



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Oak Hill Elementary School October 2018 Newsletter
"The mission of Oak Hill Elementary is to create a rigorous, safe engaging learning environment where students are life-long learners in a diverse global community."

October 2018

Principal's Message

IMPORTANT DATES TO
REMEMBER!

Upcoming Dates:

- 4—School Colors Day ~Wear blue and white and/or Oak Hill Spirit wear —support Harvest for the Hungry by donating items for school lunches
- 5—Movie Night
- 8—Interims sent home
- 9—12—PJ Day — Support Harvest for the Hungry and bring in a boxed breakfast item.
- 16—Crazy hair/sock day — support Harvest for the Hungry and donate canned meats or canned proteins.
- 17—2 hour early dismissal
- 19—PTO mtg 9:00 am
- 23—Parent/teacher conferences. School closed for students
- 25—PTO Chick Fil-A night
- 26—Fall Pictures
- 30—Hat day —support Harvest for the Hungry and donate canned vegetables, beans, soups, and stews.
- 31—Halloween Parade— 9:30 am

Dear Parents:

I appreciate all of the parents who came to Back to School Night on September 20h. The positive and supportive relationship between the parent and teacher is very powerful and provides a base for student success. Thank you for sending your children to school every day ready and eager to learn!

As we move forward with this first quarter, I am pleased to see how engaged our students are in daily instruction. Oak Hill Elementary is a high-performing school. I appreciate the parent support. Student achievement is a priority at Oak Hill.

Deneen Houghton, Principal

Halloween Parade

On Wednesday, October 31, 2018, all classes will be participating in a Halloween parade and a classroom celebration around the fall theme. The parade will begin at 9:30am on the school grounds.

Students should wear their costumes to school. Costumes need to be school appropriate, contain no weapons or blood, and have no representation of violence. If a child has a mask, he/she will only be able to wear it during the parade. Please make sure the mask does not obstruct your child's vision.

Parents wishing to view the parade may watch from the bus loop as students will be parading on the sidewalk from the side gymnasium doors to the media doors by fifth grade. Students who do not participate for religious or other reasons, will be supervised in an alternative area.

We are hoping that this will be a fun and safe experience for our students and parents. Parents need to monitor their student's choice of costume for this event. If you have any questions, please contact the school. Thank you and we look forward to a great day!



Oak Hill's Slogan

Oak Hill's slogan continues to be "Rise Above It". This motto encompasses many special qualities such as persevering ~ socially, emotionally, academically. As part of this slogan, we are stressing to the students to set goals for themselves. Our lessons teach them to stay strong even when things seem tough or challenging.

School Start Time

Doors open at 8:40AM

Please remember that morning announcements begin at 8:55 a.m. and instruction begins at 9 a.m. Students should be in their seats "Ready to Learn" at that time! Thank you!

Please remember when waiting for your student to come out of a club, scouts, dance, etc. please wait outside by the front doors.

Please remember to have photo ID when picking up a student early.

Anyone picking up your child must have a photo ID and must be identified on the emergency card.

Please remember every person entering the school must come to the office to be signed in.

Please remember when coming into school to volunteer or chaperone, we are unable to accommodate siblings.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

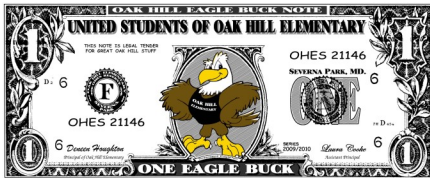
Our PBIS Program is up and running once again this year! Students are working hard to earn bird bucks throughout the day for demonstrating excellent behaviors in school. With their bird bucks, they can purchase incentives including items like lunch with a teacher, free seating in the lunchroom, be first in the lunch line and much more! Please encourage your child to follow our expectations so he/she will continue to collect bird bucks all year! Oak Hill's three expectations are as follows:

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Ready to Learn

We are looking for parent liaisons to assist the PBIS committee for the 2018-19 school year. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Kleiderlein. Thank you!



Connect-Ed Phone Message System

The Board of Education and individual schools use the Connect-Ed Phone Message System to relay information to parents regarding upcoming events, important information, emergency closings, and children's absences.



It is critical for all parents to keep phone numbers and email addresses current to insure communication in an emergency. Please contact the office if there are any changes to your telephone numbers and/or email addresses. Thank you!

Exceptional Transportation Request

Many parents request that their children take an alternate bus home from school for a variety of reasons. A specific form must be completed 24 hours in advance. Please note that the following will **not** be approved:

1. Community athletic practice/games.
2. Scout or club meetings
3. Music lessons
4. Religious training classes
5. Doctor or dental appointments
6. Visiting a friend/playdates
7. Tutoring
8. After school employment
9. Guardian's place of employment
10. Avoiding integration



FEDERAL IMPACT AID SURVEY FORMS

On September 28, 2018 your child brought home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and **RETURN IT TO OAK HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

This is a multiple child form and will hold up to three children's names. Should you have more than three children please utilize a second form



that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website (www.aacps.org) under Students, Forms.

The school system receives approximately \$3 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed. Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please call 410-222-5000.



SEPTEMBER

The character trait teachers will focus on for this month is **RESPECT**. Oak Hill students are expected to show respect to themselves, others, learning, and property.

Kindergarten

Grebb–Vella C

Holmes–Luca D

Macchia–Andrew F

Tooley–Christopher G

Wade– Jillian O

Second Grade

Anderson–Cole T

Ellenberger–Austin E

L. Johnson–Jackie S

N. Johnson–Avery P

Parker–Isla D

Fourth Grade

McKean– Joshua K

Melton–Andrew K

Robinson–Steven M

Trent–Bianca N

First Grade

Francisco–Sophia F

Klug–Andrew J

Sesney–Caden G

Zimmerman–Lyla U

Third Grade

Crane–Owen D

Creel–Aven R

Parlin–Selin M

Pere–Miles B

Fifth Grade

Birrane–Marissa S

Bloomfield–Spencer M

Bodnar–Grace W

McDowell–Emily H

Harvest for the Hungry

FOOD Drive

Kids Helping Kids

October 4, 2018 to October 31, 2018

Our school will be collecting non-perishable items for the hungry in Maryland along with any monetary donations. We will be collecting canned/boxed foods and supplies to help out people in need right here in our area. Items that are most needed in our area are: canned meats, proteins, veggies, and cereals. Some examples may include items such as tuna, chicken, peanut butter, jelly, canned soups, vegetables, and pasta. **Every \$1.00 collected equals 8 pounds of food.**

Bring in items throughout the month of October. A basket will be set up in each classroom for donations. If a child brings in a canned item or \$1.00 donation during the week, they will be eligible for a "NO HOMEWORK PASS." (Only one coupon per week will be given out per child. It is up to the teacher's discretion to decide what type of homework the pass can be used for). Join us for some special SPIRIT DAYS as well.

Thursday, October 4th - "School Colors Day" Wear blue and white and/or Oak Hill Spirit wear. Donate items for school lunches such as juice pouches, peanut butter and jelly, fruit cups, apple sauce, and snack packs.

Tuesday, October 9th - "Wake Up Tuesday" Students are encouraged to wear PAJAMAS (NO SLIPPERS PLEASE) and bring in breakfast foods (cereal, granola bars, oatmeal, pop tarts, syrup).

Tuesday, October 16th - "Crazy Hair and Sock Day" Donate canned meats and proteins such as canned chicken, tuna, nuts, seeds, dried beans, and peanut butter.

Tuesday, October 23rd - No School

Tuesday, October 30th - "Hat Day" Donate canned vegetables, beans, soups, and stews.





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.

*Please remember if your child stays
after school for a club or a change of transportation, etc., please send a note or email
EACH TIME to the teacher and front desk
(clull@aacps.org AND
ESTargel@aacps.org)*

GREEN DAY

Show your school spirit!! All students and staff wear GREEN on Tuesdays.



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)

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| 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 | |

Anne Arundel County Department of Health
School Health Services



Head Lice

A Real Head Scratcher For Parents

Pediculosis, or head lice, is a condition that affects approximately 6-12 million children between the ages of 3 and 12 years of age, and about one in every 100 elementary students every year.

Head lice are parasites that are generally found on the scalp, around the ears, and at the back of the neck. The adult louse is about the size of a sesame seed, and can be a reddish brown color. Eggs, or nits, are smaller and silver in color.

Head lice are not a sign of poor hygiene and they do not transmit disease. The most common symptom of head lice is head scratching, particularly at night. If you suspect your child has head lice, have them examined by your health care provider and follow their directions.

Anne Arundel county Public Schools has a No Live Lice Policy in keeping with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses.

When a student is found to have live lice or nits less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the scalp, the parent will be notified. The student can remain in school until the end of the day and must be treated by an over-the-counter or prescription insecticide shampoo before returning to school.

These shampoos should kill the live lice, but may not kill all the nits. You may need to treat again in 7-10 days.

How to get your Child back to school:

- Your child must be free of live lice and all nits close to the scalp (within $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from scalp).
- Your child must be checked by school health staff before returning to class.

For more information about the treatment and prevention of head lice, ask your school nurse or go on-line to:

www.aahhealth.org/handouts/headlice_handout.htm

www.cdc.gov/lice/head/index.html

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Change of Transportation Notice

If you are changing the mode of transportation for your child (car rider, after school activity, etc.), it is a policy to send a note in with the current date, date of change, child's name, teacher's name, name of person picking child up, and a parent's signature and contact information.



Student Absences

If you pick your child up from the health room due to illness and he/she is absent from school on subsequent days, please make sure you provide a note upon your child's return to school. **Please put current date, teacher's name, child's name, reason for absence, signature and contact number.** The office must have documentation for the absences incurred after the early dismissal.



Please remember no balloons are allowed in school building during school hours.





Food & Nutrition Services

What You Need To Know

Food & Nutrition Services provides access to the following information on the AACPS website located under School Meals:

- Nutrition Information
 - Elementary School Menu
 - Nutrition Fact Labels and Ingredient List for all food items
 - Allergy listing for all food items
- Purchasing School Meals
 - Meal Prices
 - Pay Online - Link to online meal payments - <https://www2.mypaymentsplus.com>
 - Pay at School
- Apply for Free or Reduced-Price Meals
 - Online Meal Benefit Application (MBA) - Link to online MBA <https://applyformeals.aacps.org> or direct link <https://frapps.horizonolana.com/ANNA02> (English and Spanish)
 - Income Eligibility Guidelines
 - Instructions to apply for Free or Reduced-Price Meals
 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) (English and Spanish)
- Programs
 - Breakfast Meals
 - Child and Adult Care
 - Farm to School
 - Summer Food Service
- Wellness
 - Food Environment Map
 - Healthy Celebrations
 - Healthy Fundraisers
 - Non-Food Rewards

The following information is not found on the AACPS Website but is a valuable resource for parents:

- Meal Charging/Alternate Meals
 - All students will receive a nutritious meal, regardless of the students' ability to pay for that meal
 - Students only, are allowed to charge up to five (5) lunch meals
 - Parents receive an automated phone message indicating that the students account balance is in the negative and asks the parent/guardian to make a payment to clear the negative balance. The phone calls continue each day until the negative balance is cleared.

For clarification or questions related to Food & Nutrition Services, please call Jodi Risse, Supervisor, at 410-222-5900.

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