

THE EAGLE'S EYE



Oakland Primary School

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NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

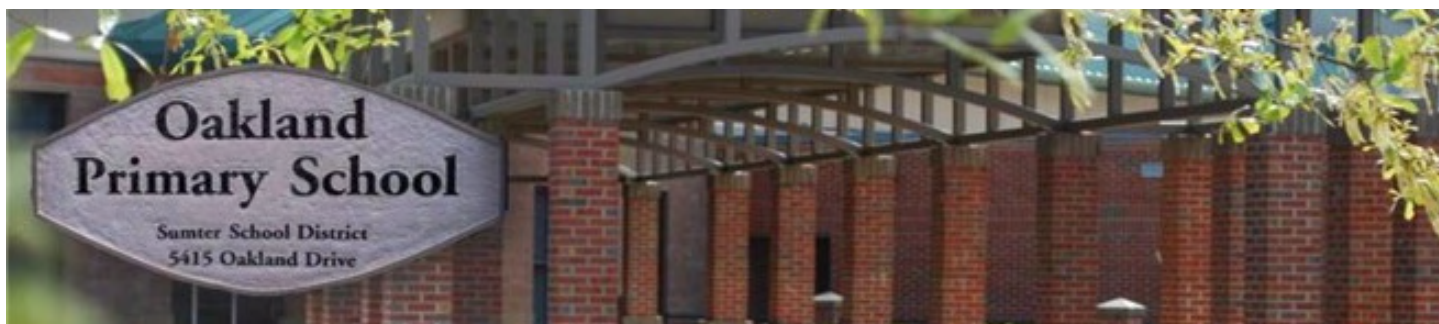
Spring is here! Out with the cold and in with the new! With spring comes new growth outside as well as inside our classrooms at Oakland Primary School. We hope you had an amazing Spring Break and are ready for the final push to finish up the 2023-2024 school year. April is another busy month as we celebrate the month of the Military Child, hold a parent workshop, Earth Day, and the Relay for Life. 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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LEADER IN ME

FROM MRS. COREY RIPLEY, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Habit 6 is synergize! This habit is all about teamwork...working together to create something new that is better than either could do on their own. Collaboration is an important skill that students need to practice frequently both in the home and at school. As adults, we often want to step in and support children rather than stepping back and encouraging them to problem solve among themselves. Working closely with others to accomplish a task is an important social skill.



How did I work with someone else recently?	Why is it important to listen to other people's ideas?	What is something I did recently to celebrate a friend's strength?
Why is it important to be humble?	What is a 3 rd Alternative I found with others recently?	What is one thing I can work on more?

WORLD HEALTH DAY

FROM NURSE OAKLEY



World Health Day takes place every year on April 7th. It promotes the importance of a variety of health topics. As it's a day of awareness, it's a great opportunity to teach your child some fun ways to start healthy habits.

- 1) Exercise: put on some happy music and silly dance together.
- 2) Nutrition: make a rainbow using fruits and veggies in all colors of the rainbow, enjoy!
- 3) Dental Care: play a game together and see who can brush their teeth the longest without having to spit
- 4) Hygiene: Make a bubble bath and allow your child to make bubble hats and bubble beards on themselves
- 5) Sleep: make a fort/tent using chairs and drape a sheet over it, lay a blanket and pillows inside and have a bedtime storybook reading session

OUTDOOR LITERACY FUN

FROM MRS. LUCY SELLE,
READING COACH

1. Read outside
2. ABC scavenger hunt
3. Write letters or sight words in chalk
4. Jump Rope Rhymes
5. Go on a nature walk and write about what you see
6. Make letters and words from nature - Example: Use sticks or rocks to make letters



MULTICULTURAL DAY

FROM MRS. BACKMON,
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Our students will be given the opportunity to take a trip "Around the World" on Friday, April 26, 2024. Students will be exploring and examining various customs, traditions, and lifestyles of people from different parts of the world at our annual Multicultural Fair and Game Day! Each child will receive a passport which would be used as his/her admission ticket into the Multicultural Fair. Students will be able to explore various cultures, artifacts, clothing, musical instruments, and food samples. As a way of giving our students firsthand experiences, students will also participate in a variety of multicultural games!

EARTH DAY

FROM MRS. SHANNON KNUDSON,
CURRICULUM COACH

Earth Day is April 22nd, and the world needs you and your actions! There are so many things parents and kids can do to help protect, preserve, and restore our planet - from cleaning up, to recycling, composting, planting a garden, or just enjoying the beauty of nature!

Here are some things you can do at home to celebrate...

1. Neighborhood clean up - Grab some gloves and garbage bags and beautify your neighborhood by removing all the trash that has been tossed around.
2. Start a garden - Kids love playing in the dirt! Have them help you make a family garden. You can plant a flower garden or edible garden, and work together to take care of the plants.
3. Plant a tree - There's no better time than Earth Day to plant a tree! Spring is a great time to plant, and Earth Day is a great reason. <https://runwildmychild.com/earth-day-with-kids/>



UPCOMING DATES

April

Month of the Military Child & Autism Awareness Month

4/1-4/5 - Spring Break

Tuesday, 4/9 - Autism Awareness Day

Monday, 4/15 - MAP Reading Fluency begins

Tuesday, 4/16, 9:00 - Parent Workshop

Thursday, 4/18 - District Title I Meeting

Friday, 4/19 - Kindergarten Cap & Gown pictures;

Relay for Life

Monday, 4/22 - Earth Day

Tuesday, 4/23 - PTA

Wednesday, 4/24 - Purple Up!

Friday, 4/26 - Multicultural Day & Spirit Day

May

Friday, 5/3 - First Grade trip to SHES

Tuesday, 5/14 - PreK Crossover

Wednesday, 5/15 - Kindergarten Crossover

Thursday, 5/16 - 1st Grade Crossover

Friday, 5/17 - Fun Day

Wednesday, 5/22 - Student Half-day

Thursday, 5/23 - Student Half-day & last day of school!



APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD SO LET'S CELEBRATE!

MONDAY, APRIL 22

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN DAY - WEAR RED, WHITE AND BLUE

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

CRAZY CAMO DAY - WEAR CAMOUFLAGE CLOTHES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

PURPLE UP FOR THE MILITARY CHILD

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

STARS & SPARKLES DAY - WEAR STARS & SPARKLES
TO CELEBRATE OUR MILITARY CHILDREN THAT SHINE BRIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

HATS OFF TO OUR MILITARY CHILD; WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HAT OR HEADGEAR.



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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.