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From the Principal's Roost

Spring is here! Out with the cold and in with the new! With spring comes new growth outside, as well as, inside our classrooms at Oakland Primary School. Our staff and students have a much deserved break coming up starting March 30th through April 6th, as they were all working hard during the 3rd quarter. Over spring

break, please make sure to read to and with your student to ensure they are keeping their brain active. Upon returning, we will be in our final quarter for the 2017-2018 school year. April is another busy month with report cards coming home, Literacy Night, the Book Fair, Diamond Del Mining, Earth Day, Multicultural Game Day and Parent Workshop opportunities. Please



check the calendar in this newsletter for the dates. Through these various events we maintain our focus at Oakland Primary School to educate the "whole" child.



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APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

join us in CELEBRATION



awareness

action

acceptance

inclusion

appreciation

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News from the Nest



Pre- Kindergarten

Pre K is going to be very busy after Spring break! We are excited to be going to Old McCaskill's Farm in April! We are going to see farm animals and learn how they help us! We are almost finished with the alphabet and will begin reviewing. Your child's teacher will update you on his/her progress. Please continue to work on letters, sounds, and numbers. We are going to be learning about Earth Day and recycling. We will also be learning about other countries as we prepare for our school Multi Cultural celebration. Thank you for all you do for us and our students!



Kindergarten

Kindergarten will be celebrating Spring during the month of April with lots of fun activities within each classroom. Please continue reading with your child, helping with sight words and practicing math skills as we work through the final quarter. Also, don't forget to check your child's folder about information on cap and gown pictures.

read! Anytime.
Anywhere.
Anyhow.

1st Grade

First grade just recently completed the Spring Map Test. The students made terrific gains in Reading and Math. After Spring Break, the students will enjoy working on narrative writing, learning about plants, counting money and telling time. Also in the month of April, the students will enjoy the mobile field trip with Diamond Del to mine for Gems. We are also looking forward to the Spring Scholastic Book Fair. First Grade is doing our BEST to WORK HARD and FINISH STRONG!!



Math

Learning Math At Home

Ms. Lakesha Grant



In order for your child to be successful in math at any grade level, he/she will need constant support and help from you as a parent. Work with your child at home. Be informed about what he/she is working on at school. Ask your child's teacher what specific skills he/she needs help on and ways that you can help. Always have a positive attitude and encourage your child to do his/her best.

Remember.....Math Matters!



Family Literacy Night

Mrs. Shannon Knudson

Tuesday, April 17th 6:00pm



Please plan to come out to family literacy night. This is an engaging event for readers of all ages. We will have several surprise guests, opportunities to read and write, information for helping your child become a better reader/writer and much more. The book fair will be open during this time as well! Each student will receive a doggie bag full of literacy treats.

Guidance News

As a way of giving our students first-hand multicultural experiences, we will be having

"Multicultural Game Day"

on Friday, April 27, 2018.

Multiple areas will be sectioned off for students to play various games from around the world. Games have already been pre-selected and student volunteers from Hillcrest will be assisting with the activities.



HEART WALK

The Heart Walk is Saturday, April 28th with activities starting at 8am, the walk at 9am and the kids heart challenge at 10am. The walk will begin and end at the chamber of commerce again this year.

HELP WANTED FOR FUN DAY

We are in need of volunteers to help on Fun Day, May 17th. These volunteers will be manning the game stations and helping disperse food and drinks to classrooms. We will need help from 8 - 12. Please contact Ms. Mack if you can help.

Capstone Electronic Books

Oakland Primary is fortunate to own an electronic library with 1,655 books that are available 24 hours a day, 365 day a year. The books cover a wide range of subjects and reading abilities. The books can be read independently or the program will read it to the child. Students who own an Ipad can actually download books to read in the car or beach or anywhere. To get started go to www.mycapstonelibrary.com

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Media Center News

Mrs. Beatrice Davis

Oakland Eagles love to read!

Our students love to read! The evidence of that is displayed on the bulletin board just outside the cafeteria. If your child has read 50 or more books they have a book on their classroom shelf and if they've read 100 or more books they will have a star on their book. They love seeing their name on the board and showing their reading achievements. Please continue to read with your child a little every night and remember to fill out their reading logs.

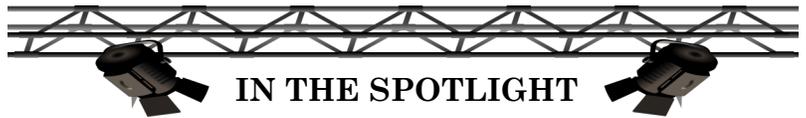
The Book Fair is coming!

Spring Break is on the way! And just after Spring Break is our Spring Book Fair April 16 – 20. If you are an approved volunteer and would be willing to help students select books in the Book Fair please contact me via phone at 499-3366 ext. 270 or complete the form at the bottom of the Book Fair flyer.

April 17 will be Literacy Night here at Oakland and the Book Fair will be open. More information for both events will be coming home soon.

Look Ahead to May

- May 4th—Multicultural Fair
- May 10th—Volunteer Luncheon
- May 13th—Mother’s Day
- May 17th—Fun Day
- May 18th—Relay for Life
- May 28th—Memorial Day No School
- May 30th—PK Crossover
- May 31st—Kindergarten Crossover



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Lakesha Grant, M.Ed.



This month the spotlight shines on Lakesha Grant, Oakland Primary’s Math Coach. Ms. Grant was raised in Mayesville, South Carolina, she is a graduate of Francis Marion University where she earned a Baccalaureate degree in Early Childhood Education. She holds a Masters Degree in Education from Cambridge College. She has been teaching at Oakland Primary for the past 19 years. Her favorite TV Show is “The Haves and Have Nots.” She has two cats, Kate and Nicole, and a turtle named Tuck. Ms. Grant is responsible for implementing math instruction at Oakland and teacher training. She is a valuable member of our curriculum team.



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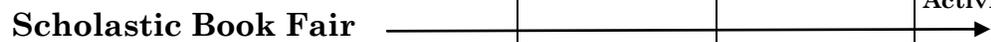
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April 17th, Literacy Night 6:00 –7:00 P.M.

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
 <p>Spring Break</p>						
8	9	10 Report Cards	11 Kindergarten Cap & Gown Pictures	12	13	14
15	16	17 Literacy Night	18	19	20 Earth Day Activities	21
 <p>Scholastic Book Fair</p>						
22	23	24 1st Grade Diamond Del	25	26 Military Coalition Workshop	27 Spirit Day Wear Red Multicultural Games Day	28
29	30	<p>What should my child know and be able to do? http://www.scfriendlystandards.org/</p>				