

THE EAGLE'S EYE



Oakland Primary School

MARCH 2024



NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The first two months of 2024 have flown by here at Oakland Primary School, and we are gearing up for a busy March. January and February had some memorable events with our Mother and Son Dance, a joint event at Food Lion with our feeder schools, as well as our program celebrating Black History. March starts off with a fun and exciting Read Across America week, followed by our Father and Daughter Dance, Literacy Night, as well as the end of the third quarter!

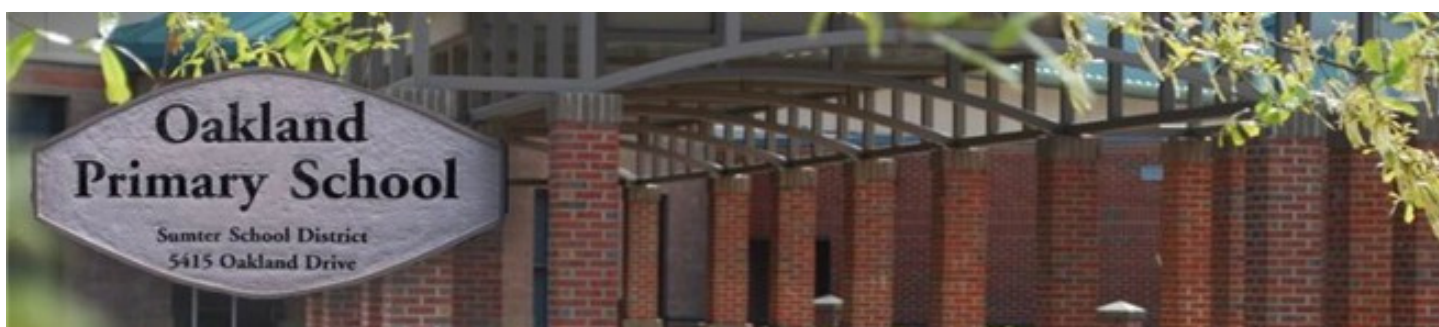
March highlights Reading, and at Oakland Primary School, parents/guardians play a huge role in furthering our students' love for reading. A great way to celebrate reading all month is take the 21-Day Read Aloud Challenge. You can head over to readaloud.org to get the details! This website is full of great information regarding the importance of students being read to on a daily basis at home. It also has great tips about how to read aloud as well! We hope you take advantage of this to help create a lifelong love for reading!

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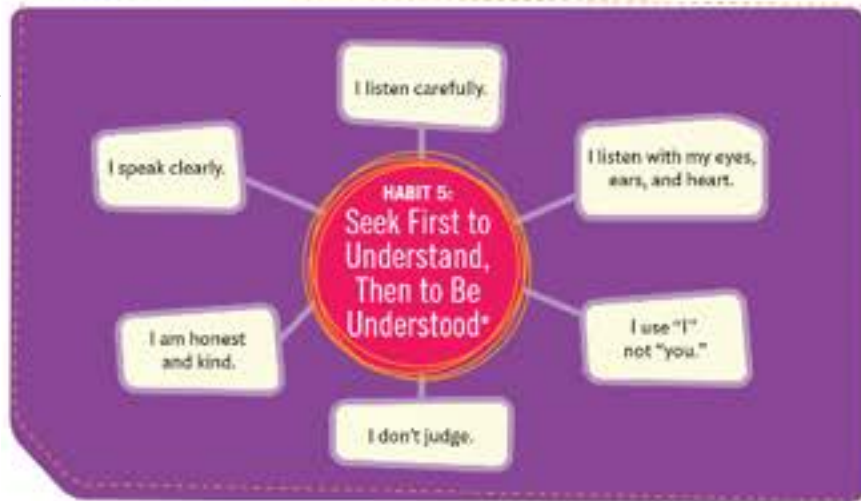
Oakland Primary School is a Title I school. Title I is the largest federal aid program for our nation's schools. The primary purpose of Title I funding is to provide financial assistance to school districts and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help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

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LEADER IN ME

FROM MRS. COREY RIPLEY, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Habit 5 is Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood; basically, listen before you talk. This is a critical skill for students, as well as adults. How can I listen to others for the purpose of understanding, rather than listen with the goal of just responding?



How can I show someone that I'm listening carefully?	How do I listen with my eyes, ears, and heart?	Why should I use "I" not "you"?	When have I recently judged someone?
When have I recently been honest, yet kind?	Why is it important to speak clearly?	What is one thing I can work on more?	

BODY LANGUAGE

FROM MRS. SHANNON KNUDSON, INSTRUCTIONAL COACH

Actions speak louder than words. Remember that the way you say something is important. Suggestions include:

- Squat down to the same level as the child instead of towering over them.
- Maintain eye contact with young children. Remember, though, that older children and adolescents often don't like this, so chatting while you're walking along or driving in the car can be more effective.
- Smile. A child will respond better to a smile than a frown.
- Avoid talking to them when your back is turned or when you are walking away from them.
- Use a gentle tone of voice, especially if tempers are starting to fray. Yelling only encourages more anger.
- Cuddle children often (no matter how old they are).
- Avoid impatient body language like eye rolling, foot tapping or sighing. This can discourage a child from talking.

Information from the Better Health Channel

MEDIA CENTER

FROM MRS. DAVIS,
MEDIA SPECIALIST

March Library News

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be here on March 18 - 22. We are using the eWallet feature that allows you, your friends, and family to provide funds for your child to purchase books from the Book Fair. Teachers will also have an eWallet so that you can help support their classroom library. Be on the look-out for more information on Facebook and in your child's folder.

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."
- Margaret Fuller

CAREER DAY

FROM MRS. BACKMON,
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

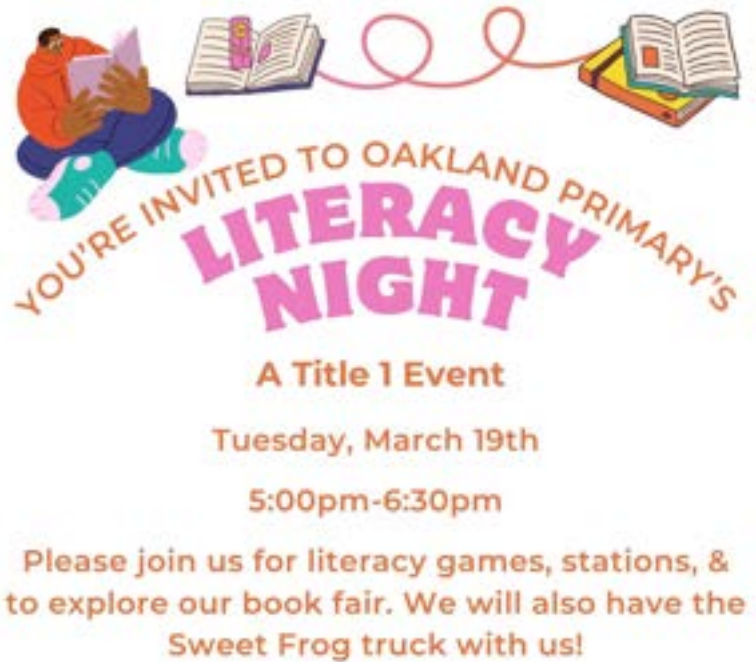
We need your help! We are looking for individuals who would be willing to share information regarding their career and their responsibilities. OPS will host a Career Day on March 28, 2024. Career Day speakers would need to include age-appropriate fun facts about your career and any visual aids or tools to help our students better understand your career. Volunteers may come in person or submit a video to be shared. If you are submitting a video, please limit the time to 5-10 minutes.

Need ideas on what to talk about? You may want to consider some of the following questions: What is your job description? Do you work indoors or outdoors? What does a typical day look like for you? Why did you choose this job? Which subject(s) are very important to prepare for this career? How many years have you had this job? What is the most satisfying or exciting thing about your job?

If you are willing to help provide career awareness for our students by allowing them to "explore" your career virtually or in-person, please contact Mrs. Backmon at (803) 499-3366 ext. 323 or email your video to beatrice.backmon@sumterschools.net before Friday, March 22, 2024.

LITERACY NIGHT

FROM MRS. SELLE,
READING COACH



YOU'RE INVITED TO OAKLAND PRIMARY'S
LITERACY NIGHT
A Title 1 Event
Tuesday, March 19th
5:00pm-6:30pm
Please join us for literacy games, stations, & to explore our book fair. We will also have the Sweet Frog truck with us!

The graphic features a central text area with a pink and orange color scheme. At the top, there are illustrations of a person reading, an open book, and a stack of books. At the bottom, there is an illustration of a girl sitting and reading a book. The text is arranged in a friendly, inviting manner.

Each student who attends will receive a goodie bag.



UPCOMING DATES

March

- 3/4-3/8 - Read Across America Week
- Tuesday, 3/5 - Read Across America Assembly
- Friday, 3/8 - Character Parade; Student Half Day
- Tuesday, 3/12 - MAP Testing Begins
- Wednesday, 3/13 - End of 3rd Quarter
- Friday, 3/15 - Eagle Buck Store; Father Daughter Dance
- Monday, 3/18 - Book Fair begins
- Tuesday, 3/19, 5:00-6:30 - Literacy Night
- Friday, 3/22 - Spirit Day; Report Cards
- Thursday, 3/28 - Career Day
- Friday, 3/29 - Spring Break begins

April

- 4/1-4/5 - Spring Break
- Tuesday, 4/9 - Autism Awareness Day
- Friday, 4/12 - Eagle Buck Store
- Tuesday, 4/16, 9:00 & 1:00 - Parent Workshop
- Thursday, 4/18 - District Title I Meeting
- Friday, 4/19 - Kindergarten Cap & Gown pictures;
Relay for Life
- Monday, 4/22 - Earth Day
- Wednesday, 4/24 - Purple Up!
- Friday, 4/26 - Multicultural Day



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

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- Mr. Joshua Campbell, Principal
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- 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.