



Oak Hill Elementary School February 2020 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 2020

Principal’s Message

IMPORTANT DATES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- 2/7-National Wear Red Day
- 2/10-Report Card distribution
- 2/11-class, group & club pictures
- 2/12-two hour early dismissal; NO PM PreK and PM ECI
- 2/17-President’s Day, School & Offices closed
- 2/19-PTO Meeting, 7pm Media Center
- 2/21-Talent Show, 6pm

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 and the Oak Hill Talent Show are some of the events which are sure to be a hit.

Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) 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.

Congratulations to Lisa McDowell on her retirement after 35 years as a teacher with AAPS.

Congratulations to Amanda Gorski, first grade teacher, for achieving National Board Certification.

Deneen Houghton, Principal



Please be aware of our school’s phone system. Oak Hill Elementary School calling will show up on your phone as 410-222-5000. The school’s phone is now connected to the main switchboard.

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, 2020.



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!

NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

For heart disease awareness

Farewell

The Oak Hill staff would like to wish Lisa McDowell a happy retirement. We congratulate her for being a teacher with AACPS for 35 years, 25 years at Oak Hill Elementary School. We thank her for her service.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Tyler Bruner to our fifth grade team.

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, reason of being absent, parent's signature and phone number.**



*Thank you MING'S Café
for the generous and deli-
cious donation to all the
Kindergarten classes.*



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.

RECESS MONITOR NEEDED

Oak Hill is searching for a recess monitor. Join AACPS as a temporary employee. Be a part of a team that promotes the development of students.

Contact us at 410-222-6568



Students of the Month for January

Congratulations!!

KINDERGARTEN

Wade	Andrew N
Holmes	Gemma D
Scott	Eva D
Grebb	Olivia L
Tooley	Jaxson D
Toton	Meera D
Derksen	Emmett H

FIRST GRADE

Grimes	Lillian M
Seay	Aspyn G
Sesney	Reid N
Zimmerman	Ian V
Gorski	Neve D

SECOND GRADE

Ellenberger	Luke W
Johnson	Liam S
Anderson	McKayla D
Parker	Blake Y

THRID GRADE

Pere	Reed D
Macchia	Nathan V
Crane	Emily N
Creel	Rylan M
Quirey	Journee D

FOURTH GRADE

Trent	Aubrey C
Mack	Leah C
McKean	Leah C
Robinson	Haylen F

FIFTH GRADE

McDowell	Lucas V
Klug	Megan Y
Birrane	Bianca F
Bodnar	Reese R

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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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