

Oakhurst Elementary News

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A note from our Principal, Kelly Kennedy

I would like to thank all of our families for a great opening! You returned your students to us ready to learn! It is hard to believe that we are already in the 6th week of school and over half-way through the first term.

I want to thank all the students that read over the summer and turned in their logs. 92 students returned Summer Activity Logs!! Those students get to “Spin to Win” next week for a chance to earn a small ice cream treat, a No Homework pass, eating lunch with Mrs. Bockover and me or Silly Stringing us at the next Round-up! It is great fun and a way to show our appreciation for the students who tracked their reading and St Math over the summer!

You spoke and we listened! Many parents expressed a concern for our lack of parking and they were right! I contacted the district for help and this summer 26 staff parking spaces were added at the north end of our property. This frees up parking for our parents and visitors in the main lot. I hope you have noticed the difference!

September is Attendance Awareness Month. We strive to have every student present for at least 95% of the school days! Just a reminder to please have your children arrive on time each day and prepared to learn. Students arriving late are a disruption to the class and affect the learning of others. Early pick-ups also disrupt the classroom and should only take place on a rare occasion. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Just a reminder that we will no longer call for students for early pick-ups after 2:00.

Exciting news!! Oakhurst has purchased the MyOn Reading Program! It makes thousands of books available to your students on the computer. Please access MyOn by going to www.myon.com. Students use their R2.D2 number and their S.xxxxxxx password. (They will know how to do this!)

I look forward to working with all our Oakhurst families this school year! Oakhurst is a wonderful school and I am extremely proud to be your principal! I am always available to assist you in any way. Please don't hesitate to contact me or just stop by the front office! Let's have a fabulous year!

A note from our PTA President, Marci Edmiston

It is hard to imagine that we have accomplished so much already this year! It is the beginning of September and we off to fantastic start. We are in full swing and our PTA calendar is crazy busy, jammed packed with activities and events – definitely something for everyone to get involved in!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Welcome Back Dance – it felt like another year of record attendance. It is wonderful to have so many families come out and support Oakhurst! I look forward to seeing many more of you at our first General PTA Meeting later this month – we will cover a little PTA business and then enjoy Book Bingo. October has lots to look forward to with National Walk to School Day and Grandparents Lunch Week! If you have a 5th Grader and you would like to get involved in the planning of the Celebration – please join us for our first planning meeting on October 4th at 7pm in the cafeteria! Don't forget to look! at the Fall Fundraiser and to also send those Box Tops in for the September contest!

Our Fundraiser had a late kick off thanks to Hurricane Hermine however, everyone should have their catalogs by now. As always, your help with this is greatly appreciated. Fridays continue to be Spirit Days and students wear their Oakhurst t-shirts. All spirit gear is still available if needed. Also, if you haven't joined our fabulous 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 awesome school that it is! Volunteer, Membership, and Spirit Gear order forms are available online and in the front office under the PTA Bulletin Board. Let's make this the best OES year ever!

Information, Reminders, Opportunities...

Need an **Oakhurst t-shirt**? Send in payment & order form or contact Suzanne Morgan at goofitaz@yahoo.com for more information!

	<p align="center">Grandparents Lunch Week October 3rd – 7th</p> <p>Monday, October 3rd – VPK, PPK & ASD PreK, 1st Grade & Broccard Tuesday, October 4th – 2nd Grade & Lynd Wednesday, October 5th – 3rd Grade Thursday, October 6th – 4th Grade Friday, October 7th – Kindergarten, ASD K, 5th Grade & Spilker</p> <p>Contact Wendy Banull for more details! postwendy@yahoo.com</p>

Fall Book Fair

Volunteers are needed to help setup and takedown the fair as well as helping with students during the fair, restocking, etc. Please use the link below to sign up. All volunteers will receive a book from the fair as a thank you for their help! Any amount of time is appreciated!
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B084EABA82E5-fall4

All Pro Dads

September 16th 7:25am

Please join us as we kick off a new year of All Pro Dad's with our new, fearless leader Ricky Jimenez.

October Commitment to Character Cooperation

Contact Ashley Harter at afriend4877@gmail.com to become a PTA Member!

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Walk to School Day Wednesday, October 5th

We will meet at the Publix in Oakhurst Plaza on Oakhurst Road. We ask that everyone is there between 7:15 and 7:30am - we will begin walking at 7:45am. Parents must attend with their children. Please park in the Publix parking lot. Any questions, please contact Shannon Jackson at thejackson5fl@gmail.com

Pinellas County Schools Referendum supports teachers and students

The renewal of Pinellas County Schools Referendum will be on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. The Referendum strengthens reading, art and music programs, provides up-to-date technology, and helps recruit and retain quality teachers. Voters overwhelmingly supported the Referendum three times, including its initial approval in 2004. An independent citizens committee oversees Referendum expenditures to ensure money is spent as voters intended. The Referendum costs the average single-family homeowner less than \$5.50 a month. Every penny of the funding goes directly to Pinellas County classrooms. For more information, please visit www.pcsb.org/referendum.



Upcoming Events

get involved

September 1st-30th – BOX TOP Contest

September 14th – Fall Fundraiser Coupon Collection Day

September 16th – All Pro Dad's

September 19th – Fall Fundraiser Coupon Collection Day

September 21st – OES PTA General Meeting – Book Bingo

Looking ahead...

October 3rd-7th – Grandparents Lunch Week & Book Fair

October 4th – Fifth Grade Celebration Planning Meeting 7pm

October 5th – National Walk to School Day

October 10th – ALL HANDS 9-11am

October 12th – No School

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October 20th – Teacher Luncheon

October 21st – All Pro Dads