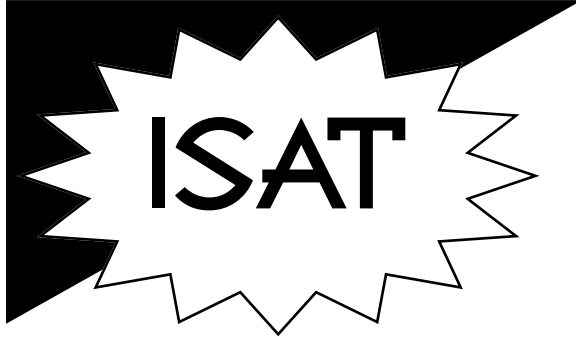




Oakland News

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Parents—Help WANTED! February 28-March 11

- ⇒ 100% student attendance
- ⇒ Nutritious breakfast for every child
- ⇒ No school day appointments
- ⇒ No late arrivals or early dismissals



While these goals are desired every day of the school year, student performance on the above dates is critical. Oakland School students in grades 3-5 will have an opportunity to “show what they know” in the upcoming state achievement testing, commonly known as ISAT. Students acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to do well from the first day of kindergarten. Please help your child be prepared for the best performance possible. In addition to the list above, you can help prepare them by making sure they get rest, eat nutritious foods which give them energy, and receive encouragement to give their best effort.

~Mary Kay Scharf

School Closings

Although rare, it is sometimes necessary to close school due to winter weather conditions. When a decision to close school is made, the information will be available on the district’s website (www.district87.org) and announced on the radio at WJBC AM 1230.



Families will also receive a phone call(s) through the automated School Reach system.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

February	3	6:30 PTO Meeting
February	16	PTO Chuck E. Cheese Night
February	18	NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Conferences
February	21	NO SCHOOL Presidents’ Day
February	24	Multicultural Fair
February 28 - March 11		ISAT Testing
March	3	6:30 PTO Meeting
March	10	Barnes & Noble Book Fair
March	15	Spring Picture Day
March	18	12:05 Dismissal
March	21-25	Spring Break
April	14	Kindergarten Registration

Congratulations to our Honor Roll Students!

High Honor Roll

High Honor Roll Students are 4th or 5th graders who have maintained straight As during the second nine week grading period.

Alexa H.	Hannah J.	Macy R.	Katharine S.	Sonali A.	Skyler M.
Lilian S.	Kameron W.	Jaziba B.	Clarissa M.	Ashley O.	Eva Clay.
Kylie C.	Julia H.	Justina J.	Emily K.	Caleb L.	Brylee L.
Alex W.	Pavithra K.	Knayah A.	Lauren L.	Faith P.	Natalie S.
Olivia S.	Kristi C.	Nick H.	Mikey K.	Yashasvini R.	Jacob R.
	Katie R.	Jacqueline R.	Abigail S.	Leila W.	

Honor Roll

Honor Roll Students are 4th or 5th graders who have received As and/or Bs during the second nine week grading period.

Cassie A.	Avery C.	Brooke G.	Sebastian G.	Alex M.	Grace M.	Molly N.
Jeremy P.	Shelby S.	Brady S.	Leah A.	Sarah C.	Dylan F.	Connor J.
Maria L.	Luis M.	Noah P.	Tish Y.	Noele B.	Drew C.	C.J. D.
Kumudini D.	Zoe H.	Jack P.	Noah S.	Hannah W.	Rose G.	Hadley H.
Noah M.	Brooke M.	Julian M.	Lama S.	LeeLanda B.	Aidan C.	Talia C.
Sabion C.	Giovanni G.	Zachary H.	Tennyson K.	Jonathan M.	Carlos O.	Lamees S.
Paige S.	Aubree A.	Kathryn C.	Nakia D.	Bailey M.	Cameron W.	



HOOT at Home “How Oakland Operates Together”



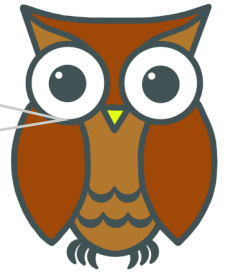
Attention All Parents!

We are excited to announce that Oakland School will be hosting a “Parenting With Love and Logic” class. This class is being offered at no cost exclusively for Oakland School parents!

What’s it all about? Love and Logic® provides simple and practical techniques to help parents with kids of all ages:

- Raise responsible kids
- Have more fun in their role
- Easily and immediately (first use) change their children's behavior

Mark your calendars?



The 2-part class will take place at Oakland School March 7 and March 14. The class will begin at 5:45 pm and end at 7:30 pm. Childcare will be provided for school aged children. Watch for more information to come home with your child soon!

HOOT at Home Bonus Ticket

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Love and Logic focuses on positive parenting and discipline techniques. Share with us a positive strategy you use in your parenting style. Return this portion of the newsletter for a chance to win a Smoothie King certificate!

Nutrition Matters

Lunch Room Changes?

Julie Fehrenbacher MS, RD, LDN School Nutrition Director

You may have heard that changes are headed to the lunchroom and are wondering:

What? Why? When?

To begin, the school foods program is authorized by federal law. Congress recently made changes we will have to implement. However, at this point, the federal government has only issued draft rules. Final changes will become clear in the next year as final guidance is provided. What we know now is:

What:

- Increase fruit and vegetable portions.
- Decrease starchy vegetables (corn, potatoes, peas).
- Only skim milk if flavored.
- Increase whole grains.
- Decrease sodium.
- Increase monitoring of calories, trans fats, and saturated fats.
- Increase meal prices to match federal reimbursement amount.



Why:

- Improve/maintain the health of children!
- Expose children to healthy food options and encourage good eating habits.
- Increase non-federal resources so that federal reimbursement does not subsidize non-eligible meals.

When:

- Now - skim chocolate milk in elementary schools, more green /orange vegetables, more whole grains, and lower salt.
- Future - next year and beyond, meet the specific guidelines that are coming our way.

District 87 provides well-balanced, healthy meals to our students and will continue to improve and enhance our meals.
Please send your students to eat with us!

Thank you for all that you do to help support our Food Service Program!
Contact the School Nutrition Office at 309-827-6031 ext 229 with any questions.

Scrip News



As you are planning for upcoming spring projects, please consider using the Scrip program to make your purchases. It's an easy way to help Oakland School without adding expense to your budget. Many of our local retailers participate— K-Mart, WalMart, Sears, JC Penney, Home Depot, Menards, and Lowe's, to name some of the bigger retailers. Take a look at the Scrip flyer that your child brings home this month and see if this is a way you can help the students of Oakland School. Current earnings from the Scrip program are over \$2000 so far this year!!!

Cards currently available in the office for immediate purchase are Kohl's, Kroger, Starbucks, Pizza Hut, and Smoothie King.

Did you Know?

- ⇒ We're open for breakfast!!! The breakfast price for students is \$1.50. The reduced breakfast price is \$.30. If you qualify for free lunch, you also qualify for free breakfast. If your child is joining us for breakfast and does not ride the bus, they should be dropped off at school between 8:30-8:45. Please plan to join us soon!
- ⇒ You can manage your student's cafeteria account at www.mylunchmoney.com. Please contact the office if you need your student's ID number. The lunch price is \$2.00. The reduced lunch price is \$.40.
- ⇒ Parents are welcome to eat lunch at school with their child. If you would like a school lunch, please call the office by 9:30 am to be added to the lunch count. Please bring payment, as you cannot use your child's account to pay for your lunch. Please do not bring and/or send soda pop to school for lunch; it is not permitted in the cafeteria.
- ⇒ If your child arrives at school after 9:00 am or leaves prior to 3:15 pm for any reason, an adult must come into the office to sign them in/out due to attendance auditing requirements. Students who have repeated, unexcused tardiness or early dismissals will be assigned before school detentions.
- ⇒ Changes in how a child goes home must be communicated in writing to the teacher. An email is also acceptable. When emailing, be sure to include a copy to the office in case of a teacher absence. If no parent contact is made, students will be sent home in the usual manner.
- ⇒ You should report all student absences to the office first thing in the morning. Homework requests for students must also be made at that time. Absences can also be emailed to fritcherm@district87.org.
- ⇒ A student who has ten (10) consecutive unexcused absences (i.e. vacation, trips out of the country, etc.) will be dropped from school. Re-admittance to Oakland is not guaranteed if your child's grade level is at capacity upon his or her return.

Oakland School
Multicultural Fair
"We all Smile in the Same Language"



Thursday, February 24th
6:00-7:30 pm

Please join us for an evening of free:

- Food
- Crafts
- Games
- Entertainment and Dancing
- Displays and information

Please join us on this special night to celebrate the diversity here at Oakland School. If you would be willing to assist in any way or share some information about your culture, Please contact Corey Mattson at Oakland School (662-4302) or by emailing mattsonc@district87.org.

Father/Daughter Dance

Calling all Oakland girls and their best guys! February 11th from 7:00-9:00 is the 4th annual Oakland School Father/Daughter Dance sponsored by the PTO. Please join us for music, dancing, snacks, and fun as the girls and their dates spend a couple of hours enjoying the evening. Sorry moms-this is an event for your daughter and her guy! We could, however, use a couple of moms to help make the evening a success. If you are interested in helping out during the dance or donating cookies or pink lemonade mix, please contact Shara Anderson (309) 310-3508 or andersonsix@frontier.com. Let's make this a great event for our girls!



**ISAT Testing Dates are
February 28-March 11. Please do
not make appointments for your
child during these 2 weeks.**

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 PTO Meeting 6:30	4	5
6	7	8	9 Student Council Meeting 8:15	10 School Special <i>Whole Grain Rotini</i> <i>This item will be a "regular" on next year's menu.</i>	11 Valentine's Day Room Parties 2:30 PTO Father/Daughter Dance 7:00-9:00	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday 
13 	14 Happy Valentine's Day! Parent/Teacher Conference Week	15	16 PTO Chuck E. Cheese Night 	17	18 NO SCHOOL <i>Parent Teacher Conferences</i>	19
20	21 NO SCHOOL <i>Presidents' Day</i>	22 1st Grade Field Trip to BCPA	23 Student Council Meeting 8:15	24 Multicultural Fair 6:00-7:30 	25	26 Bergner's Community Days
27	28 ISAT Testing Begins	<p align="center"><u>PTO Dining Out Nights Raise Money—Your Support Adds Up!</u></p> <p align="center">November—McTeacher Night raised \$162.60 December—Pizza Hut raised \$113.25 January—Papa John's card sales total is pending February 16—Chuck E. Cheese TBD—McTeacher Night at Oakland McDonald's</p>				