem  
Jessica Fabrizio  
Reese Carr  
Alana Bennett  
Jacob Marroquin  
Jack Cappelli  
Caden Graves  
Alex Venezia

Character Word  
for October

## Cooperation



## A note from our Principal, Kelly Kennedy

Happy Fall Everyone!

Thank you to all the families that came out to Open House last week. We had a great turn-out. It means so much to have you support the teachers and the work they do with your children.

At Oakhurst Elementary, we strive for great attendance. Perfect Attendance at Oakhurst is being present each day from bell to bell. That means no tardies, no early pick-ups and no absences. We will celebrate those students that earned Perfect Attendance later this month. Report Cards will go home October 27<sup>th</sup>. We will also celebrate students in Grades 3 – 5 that make Honor Roll or Principal's List. If your student doesn't earn one of those awards this grading period, please strive for the next one!

Our Character Word for the Month of October is Cooperation which means getting along with others and working together. Our Book of the Month is **The Sandwich Swap** by Queen Rania. Ask your student about this adorable book and its lesson on cooperation.

I hope to see you around campus in the upcoming months. We have many family events, so I encourage you to get involved and support our PTA!

## A note from our PTA President, Shannon Jackson

Your Oakhurst PTA is in full swing and off to a fantastic start! Our PTA calendar is packed with activities and events - I hope you will join us, get involved and enjoy all that we have to offer.

Due to Hurricane Irma, there have been some changes made to this year's PTA calendar. The Fall Fundraiser will be getting a later than normal kick off. The students will be bringing home catalogs on October 10th. As always, your support is greatly appreciated. With the Fall Fundraiser being pushed back, we have also had to change the Fall Festival date. The Fall Festival will now be a Spring Fling and take place on March 2nd from 5p-8p. Our first general meeting and Book Bingo will be rescheduled as well. Please be on the lookout for more information to come home soon.

October has lots to look forward to with National Walk to School Day and Grandparents Lunch Week! We will also have our first School Spirit Night at Astro Skate on 10/17. A flier will be coming home with more information.

Please remember, if you have a 5th grader and you would like to get involved in the planning of the Celebration - please join us for our planning meetings held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the cafeteria.

Fridays continue to be Spirit Days and students wear their Oakhurst shirts. All spirit gear is available if needed. Also, if you haven't joined our fabulous award winning PTA, please do so! Your support goes a long way and does not commit you to anything you don't want to do. Please continue to volunteer, your gift of time helps make Oakhurst the amazing school that it is. If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or thoughts regarding PTA, please feel free to reach out to me personally via email at thejackson5fl@gmail or (727) 408-0887.

## Upcoming Events

### October Events:

October 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>—Grandparents Lunch Week & Book Fair  
 October 3<sup>rd</sup>—SAC 5 PM  
 October 3<sup>rd</sup>—Fifth Grade Celebration Planning Meeting 7 PM  
 October 4<sup>th</sup>—Walk to School Day-Oakhurst Publix-7:40 AM  
 October 9<sup>th</sup>—ALL HANDS 10 AM-12 PM  
 October 10<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>—Rescheduled Fall Fundraiser  
 October 16<sup>th</sup>—Hurricane Irma Make Up Day  
 October 17<sup>th</sup>—Skate Night@ Astro Skate- 6-8 PM  
 October 18<sup>th</sup>—Picture Make-Up Day  
 October 20<sup>th</sup>—All Pro Dads—7:25 AM—Cafeteria  
 October 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>—Red Ribbon Week

### Looking Ahead:

November 7<sup>th</sup>- Fifth Grade Celebration Planning Meeting 7 PM  
 November 13<sup>th</sup>- ALL HANDS 10 AM-12 PM  
 November 15<sup>th</sup>- Oakhurst Gives Back-6 PM  
 November 17<sup>th</sup>- All Pro Dads- 7:25 AM—Cafeteria

### Grandparents Lunch Week October 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>

**Monday**, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Gr, & Spiker-11:35-12:05  
**Tuesday**, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kdg & Cook 10:50--11:20  
**Wednesday**, October 4<sup>th</sup>—PreK- 12:05-12:35 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr- 12:15-12:45  
**Thursday**, October 5<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Gr & Miranda- 10:35-11:05  
**Friday**, October 6<sup>th</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> Gr-Turner & Kunish-11:10-11:40 and Gars, Foley, and Wilson-11:20-11:50 & 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr & Lynd -12:30 – 1:00

Contact Wendy Banull for more details or to ask how you can help!  
[postwendy@yahoo.com](mailto:postwendy@yahoo.com)

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

## Membership Update

Due to Hurricane Irma the distribution of PTA membership cards has been delayed. Your card(s) will come home with your child later this month. Currently we have 315 PTA members, whoo hoo!! Our goal is to reach 351 memberships before the end of October, it's never too late to join PTA. Membership is only \$5 and as a PTA member you are eligible to purchase LEGOLAND Florida tickets at a discounted rate (log onto [www.floridapta.org](http://www.floridapta.org)) No time commitment is required! **JOIN THE PTA**—Membership forms can be found in the front of your child's agenda! If you have any questions, contact Denise Rohrs: [rohrrsd@gmail.com](mailto:rohrrsd@gmail.com).

## ALL PRO DADS

The world needs responsible people to take action, follow through, and be the role models people can trust. A responsible person takes ownership of the role they've been given but also asks for help when the going gets tough. Come join us for the first All Pro Dad's meeting of the school year on **October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:25 AM** in the cafeteria. Let's rise up and show our communities what it means to be responsible.



### Fall Book Fair

Mrs. Kasprzyk is in need of volunteers for the Fall Book Fair. If you are able to volunteer time please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084eaba82e5-fall5>. All volunteers will be given a free book of their choosing from the fair! **Please remember that you must be a registered volunteer.**

**Red Ribbon Week**  
**October 23 – 27, 2017**  
**The Drug Free Force is With Me.**

**ACTIVITIES:**

- **MONDAY, 10/23: Red Ribbon Day.** Students and Teachers will receive a “The Drug Free Force is With Me” red ribbon to wear.
- **TUESDAY, 10/24: “Turn Your Back on Drugs” Day.** Students and staff are encouraged to wear their clothes backwards.
- **WEDNESDAY, 10/25: “Write Drugs Out of Your Life” Day.** Students are encouraged to write about the importance of living a Drug Free Life.
- **THURSDAY, 10/26: “Hooked on Books Not Drugs” Day.** Students and staff will drop everything and read for 15 minutes from 2:15 – 2:30.
- **FRIDAY, 10/27: “Show Your Spirit Drug Free” Day.** Staff and students may wear Oakhurst T-shirts. We will have our monthly Mustang Round Up on the PE Court.



**Clothing Closet**

Occasionally a student may need a change of clothing due to an accident or spill. We can use the following for our closet:

- Boys shorts—4T-14
- Girls shorts—6-14
- Girls underwear—all sizes
- Boys underwear—8-14
- Socks—all sizes

**We are good with tops!!!**

If your child comes home with borrowed clothing, please wash and return for another child to use.  
Thank you!

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



### Walk to School Day      Wednesday, October 4th

We will meet at the Publix in Oakhurst Plaza on Oakhurst Road. We ask that everyone is there between 7:40-7:45 AM. We will begin walking at 7:45am. Parents should attend with their children. Please park in the Publix parking lot. If you have questions, please contact Fran Markowski at flaret2010@verizon.net

### Fall Catalog Fundraiser

We will, finally, be kicking off our Fall Fundraiser on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Fundraiser information packets will go home with students that afternoon. This fundraiser will help support programs and events throughout the school year. The fundraiser will run through October 24<sup>th</sup>.

As the students sell items they will have an opportunity to return coupons for Collectible Stackerz. Additional fundraiser incentives will include a chance to win a \$100 gift card, participation in a special party including a game truck and laser tag and more!

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Every morning throughout the fundraiser dates there will be a collection table set up at the main entrance to school from 8:05 AM-8:30 AM. Students will be able to redeem their coupons to receive their special Stackerz and turn in both order forms and money at this table.

### Fall Festival Rescheduled!!

PTA has rescheduled the Fall Festival until Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> making this fun event a *Spring Fling*. This was a hard decision to make; however, we felt that due to the delay of our Fall Fundraiser and taking into account the financial impact that Hurricane Irma had on many people; that postponing the event until Spring would best serve our Oakhurst families. We know that Fall Festival is a long standing tradition and we want to emphasize that we are **NOT** cancelling the event, simply giving everyone time to recover. This event promises to be the fun-filled family event it has always been, just at a different time of year. Thank you for understanding.



### Oakhurst Skate Night

Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>—6-8 PM—Astro Skate

\$7.00 per student

SIGN UP FOR LEGISLATIVE ALERTS REGARDING CHILDREN AND SCHOOL ISSUES AT: [HTTPS://WWW.VOTERVOICES.NET/FLPTA/REGISTER](https://www.votervoices.net/flpta/register)

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