

Oakhurst Elementary News

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Award Winner

Respect

Emerson Nymark
Zoe Washington
Owen Kristich
Luca Fuino
Gunnar Brown
Hayden Woldseth
Emma Livingston
Asher Bailey
Mason George
Elizabeth Miller
Mya Clarke
Krystian Hay
Dane Lindo
Erin Hauser
Grace McCullough
Chloe Gregor
Nashli Mendoza-
Romulo
Alexander Mrkaja
Anabelle Simmons
Caroline LeColst
Sophia Arellano
Owen Nelson
Casey Morgan
Spencer Mehlretter
Avery Roisum
Layla Wilson
Sydney Sinicropo
Chloe Gasparini
Aubrey Maley
Dominic Buffo
Hannah Banull
Logan Burke
Michael Anderson
Chase Patterson
Sean Christman
Ava Frechette
Abby Walser
Jocelyn Patterson
Evelyn Frechette
Timmy Watkins
Brooks Riggs

Character Word
for September

Responsibility

LABOR DAY

A note from our Principal, Kelly Kennedy

Welcome Back **Oakhurst** Families to an exciting new school year!

Your children's teachers are busy building community and establishing processes in the classroom to ensure that each student has a successful school year. I encourage you to start the year right as well by establishing supportive processes at home such as setting aside an area to complete homework, organizing backpacks and reviewing and signing agenda books. On-going communication with your child's teacher is also very important. Agenda books, e-mail, phone calls and parent conferences are all great ways to reach out for clarification or to gain strategies to support your student.

At Oakhurst we stress good reading habits at school and this should continue at home as well. Developing a routine time to read to or with your child nightly, for at least 20 minutes, will help students develop the skills they need to succeed in all areas of the curriculum. Have your children log into MyOn, ST Math and iStation on a regular basis to continue learning beyond the classroom day!

I look forward to seeing you all at Open House on September 19th! I am looking forward to another great year! Please remember that I am a phone call away and my door is always open should you have questions, compliments or concerns!

A note from our PTA President, Shannon Jackson

WOW! What a fantastic start to the school year. It is the beginning of September and we are off to an amazing start. We are in full swing and our PTA calendar is jam packed with activities and events – there is something for everyone!

A BIG thank you to everyone that attended the Welcome Back Dance. It was a huge success and we had our biggest crowd ever...over 400! It is wonderful to have so many families come out and support Oakhurst.

Looking ahead, we have a LOT more fun planned starting with our 1st General PTA Meeting on 9/14. The meeting will be followed by Book BINGO which is always a student favorite.

If you are the proud parent of a 5th grader and would like to get involved in planning this year's 5th Grade Celebration, please consider joining the Planning Committee on Tuesday, September 5th at 7pm in the cafeteria for the 1st meeting.

From our President, continued..

Our Fall Fundraiser will kick off on September 7th and your student(s) will be bringing home the catalogs that day. As always, your support is greatly appreciated. We are also collecting Box Tops throughout the entire month. The students are competing to see which class can collect the most. Some of our classes are competitive and they ALL really want the ice cream party.

Fridays are our school spirit days and it's great to see all the Oakhurst shirts throughout the school. If you still need your school spirit shirt (we have them for adults, too!), you can still get them. There is also still plenty of time to join our phenomenal PTA. Forms can be found in the front of your child's agenda or the front office. Your support goes a long way and does not commit you to anything you don't want to do!

Please continue to volunteer as your gift of time helps to make Oakhurst the amazing school that it is. PTA Volunteer, PTA Membership, and Spirit Gear order forms are available online and in the front office under the PTA Bulletin Board. You must register as a Pinellas County School volunteer, those forms are also in the front office. I know this year will be the best OES year ever and I am SO honored to serve as this year's PTA President! I am one PROUD MUSTANG ☺

Upcoming Events

September 1st-30th – BOX TOP Contest

September 4th—NO SCHOOL—Labor Day

September 5th—SAC Meeting 5 PM

September 5th—Fifth Grade Celebration Planning Meeting 7 PM

September 6th—School Picture Day

September 7th—26th—Fall Fundraiser-Turn in every morning before school

September 14th— OES PTA General Meeting – Book BINGO!

September 19th—NEHS Parent meeting—5:00 PM

September 19th—OPEN HOUSE—Grades 3-5 & Gifted K-2—5:30—6:15 PM

Grades K-2 & Gifted 3-5—6:30—7:15 PM

September 20th—Staff Luncheon

September 21st—Volunteer Orientation—Cafeteria—9:00 AM

Looking ahead...

October 2nd-6th—Grandparents Lunch Week & Book Fair

October 3rd – Fifth Grade Celebration Planning Meeting 7PM

October 4th – National Walk to School Day-Oakhurst Publix-7:30-7:45 AM

October 9th – ALL HANDS 10 AM-12 PM

October 16th – No School

October 18th—Picture Make-Up Day

October 20th – All Pro Dads—7:30 AM

October 31st – Fall Festival Pre-Sale Tickets

Need an **Oakhurst t-shirt**? Send in payment & order form or contact Jennifer Conlon @ jennylvnn_k@yahoo.com for more information!

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

Membership Update

Currently we have 268 PTA memberships with our Kindergarten classes leading in the ice cream contest. The chance for your child's class to win the Ice Cream contest for PTA memberships runs until September 30th. Don't forget your \$5.00 PTA membership helps fund events like the recent Back to School Dance. As a PTA member you are eligible to purchase LEGOLAND Florida tickets at a discounted rate. Check out FloridaPTA.org or contact Denise Rohrs at rohrsd@gmail.com with any questions. PTA membership cards will be distributed in early September. It's not too late to join the PTA. No time commitment is required! **JOIN THE PTA TODAY!!**

September Box Tops Challenge

Throughout the month of September, the PTA will be collecting Box Tops to help raise money for the school. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents, and they add up really quickly. To make things fun, we will have a classroom competition, and the top three classes that collect the most Box Tops will receive an ice cream party sponsored by the PTA. Last year we were able to raise just under \$2,000 through the Box Top program. Our goal for the year is \$3,000, so please start gathering your Box Tops and send them in to your child's teacher throughout the month of September.

We cannot accept Coke Rewards, Labels for Education, or expired Box Tops.

Grandparents Lunch Week October 2nd- 6th

Monday, October 2nd – 5th Gr, & Spilker-11:35-12:05

Tuesday, October 3rd – Kdg & Cook 10:50--11:20

Pre-K—12:05-12:35

Wednesday, October 4th – 2nd Gr- 12:15-12:45

Thursday, October 5th – 1st Gr & Miranda- 10:35-11:05

**Friday, October 6th- 4th Gr-Turner & Kunish-11:10-11:40
and Gars, Foley, and Wilson-11:20-11:50**

3rd Gr & Lynd -12:30 – 1:00

**Contact Wendy Banull for more details or to ask how
you can help!**

postwendy@yahoo.com

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.**

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 7:30—7:45 AM. We will begin walking at 7:45am. 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

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

Fall Catalog Fundraiser

We will be kicking off our Fall Fundraiser on Thursday, September 7th. 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 September 26.

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.

Check out our website www.oakhurstpta.com