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Bloomington Public Schools District 87

Message from Mr. LaFrance

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We are so excited to begin our fall season as we look forward to the transition of students coming back or continuing remote learning. Whether you have been part of Oakland for years or this is your first year, we are so glad you are part of the family. Oakland is a truly unique place

We are looking forward to our P/T conferences October 5th - 9th. Whether these are being conducted via Zoom or in-person these meetings allow us to strengthen our partnership in your child's learning. As we move closer to some K-2 students returning the week of October 26th and our 3-5 friends joining us the week of November 9th we are looking forward to taking all the challenges of another transition and all of us doing the best we can! Please continue to support our students, teachers, and school through various creative ways created through our PTO and teachers. This month we have our PTO Fundraiser going on. Find out more about our Fundraisers and ways to contribute through Box Tops or Dine To Donate events.

Thank you for being part of our school. We are grateful for your partnership, and we look forward to living and learning through this time.

In Partnership, *David LaFrance* We also have available **Facebook-** [Oakland Owls D87](#), **Twitter-** [@OaklandOwlsD87](#), and **Instagram-** [oaklandowlsd87](#)

Dear Oakland families and students,



- All Day on October 26 will be a Dine to Donate at Monicals.

PTO News

PTO Board of Directors 2020-2021

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michellehodge@live.com

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If you would like to receive communications from the Oakland Elementary PTO, please sign up for emails using <http://eepurl.com/bCkmMD>. You can also join the PTO remind by texting @OPTOD87 to 81010.

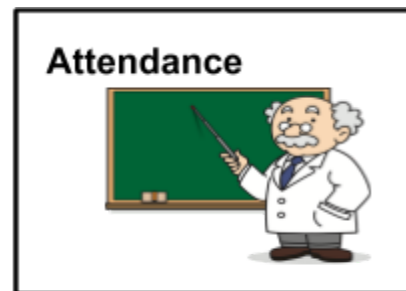
Happenings with the PTO:

Please join us on the first Thursday of every month for a PTO meeting via ZOOM. A link will be sent in an email to all parents and also posted on the PTO facebook! Dates for meetings currently are:

-10/1

-11/5

-12/3



- Attendance for remote learning will be taken everyday. Your teacher will be making sure all students are logged on by 9:15 everyday. If there are any questions or concerns give us a call! 309-662-4302

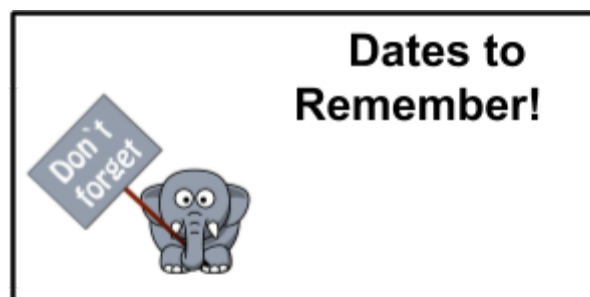


Flying horse

Every Sunday the pantagraph will choose one student's entry to highlight, it may be written or a drawing! To participate please clearly write students first and last name, what grade they are in and what school they attend. Written entries should be 35-50 words long (350 characters) and printed, not cursive. You may submit poems as well! Drawings will also be selected. Please have the drawing 8.5-11 inches in height and turned horizontally. Submit all entries to flyinghorse@pantagraph.com or mailed to Roger Miller at Flying Horse % Pantagraph, 205 N. Main St. P.O. Box 2907, Bloomington II, 61702-2907

Topics for Flying Horse:

1. -October 5/ **What makes me happy...**
2. -October 12/ **Fall/Halloween.....**
3. -October 19/ **America.....**
4. -October 26/ **Heroes.....**



- October 2- Custodian Appreciation Day!
- October 5-9- Parent/ Teacher Conferences
- October 9- **NO SCHOOL**
- October 12-**NO SCHOOL** (Columbus Day)
- October 16-End of the first Grading Period
- October 26-30**- First week of in-person hybrid learning K-2 grade/ Monday online /Tuesday -Friday specific days in person, remote keep same schedule

(November 9th 3-5)



How to receive meals during remote learning

Due to a new waiver from the USDA, District 87 will continue to provide free meals for any child 18 and under on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the first semester of remote learning. Free meals through the USDA will end on December 31, 2020 or earlier, depending on the USDA's funding. Families are no longer required to complete order forms each week to receive meals. Breakfast and lunch will be available with a modified, "grab and go" menu. Meals will be balanced and will contain grains, meat/meat alternatives, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

If your child has a food allergy, please inform a District 87 Food Service employee about the child's food allergy when you are picking up meals. Contact Director of School Nutrition, Caroline Bubulka, with any questions bubulkac@district87.org or Tami Walden, Oakland Cafeteria Manager: waldent@district87.org

***When in-person learning resumes there will be options available for the children at lunch time, however feel free to bring your own lunch. There will still be pick-up available Tuesday and Thursday for remote learners but times for pick-up may change.**

Meals will be distributed from designated locations on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A D87 food service employee on site will ask how many children are requesting meals.

The pick up times and locations are:

- Bent Elementary School 11:30 - 12:45
- Oakland Elementary School 11:30 - 12:45
- Washington Elementary School 11:30 - 12:45
- Bloomington Junior High School front entrance 12:00 - 1:00
- Irving Elementary School 11:30 - 1:30
- Sheridan Elementary School 11:30 - 1:30
- Stevenson Elementary School 11:30 - 1:30
- Bloomington High School, north parking lot 11:30 - 1:30
- Friendship Park at Allin/Jefferson - 11:30 - 1:00
- Wood Hill Family Homes 1:00 - 1:30
- Sunnyside Park 1:00 - 1:30
- Arbors at Eastland by the pool 1:00 - 1:30

Distribution reminders:

- Generally, two breakfasts and two lunches per student will be available to pick up on Tuesdays. Generally, three breakfasts and three lunches per student will be available for Thursday pick up.
- Children do not need to be present for a guardian to pick up meals.
- Anyone feeling ill or **experiencing COVID-19 symptoms** should not attend the meal pick up.

*Thank you Nurse Colleen



We miss seeing all of you at school, but love seeing your faces in your classroom zooms.

You may have received an email from me recently about your school physical, immunization records or eye exams. Thank you to all of you that have already responded!

Just a few reminders:

KINDERGARTENERS: Please bring in or mail your Kindergarten physical and your immunization records as soon as possible if you have not already turned them in. **Records are due by October 15, 2020**. There is a possibility that your child will not be able to attend school in person or remotely if required information is not submitted to the school nurse by **October 15th**. Please reach out to me if you need help with this.

Vision exams completed by an eye doctor:

Kindergarteners and new students entering an Illinois school for the first time are due October 15, 2020.

All forms due October 15, 2020: you can drop them off at school, mail or send to Nurse Colleen's email.

Useful Forms: Medication authorization forms, Diet modification forms, and other useful forms can be downloaded from my school nurse website here at Oakland, or D87 website, under useful forms.

Please feel free to reach out via email or call me at school if I can help in any way. My contact information here at Oakland School (1605 E. Oakland Ave, Bloomington, IL 61701); phone: 662-4302; email: spaniolc@district87.org

Remember to do the 3 W's:



LMC News:

As you transition back into the school groove, please return all library books. We have several overdue books that may be turned into the book drop bin outside the front doors at Oakland!

Oakland Elementary wants to encourage our students to get more physically active together while apart!

Kids need physical activity to grow up strong and healthy. **MOVE YOUR WAY** encourages students to get more active.

MOVE YOUR WAY. How much physical activity do kids and teens need?

At least 60 minutes every day.
 Most of that time can be **moderate-intensity aerobic activity** — anything that gets their heart beating faster counts.
 And at least 3 days a week, encourage them to step it up to **vigorous-intensity aerobic activity**, so they're breathing fast and their heart is pounding.

60 minutes a day

As part of their daily 60 minutes, kids and teens also need:

Muscle-strengthening activity at least 3 days a week

Bone-strengthening activity at least 3 days a week

AND

Anything that makes their muscles work harder counts — like climbing or swinging on the monkey bars.

Bones need pressure to get stronger. Running, jumping, and other weight-bearing activities all count.

Walk. Run. Dance. Play. **What's your move?**

We would like to make Mondays and Fridays special photo opportunity days:

Monday: could be “Move Your Way” Monday and **Friday:** Find your Yoga move day.

Post a picture of yourself or family on the Oakland Facebook or send to Nurse Colleen to post on Oakland school bulletin board: spaniolc@district87.org.

So get active every day – and feel great!

Moving more can give you a boost — in lots of ways.

SUCH ENERGY! SO SELF-CONFIDENT!
 VERY RELAXED! AMAZING GRADES!*

* It's true — physical activity can actually help you do better in school.

How much activity do I need?

If you're between age 6 and 17, you need at least **60 minutes** of activity each and every day.

I have attached a link for parents and kids to learn more about **MOVE YOUR WAY** program to get kids more healthy. <https://health.gov/moveyourway/get-kids-active>

***Action Calendar**

ACTION CALENDAR: OPTIMISTIC OCTOBER 2020

"Choose to be optimistic. It feels better" - Dalai Lama

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Write down your most important goals for this month	2 Look for reasons to be hopeful even in difficult times	3 Take the first step towards a goal that really matters to you	4 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good
5 Start your day with the most important thing on your list	6 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation	7 Remember that things can change for the better	8 Make progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Just find the best way forward	10 Take time to reflect on what you have achieved this week	11 Focus on a positive change that you want to see in society
12 Look for the good intentions in people around you today	13 Put down your To-Do list and let yourself be spontaneous	14 Do something to overcome an obstacle you are facing	15 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today	16 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	17 Share your most important goals with people you trust	18 Make a list of things that you are looking forward to
19 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead	20 Find the joy in completing a task you've put off for some time	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters	22 Share an inspiring idea with a loved one or colleague	23 Write down 3 specific things that have gone well recently	24 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	25 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to
26 Start the week by writing down your top priorities & plans	27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?	29 Find a new perspective on a problem you face	30 Set a goal that links to your sense of purpose in life	31 Think of 3 things that give you hope for the future	

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

www.actionforhappiness.org

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/optimistic-october

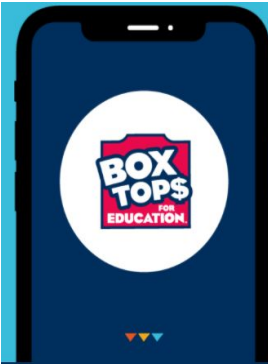
Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

***Thank you Jessica Ryder for this great calendar**

*Box Tops

NEW APP for Box Tops for Education!

It's easier than ever to help us earn money for Oakland! No more clipping! Just download the Box Tops app, scan your receipts, and start earning. We run contests in the fall and spring to see which class can earn the most Box Tops. Prizes for the top three classes!

SKIP THE SCISSORS
IT'S TIME TO GET THE NEW MOBILE APP!

It's the easiest way to earn for your school: just use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt. It automatically finds participating products and instantly adds 10¢ Box Tops to your school's earnings online. No clipping required!

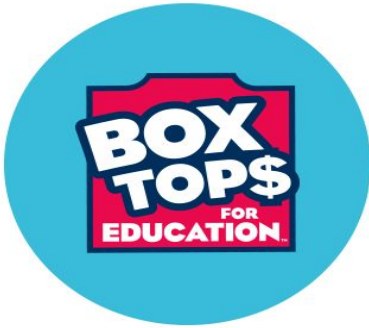
Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

You're earning for: **OAKLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Your school's lifetime earnings: **\$24,140**

Your school's earnings so far this year: **\$26.50**

HOW IT WORKS



BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

Look for the logo. You can find it on hundreds of products you know and love.



SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

No more clipping. Tap the scan button and snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

It's that easy! Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

*ways to help



State Farm and Country Employees

Do you work for State Farm or Country? Your volunteer hours can earn Oakland money!

State Farm will donate **\$500** to Oakland after an employee has provided 40+ hours of volunteer service. Employees track their volunteer time and submit the grant form via the State Farm portal.

Country has a Volunteer Assistance Program (VAP) for full and part-time employees. **\$100** can be donated to Oakland per employee per year. Employees need to complete the VAP request form on Passport.



Kroger Shoppers—Earn rewards for OPTO!

Oakland PTO is enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Register online with your Kroger Plus card.

1. Go to krogercommunityrewards.com and click on *Sign In/Register*. For new online customers: Click on **SIGN UP TODAY** in the *New Customer* box.
2. For existing and new customers: Click on *My Account*, then *Edit Kroger Community Rewards Information*.
3. Enter your Kroger Plus card number and confirm your information.
4. Enter 11600 for Oakland PTO or select us from the list.

Remember:

- Swipe your registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to your registered Kroger Plus card when shopping.
- Call 800-576-4377 and select option 4 if you don't know your Kroger Plus card number.



Papa John's Pizza for Less!

Use the discount code **OAKLAND40** every time you order Papa John's pizza online. You'll get 30% off your order and Oakland receives 10% of the sale. This discount is good **ALL YEAR LONG!**

Look Whooo's Birthday it is!!!!

9/1- Rylie
 9/3- Daniel, **Mrs. Martin**
 9/4- Jayla, Mariah, Ella
 9/5- Nyier, Viaan
 9/6-Cylan
 9/7-Bradlee, Logan
 9/8-Else
 9/9-Liam
 9/10-Aubrey
 9/13- George,Maximus
 9/14- Melia
 9/15-Issac
 9/16-Brody
 9/17-Swaroop, Isaiah
 9/18-Aniya
 9/20-Tamaj
 9/21-Camden, Reyna, **Mr. Oberts**
 9/22-Addyson
 9/23-Jasmine, Zoe
 9/24-Sabastian
 9/25-Zoey, Kelsey
 9/27-Copper
 9/28-Gavin, Benson, **Mrs. Malisha, Mrs. Kalitzky**

9/30-Abigail, Emmett

10/1- Brady, Mrs. Kelley
 10/2-Anastasia
 10/3- Zoey, Abner, Ishita
 10/5- Myla
 10/6- Grayson, Lily, Iris
 10/7-Theodora, Roger
 10/8- Ella
 10/9- Randhir, Lauren
 10/10- Braxton
 10/11-Brylee, Maxcine, Trenton, **Mrs. Heinonen**
 10/14- Leo, Teyanna, Sofia, Laasya, Kevin
 10/15- Sarah
 10/16- Liam
 10/17-James, Mar'yannia, Kimara, Brysen
 10/19- Hailey
 10/20- Fallon, **Mrs. Drengwitz**
 10/21-Chloe, Erik, Ava Lynn
 10/22- Lillian
 10/23- Dusty
 10/25-Jack
 10/26-Noah, Megan, Erioluwa
 10/27- Lilly, Eliazar, **Mr. LaFrance**
 10/28- Adalyn
 10/29- Olivia, **Mrs. Ladage**



ONLINE FALL FUNDRAISER

Have you started shopping?

Dear Oakland Families and Friends,

We have 5 days left for our online fall fundraiser! **DEADLINE IS OCT. 9.**

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch our kick-off video!

Helping us reach our goal is **QUICK, EASY, and only takes about 5 minutes.** We have partnered with Charleston Wrap® to make it happen! With over 2,500 gift ideas, including UltraHeavy™ gift wrap, unique planters, lots of cute and holiday masks for kids and adults, personalized gifts & more, friends and family can help us reach our goal by checking off their holiday shopping list! But first, you'll need to invite them to support our fundraiser! Complete the three (3) steps below and we'll be on our way to reaching our goals!

Here's how to help:

1. Please [click here to register today!](#) Use our **ORGANIZATION ID 19442** to register!
2. **Send 10 unique and valid shopping email invites to your friends & family** using our invite tool at registration.
3. **Shop!** With over 2,500 gift ideas, you can check-off your holiday gift-list and support our important cause, too.

PRO TIP: The more email invites you send, the more supporters we'll get! So, break out your email contact list, share on social media, and help spread the word!

Will you take a few minutes and [register now](#)? Deadline is Oct. 9.

Thank you so much for your support!

