

Oakhurst Elementary News

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September
Character Award
Winner

Responsibility

Callan Gipson
Anthony Yeldon
Carter Nickse
Aiyana Reyes
Manny Duque
Oliver Kristich
Gianna Melucci
Mya McClelland
Owen Kristich
Logan Rands
Bella Peterson
Avery Smolinski
Pierce Keich
Claire Fisher
Jillian Visnage
Addison Nipper
Maddie Comerford
Sophia Leili
Olivia Gingras
Kylah Scott
Mya Clarke
John Michael Krummerich
Jaiden Rosario
Rhys Sekeres
Taegan Donachy
Chloe Gregor
Dominic Keich
Caroline LeColst
Rya Schmader
Sophia Mullet-Johnson
Alana Hauser
Easton Stegbauer
Mara Barretto
Liam Followell
Aiden Haseltine
Emma Lomot
Scarlet Garcia
Roman Petruccelli
Angela Molodchenko
Everett Insixiengmay

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. 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. Report Cards will go home Friday, October 26th. We will celebrate those students that earned Perfect Attendance. 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!

Thank you to all the dads and significant adults that joined us for our kick-off to All Pro Dads last week! We had an excellent turn out! I hope you will join us next month on 10/19 at 7:30 am. It is a wonderful way to connect with your child!

I hope you joined us on Tuesday, 10/2 for our Family Book Fair Night as well as our first **Literacy Night** sponsored by Grade Power!

We are trying to get more people to join our School Advisory Committee! Our next SAC Meeting is Tuesday, 10/9 at 5:00 pm in our media center. We will have Ms. Hart, our school counselor speak about our guidance program at Oakhurst.

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, Suzanne Morgan

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.

The Fall Fundraiser just ended, thank you to everyone who participated. We just wrapped up Grandparents Lunch week and we had a great turn out. Thank you to all the Grandparents that were able to have lunch with their grandkids. October has lots to look forward to with National Walk to School Day and All Pro Dads! We will also have a School Spirit Night at PDQ on Oct. 11 and at Astro Skate Oct 24 from 6-8 pm. A flier will be coming home with more information. 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. However, if you would like 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 goofitaz@yahoo.com or (727) 481-1477.

Fall Catalog Fundraiser

Thank you for your support of our fundraiser. The delivery date and incentive date will be announced soon!



October 10, 2018

We will meet at the Publix in Oakhurst Plaza on Oakhurst Road. We ask that everyone is there at 7:40 AM. We will begin walking at 8:00 am. Parents must attend with their children. Please park in the Publix parking lot. If you have questions, please contact Fran Markowski at flaret2010@verizon.net

Fall Festival Is Coming!!

Mark your calendars, the annual Fall Festival will be held on Friday, November 2 from 5-8p. Activities will include carnival games, bounce houses, dunk tank, basket auction and more. More details will come home with your child soon.

In order to make the event a success, we will need the help of our families. Watch for information on how to volunteer at the event. We will also be collecting gift certificates for our basket auction (due October 29) and donations of store bought baked goods for the cake walk (due November 1).

If you have any questions regarding getting involved in the Fall Festival, please contact Krista Pincince at kpincince@tampabay.rr.com



Spirit Night—3—8 PM—7400 Seminole Blvd. Mention Oakhurst and 20% goes back to the school. See you there!



Dig out the roller skates and join us for Family Skate Night October 24th from 6-8 PM at Astro Skate!



Thank you to the following volunteers, your help was truly appreciated!!

Mustang Round Up:

- Iliana McClellan
- Fran Markowski
- Cyndie Griffith
- Denise Rohrs

All Hands:

- Tracey Dylong
- Silkia Rosario
- Fran Markowski

To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You just have to care.)



Does your child enjoy art, music and dance or have an interest in writing, producing films and taking photos? If so, join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with PTA Reflections! This year's theme, "Heroes Around Me," calls for your child's own unique interpretation through the arts. All entries are due to the front office by October 31, 2018 and the school finalists for each category will be announced at our Oakhurst Gives Back dinner on November 14th. For inspiration, visit the Reflections virtual art gallery and learn more about prizes and scholarships at PTA.org/Reflections



Join us for inspiration, togetherness, and a morning cup of coffee on October 19th at 7:30 AM in the cafeteria.

Sign up for the latest news regarding educational/children's legislative issues. You will only receive emails during legislative session.

<http://cqrcengage.com/npta2fl/home?0>

News From Our Guidance Counselor

**Red Ribbon Week
October 22 – 26, 2018**

I Believe in Me Happy, Healthy and Drug Free

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RIBBON SYMBOLIZES A COMMITMENT TO A HEALTHY DRUG-FREE LIFESTYLE. THE BATTLE AGAINST DRUG ABUSE DEMANDS THAT WE ALL BECOME INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT.

ACTIVITIES:

- MONDAY, 10/22: "I'm Red-y to Say No to Drugs" Day. Students and staff may wear red. Students and staff will receive an "I Believe in Me Happy, Healthy and Drug Free" ribbon.
- TUESDAY, 10/23: "50 Reasons Not to Use Drugs" Day. Students and staff are encouraged to dress up in 50's style clothing. It is also the 50th day of school.
- WEDNESDAY, 10/24: "Sock it to Drugs" Day. Students and staff can wear mismatched or crazy socks.
- THURSDAY, 10/25: "My Future is Bright Drug Free" Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear bright clothing.
- FRIDAY, 10/26: "Say Boo to Drugs" Day. Students and staff may wear Halloween shirts or Oakhurst T-shirts. We will have our monthly Mustang Round Up on the PE Court.

- Teachers are encouraged to share drug-prevention materials in the classroom during the week

TOYS FOR TOTS



"Toys for Tots" is able to provide families that demonstrate a financial need with gifts for up to five children, ages infant-12 years old. The number of gifts provided is based on availability at the time of your scheduled appointment. If you are interested in receiving assistance from the "Toys for Tots" program this holiday season, go to <https://t4tpinellas.ptapta.org/pre-registration> and register. A unique email address is necessary to register for the program. The system will send to the email address used a unique link for registration.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FROM OCTOBER 1 – NOVEMBER 10.

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

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