



Oak Hill Elementary School

December 2017/January 2018 Newsletter

"It is the mission of Oak Hill Elementary School to provide each student with a safe, nurturing, challenging environment in which to achieve academic, social, and emotional success."

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO
REMEMBER!**

Upcoming Dates:

- Dec. 5—Make up picture Day
- Dec. 6—Band/strings Concert, 6:30pm
- Dec. 7—2 hour early dismissal. No PM PreK or ECI.
- Dec. 8—School closed for students, parent/teacher conferences
- Dec. 12—Chorus Concert 6:30pm
- Dec. 15—PTO meeting, 9am
- Dec. 15—Interims sent home
- Dec. 23-Jan. 1—Winter Break; school closed
- Jan. 2—School Reopens
- Jan. 9—Middle School information night for 5th grade parents 5:45 PM @ Oak Hill
- Jan. 15—No School
- Jan. 19—PTO mtg 9 AM
- Jan. 29-30—End of 2nd marking period. Two-hour early dismissal. Schools closed for PM Pre-K and E.C.I. students
- Jan. 31—School closed for students

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

The PTO silent auction event held on November 18th was memorable! The parents' and faculty's contributions of time and donations are greatly appreciated. A special thank you to our Art Lead parents as well as our parents on the Event Committee. The school community made this evening a success!

The holiday season and calendar year end are rapidly approaching. There is a Band and Strings Concert, under the direction of Mrs. Wood, on December 6th at 6:30 PM. We have a Winter Chorus Concert, under the direction of Mr. Peachey, on December 12th at 6:30 pm.

Our last day of school prior to the winter break is December 22nd. We invite the students and staff to wear the PJs to school on December 22. Students return on January 2nd. During this time, we wish you special family time, relaxation, and loving moments.

**Deneen Houghton
Principal**



CHANGE OF TRANSPORTATION POLICY

If you would like to have your child go home a different way than usual, please make sure a parent/guardian sends a note into the school stating the following information: date, teacher's name, child's first & last name, name of person picking up (should be on emergency card), date, your signature and contact numbers for both persons. Please make sure if someone is picking your student up, he/she has proper ID to show. However, children are not permitted to ride a different bus.

Example:

December 25, 20—

Ms. _____

Please allow John Jones to take the bus home and not attend after care on December 25, 20—

Suzy Jones, 410-555-5555

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

1 st grade	Noah G
2 nd grade	Hudson C
3 rd grade	Paige H
4 th grade	Emily H
5 th grade	Joey M

The character trait these kids exhibited was *honesty* during the month of November.

Lost & Found

Please remember to label your child's belongings. The lost and found is overflowing with some extremely nice items and although every effort is made to return things that are labeled, most show no indication to whom they belong. It will be cleared out and anything unclaimed will be donated to charity.

ATTENDANCE

As you plan vacations, please remember vacation days are considered unexcused. Thank you for understanding.



OAK HILL ADOPT A FAMILY

As we did last year, Oak Hill Elementary is 'adopting' ten families for the winter holidays. These families have children who receive special services through the Infants and Toddlers program. Due to the needs of the children, parents often are unable to hold a full-time job and their children frequently need expensive specialized care. As a result, the parents often have to make tough decisions regarding gifts for the holidays.

We are utilizing Sign-Up Genius to let you know the items that are needed by our adopted families. Each family is assigned a letter; A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and J (we left out the letter I on purpose). If you would like to contribute, sign up to purchase an item and **PLEASE attach the identifying letter of the family to the UNWRAPPED item(s).**

I will need the items by Friday, December 15th so that they can be sorted, wrapped, and delivered by the Infants and Toddlers staff.

You might have also seen a collection barrel in the main lobby near the office. This barrel is for any other new and unwrapped toys you would like to donate to The Sharing Foundation, a local non-profit group that helps working parents who do not qualify for other assistance.

Thank you for helping our extended community this holiday season. Your contributions really do make a difference for these families and they are very grateful for your generosity.

If you would like to make a donation, please look at the link below in signupgenius.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054ca4af23aaf49-oakhill>

Ms. Holly Kleiderlein, NBCT, School Counselor, Oak Hill ES, hkleiderlein@aacps.org

CAR RIDER PARENTS



When dropping off or picking up your child, we would appreciate everyone staying in their car, and during the holiday break please practice with your child how your child can independently get in and out of the car by themselves.

Thank you.

Attention Oak Hill Dads!

We are looking for dads to volunteer to spend a day at school and help out in classrooms and at lunch and recess. It's called the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program, and it's a great opportunity for dads to meet a lot of teachers and students and get a first hand look at how your kids spend their day.

For more information contact David Knowles at knowlesdavid@gmail.com or (410) 810-4444.

O Ambassadors Club

Dear Oak Hill Families,

Ms. Anderson's second grade class, with the help of some of our past O Ambassadors, will hold our *annual Candy Gram Sale* Tuesday, December 12th -Friday, December 15th. **Holiday Candy Grams (candy canes) are \$1.00 each** and may be purchased for classmates, other Oak Hill students, and Oak Hill faculty and staff. Parents may also purchase for their own children. Students purchasing a Candy Gram may write a holiday message, and we will deliver the Candy Grams during the last week before our winter break. All of the money we raise will go to SPAN, a Severna Park non-profit organization that helps area families in need of emergency assistance.

If you would like to purchase a Candy Gram from our O Ambassadors, please come to Ms. Anderson's room in second grade from 8:40-8:55 a.m. December 12th-15th. ***WE CANNOT ACCEPT ORDERS AFTER DEC. 15th***. Or you may complete the attached forms, cut them apart, put them in an envelope with your money (cash—exact change only-- or check made out to Oak Hill Elementary School) and return to Ms. Anderson before our deadline. *Please see Ms. Anderson for **EXTRA FORMS**. We cannot accept orders written on other paper. We also cannot guarantee delivery if all areas of the form are not completely filled in.*

Also, if anyone would like to **donate a box of regular sized** (not the mini) **candy canes**, we would **greatly appreciate** the support. The more donations we receive, the fewer candy canes we will have to purchase. □

Thank you for your kindness & help!

Ms. Anderson & the O Ambassadors J

J Candy Gram J

To: _____

Grade ___ Teacher: _____

From: _____

Grade ___ Teacher: _____

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Flu Vaccine

Facts & Myths



Department of Health
and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention

MYTH “The flu isn’t a serious disease.”

FACTS Influenza (flu) is a serious disease of the nose, throat, and lungs, and it can lead to pneumonia. Each year about 200,000 people in the U.S. are hospitalized and about 36,000 people die because of the flu. Most who die are 65 years and older. But small children less than 2 years old are as likely as those over 65 to have to go to the hospital because of the flu.

MYTH “The flu shot can cause the flu.”

FACTS The flu shot cannot cause the flu. Some people get a little soreness or redness where they get the shot. It goes away in a day or two. Serious problems from the flu shot are very rare.

MYTH “The flu shot does not work.”

FACTS Most of the time the flu shot will prevent the flu. In scientific studies, the effectiveness of the flu shot has ranged from 70% to 90% when there is a good match between circulating viruses and those in the vaccine. **Getting the vaccine is your best protection against this disease.**

MYTH “The side effects are worse than the flu.”

FACTS The worst side effect you’re likely to get from a shot is a sore arm. The nasal mist flu vaccine might cause nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat and cough. The risk of a severe allergic reaction is less than 1 in 4 million.

MYTH “Only older people need a flu vaccine.”

FACTS Adults and children with conditions like asthma, diabetes, heart disease, and kidney disease **need to get a flu shot**. Doctors also recommend children 6 months and older get a flu shot every year until their 5th birthday.

MYTH “You must get the flu vaccine before December.”

FACTS Flu vaccine can be given before or during the flu season. The best time to get vaccinated is October or November. **But you can get vaccinated in December or later.**

For more information, ask your healthcare provider or call
800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) Website www.cdc.gov/flu

Is it Bugging? Bossing? Bothering? Or Bullying?



Helping children learn to identify the type of issues they are having with peers is the first step to solving the problem. Often, children hear the word, “bullying” and think, yeah...that was mean, I’m being *bullied*. However, many peer interactions, albeit needing adult intervention may not begin as bullying.

When a peer is **bugging** (i.e. doing childish or annoying behaviors, goofy teasing, etc.), it’s helpful for your child to learn to say, “Please stop, that really bugs me.”

Bossing behavior is common as children become aware of rules and procedures. It is a misdirected form of “helping”, but still problematic for the bossed and the bossee. Children can try saying, “I know you are trying to help, but I am ok right now...”

Bothering behaviors are often unintentional habits that classmates may have that “bother” others. In this case, helping your child learn to move away politely, give gentle reminders, or discreetly ask the teacher for assistance. AACPS recognizes **bullying** as behavior or actions that

- ◆ Are **intentional Physical, verbal, social behaviors that are intended to hurt**
- ◆ Are **repeated and/or frequent**
- ◆ Are **hurtful**
- ◆ Manifest a **perceived imbalance of power**
- ◆ **Substantially interfere** with a student’s educational benefits, opportunities, or performance.

From the Health Room

Winter holidays bring gatherings with friends and family, shopping with throngs of excited shoppers, and exchanging gifts...and germs! That brings us to the important question:

Illness: How do I know when to keep my child home from school because of illness?



Parents should keep their child home from school because of a serious illness, injury or a condition that can be passed on to other children. Although no comprehensive list is possible, the following conditions may be considered appropriate reasons to keep a student home from school:

Examples of serious illness or injury:

- Vomiting
- Temperature 100° F or greater
- Abdominal pain
- Earache
- Head injury
- Adverse medication effect
- Suspected fracture
- Chest pain
- Severe pain

Severe shortness of breath or wheezing

Examples of possible communicable conditions:

- Vomiting
- Loose stools/diarrhea
- Suspected communicable disease
- Nuisance condition not currently being treated, e.g., ringworm, scabies, head lice
- Red, draining eyes
- Persistent runny nose with yellow/green discharge, accompanied by fever
- Productive cough, accompanied by fever

Undiagnosed rash

Please consult with their doctor for advice and/or treatment of the conditions or symptoms listed here.

**The Health Room Staff wishes you and your family a Happy and
HEALTHY Holiday Season!!**

"Rise Above It"

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SCHOOL

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