

THE EAGLE'S EYE



Oakland Primary School

OCTOBER 2023



NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It is hard to believe that it is already October! It seems like yesterday that our Eagles were being dropped off at parent pick up and arriving at school on the buses for their first day! Fall is upon us, and everyone seems settled into their classrooms for these next few busy months. Great teaching and learning is taking place while we strive to educate the "whole child."

As the school year now gets underway, I encourage you to be in constant communication with our staff regarding any questions, comments, or concerns that you may have. Closer to the end of the month we will hold Title I required Data Meetings to go over the various assessments and progress for your child. Through newsletters, email, the school website, our Facebook Page, homework folders, phone calls, and conferences, communication is key. Our dedicated staff is here to help!

Here at OPS, we have quite a few events going on during the month of October. From Fall Break, Picture Day, Fire Prevention information, Red Ribbon Week, Fall Festival, parent workshops, and everything in between, it is sure to be a great month! Please make sure that you check our school website and Facebook Page for updates. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at some of the happenings throughout October.

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Oakland Primary School is a Title I school. Title I is the largest federal aid program for our nation's schools. The primary purpose of Title I funding is to provide financial assistance to school districts and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.

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LEADER IN ME

FROM MRS. COREY RIPLEY, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

This year, we have already started learning about the Leader in Me's 7 habits. We hope that your child has come home and shared some of their learning. These habits will help each of us take control of ourselves. Look at the following conversation starter with your child as you discuss Habit 1: Be Proactive. You'll see that the statements describe the habit of being proactive. Below, you'll find some questions to discuss with your family.



How am I in charge of myself?	How do I help others?	What are some things I do without being asked?	What are some good choices I've made recently?
How do I stay organized?	How am I responsible?	How do I show initiative?	What is one thing I can work on more?

MEDIA CENTER

MRS. DAVIS

Thank you for supporting our Fall Scholastic Book Fair! Our boys and girls were so excited to be able to come shopping for books and at the same time our library was supported through this fundraiser. Profits from the Book Fairs help to supply the Golden Basket of Books, the Super Reader Academy, and other fun activities that encourage our children to read.

Kindergartners and first graders have started checking-out library books! Parents please spend a few minutes each day reading with your child and don't forget to enter their reading on their Reading Logs. Your child will bring their library book home in a plastic READ bag to help protect it. Please help them remember to keep their book in this bag when not being read and a great place to keep the READ bag is in their book bag. That way their library book doesn't get damaged or lost, and they will always have it at school on their library day.

Beatrice Davis,
OPS Media Specialist



NURSE'S NOTES

FROM NURSE OAKLEY

Fight the Flu

TAKE 3 ACTIONS TO FIGHT THE FLU

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INFLUENZA

Influenza (flu) is a contagious disease that can be serious. Every year, millions of people get sick, hundreds of thousands are hospitalized, and thousands to tens of thousands of people die from flu. CDC urges you to take the following actions to protect yourself and others from flu.

GET YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY VACCINATED!

A yearly flu vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses.

Everyone 6 months or older should get an annual flu vaccine. Protect Yourself. Protect Your Family. Get Vaccinated. #FightFlu

TAKE EVERYDAY PREVENTIVE ACTIONS TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF FLU VIRUSES!

STOP THE SPREAD

Avoid close contact with sick people, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often (with soap and water).

TAKE ANTIVIRAL DRUGS IF YOUR DOCTOR PRESCRIBES THEM!

FLU ANTIVIRALS

Antiviral drugs can be used to treat flu illness and can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick.

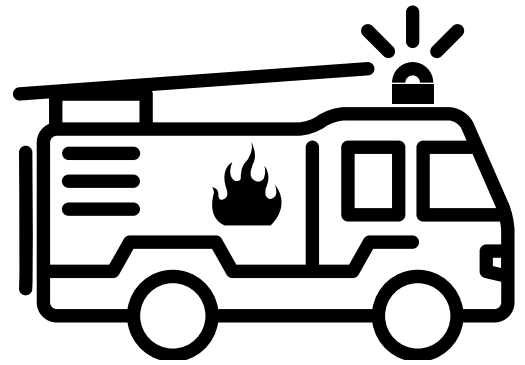
#FIGHT FLU

www.cdc.gov/flu

CDC

Our SIC (School Improvement Council) collected over 600 food items for Sumter United Ministries this September! Thank you for making this service learning project such a wonderful success.

Oakland's students will be celebrating Fire Prevention Week from October 9-13. This year's theme is "Cooking safety starts with You! Pay attention to fire prevention." Throughout this week, students will learn important safety tips about fire safety. Shaw Air Force Base Fire Department will be visiting to speak with our students about fire safety and how to prepare in case of a fire.



UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, 10/5 - Student Half-day, Staff professional development

Friday, 10/6 - No student attendance, Staff professional development

October 6-10 - Fall Break

Wednesday, 10/11 - Fall Picture Day

Thursday, 10/12, 9:00 & 1:00 - Title I Parent Workshop

Friday, 10/13 - Eagle Buck Store

Wednesday, 10/18 - Wear pink for Bullying Prevention

Friday, 10/20 - Report Cards Issued

Friday, 10/20, 5-7 - Fall Festival

October 23-27 - Red Ribbon Week

Wednesday, 10/25 - Title I Fall Conference Night

Friday, 10/27 - Spirit Day & Leader of the Month



Be sure to follow us on Facebook to stay up-to-date with everything going on at Oakland Primary School.

<https://www.facebook.com/OaklandPrimarySchool>

SCHOOL PERSONNEL & PLEDGE

Mr. Joshua Campbell, Principal

Mrs. Corey Ripley, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Shannon Knudson, Curriculum Coach

Mrs. Lucy Selle, Reading Coach

Mrs. Beatrice Backmon, Guidance Counselor

Ms. Lee Osborne, Guidance Counselor

Mrs. Beatrice Davis, Media Specialist

Ms. Taheshi Fortune, Teacher of the Year



I came to school today to learn;
And I will learn.

I will act in such a way that
I will be proud of myself,
And others will be proud of me, too.
I will have a wonderful day.