

Oakhurst Elementary News

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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.

September is Attendance Awareness Month! Please have your morning routines in place to ensure that your children are getting to school every day on time. New this year is that we start the announcements at 8:40. So if your child is not waiting outside their classroom by 8:35, they are possibly missing the morning announcements and starting their day off behind. Teachers have so much to teach your children in such a short day! Please help by getting them to us every day and on time!

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 20th! I am looking forward to another great year! Please remember that I am a phone call away and my door is always open!

A note from our PTA President, Suzanne Morgan

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! 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 9/13. The meeting will be followed by Book BINGO which is always a student favorite.

Please consider joining the PTA this year. By you joining the PTA you help to support the programs such as the Welcome Back Dance, Fall Festival, Daddy Daughter Dance, Mother Son Night, and many more events. By supporting the PTA and our fundraisers that money goes back to the students and the school. Every little bit helps. Something new this year is we are sending out a sign up genius for volunteering opportunities throughout the year. That way you can sign up for as little or as much as you like. Thank you in advance for your help!! Let's make this year a year to remember!

Membership Update

Thank you parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and guardians that have signed up for a PTA membership. So far we have 275 PTA memberships! This year the top 3 classes for PTA memberships will win vintage Oakhurst Memorabilia. If you haven't had a chance to send in your PTA membership form for 2018/2019 and your \$5.00 dues do it today so your student has a chance to win! Your \$5.00 PTA membership dues helped fund our BooHoo / WooHoo Breakfast on the first day of school, the Back to School Dance as well as your student's agendas.

As a PTA member you are eligible to purchase LEGOLAND Florida tickets at a highly discounted rate. Check out the LEGOLAND offer at : www.floridapta.org/member-perks/ or contact Denise Rohrs at rohrrsd@gmail.com with any questions.

PTA membership cards will be distributed later this month so check for them in your child's binder / agenda.

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 a Popsicle party sponsored by the PTA. Last year we were able to raise just under \$3,000 through the Box Top program. Our goal for the year is \$4,000, so please start gathering your Box Tops and send them in to your child's teacher throughout the month of September.

	Fall Book Fair
<p>Grandparents Lunch Week October 1st—5th</p> <p>Monday, October 1st – Kdg & Cook-10:10—10:47 Tuesday, October 2nd– 1st Gr-10:50—11:23 Wednesday, October 3rd – 4th Gr & Spilker- 11:25-12:00 Thursday, October 4th – 3rd Gr & Lynd- 11:55-12:25 AND PPK/VPK—12:30—1:00 Friday, October 5th—2nd Gr & Miranda—11:16—11:49 AND 5th Gr—12:15—12:45 <i>Visit the Book Fair in the Media Center after lunch. Join PTA, your \$5 helps to provide educational and fun programs for your grandchild!</i> Contact Wendy Banull for more details or to ask how you can help! postwendy@yahoo.com</p>	<p>The library is busy preparing for our Fall Book Fair. Volunteers are needed to help make the Book Fair a success. Help is especially needed during lunches. All volunteers will receive a book of their choice from the fair as a thank you for helping! Please use the sign up to schedule a time to help. You MUST be a registered Thank you—Mrs. Kasprzyk</p> <p>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084EABA82E5-fall6</p>
	<p>Walk to School Day Wednesday, October 10th We will meet at the Publix in Oakhurst Plaza on Oakhurst Road. We ask that everyone is there between 7:45—8:00 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</p>

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

Fall Catalog Fundraiser

We will be kicking off our Fall Fundraiser on Friday September 14th. 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 2nd. Check out the catalog for incentives and prizes!! Students will be able to return their order forms and receive their incentive prize every morning between 8:15-8:40.



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

PTA Welcome Back Packets:

- Katie Hlas
- Natrina Shultz

Mustang Round Up:

- Iliana McClellan
- Kristin Yingling
- Wendy Banull

Welcome Back Dance:

- Jeff Rohrs
- Tracey and Frank Dylong
- Susan Lewis
- Anna Hauser
- Erin Weingart
- Clarisse High
- Krista Barton



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