



Oak Hill Elementary School February 2018 Newsletter

“It is the mission of Oak Hill Elementary School to create a rigorous, safe, engaging learning environment where students are life-long learners in a diverse global community.”

February 2018

Principal’s Message

The weather this winter has proven to cause school delays and closings. February can be a month of wintry weather as there is always the possibility of snow. Please make sure Oak Hill staff members and your child knows how he/she should go home in the event of an unscheduled early dismissal.

There are many events this month that will warm your spirits. The Valentine’s parties, the Dance Festival, and Gala for our Oak Hill Dance Company, and the Oak Hill Talent Show are some of the events which are sure to be a hit.

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC) Assessments will be taken by students in grades 3, 4, and 5 this Spring. Specific dates for each grade will be scheduled and communicated to the parents soon.

Deneen Houghton, Principal



February 2, 2018

National Wear Red Day

The National Heart Association and many other groups celebrate this day each year to raise awareness about heart disease which is largely preventable.

National Wear Red Day provides opportunities for everyone to unite in this life saving awareness.

Show your support of the American Heart Association by wearing red on Friday, February 2, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- 2/1 -Beginning of 1st marking period
2/2-National Wear Red Day
2/7-PreK Registration begins, 9am
2/7-2 hour early dismissal. NO PM PreK
2/8-Report Card distribution
2/13-class, group & club pictures
2/15-Talent Show rehearsal, 6:15pm
2/16-PTO meeting, 9am
2/19-President’s Day, School & Offices closed
2/20-3/20-Used book drive collection
2/22-Mandatory Talent show rehearsal, 6:15pm
2/23-Talent Show, 6pm

Out of Area Transfer Requests

Anne Arundel County Public Schools require students to attend school in their geographic attendance area. Each year exceptions are made to assist parents and students due to day care needs, a recent move, or a professional recommendation that a student attend school outside of his/ her home school area.

In order to apply, parents are required to submit an application for an Out-of-Area Transfer, even if their children are currently enrolled in the school. The timeline to submit an application begins on **March 1st and applications are due by May 1st**. Schools have been instructed to time/ date stamp applications. Forms are available on the county website. If you are requesting consideration for an Out of Area Transfer, please print the form from the website and turn it in to your child's school before May 1, 2018.



PBIS

Students at Oak Hill continue to demonstrate excellent behaviors each and every day! They know what it takes to earn bird bucks, and they can recite the Oak Hill Promise, which includes our three daily expectations:

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Ready to Learn

We will continue to reinforce positive behaviors for the duration of the school year. Those students who demonstrate excellent behaviors all month are invited to attend our end of the month celebrations. The purpose of these events is to reward students who don't get any office referrals and no more than one Stop and Think sheet. We want to encourage students to make good choices all the time. Thank you for your support of this endeavor!

ATTENDANCE

Please remember your child must return with a note from a parent or doctor stating why he/she was absent. **On the note, please indicate date(s) absent, teacher's name, student's FULL name, parent's signature and phone number.**



Please remember when picking up your child from a program, activity or day care, please do not walk down the hallways or to classrooms after school hours.

Students of the Month in January were:

Congratulations!!

1st grade	Emily N	2nd grade	Alexis G
3rd grade	Shariyah H	4th grade	Nicholas S
5th grade	Brandon B		

*The character trait for January was **COURAGE!!***





Healthy Habits = Healthy Children

Healthy habits that decrease the spread of germs and help keep children and families well:

1. **Handwashing** is one of the best ways to keep from getting sick
 - Wet hands with running water.
 - Add soap & rub hands together for 20 seconds.
 - Rinse.
 - Dry hands with clean paper towel.
 - If soap & water aren't available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.
2. **Cover that sneeze and cough** - Coughing and sneezing spread germs. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or the inside of your elbow to prevent spreading germs to your hands.
3. **Get Moving** - Exercise helps the body fight off simple illnesses. Include active play in your child's schedule.
4. **Sleep** - Getting the right amount of sleep will help fight off colds and infections.
5. **Healthy Eating** - Good nutrition is vital for good health. Provide a variety of foods, including plenty of vegetables, fruits and whole grains at meal and snack times.
6. **Keep your Child Home when Sick** - Children should stay home until they feel better



When Do I Keep My Child Home From School?

(Although no comprehensive list is possible, the following conditions may be appropriate reasons to keep a student home from school)

Temperature 100° or greater	Suspected fracture
Vomiting, diarrhea	Severe pain
Shortness of breath, wheezing	Undiagnosed rash
Abdominal pain	Productive cough and fever
Red, draining eyes	Suspected communicable disease
Chest pain	Head injury
Earache	Adverse medication effect
Nuisance condition not currently treated e.g., ringworm, scabies, head lice	

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UPCOMING SEVERNA PARK COMMUNITY LIBRARY EVENTS

Harry Potter Book Night

Fans of all ages are invited to celebrate J.K. Rowling's wonderful series - and pass the magic on to young readers who haven't yet discovered these unforgettable books. Costumes encouraged!

Date/Time: Thursday, February 1, 2018 - 6:00pm

Event Audience: children, adults

Child ID

Representatives from New York Life will be providing free Child IDs that include a child's photo, fingerprints, contact information, and other important data needed by the police in case of an emergency. No information is retained after ID is created.

Date/Time: Saturday, February 3, 2018 - 9:30am to 2:00pm

Event Audience: adults, children

Library Love Button Making

Show how much you love the library with your own handmade button! Registration required.

Event Location: [Severna Park](#)

Date/Time: Monday, February 19, 2018 - 11:00am

Event Audience: Children

Chess Club

Play chess and learn from other players. For all ages and skill levels.

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 - 6:00pm

Event Audience: children, adults

Book Buddies

Monday, February 26, 2018 - 6:30pm

Read the book, then come to the program for a discussion, activity, and craft. KC discovers that the President has been replaced by a clone and sets out with her friend to set things right.

Minecraft Club

Experienced builders and first-time players are welcome to come play in the world of Minecraft. For ages 8-12. Register by calling 410-222-6290.

Date/Time: Monday, March 12, 2018 - 6:30pm

Event Audience: elementary school students

Chess Club

Play chess and learn from other players. For all ages and skill levels.

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 - 6:00pm

Event Audience: children, adults

Book Buddies: Balto of the Blue Dawn and Dogsledding and Extreme Sports

Read the books, then join us for a discussion, activity, and craft. Jack and Annie travel back in time, meet a famous sled dog, and help save a town from illness. In the companion book, they learn more facts.

Date/Time: Monday, March 26, 2018 - 6:30pm

Event Audience: elementary school students

Please visit <https://www.aacpl.net/events> for more information about events throughout the county or contact

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