Message from Mr. LaFrance

Happy March Oakland Families,

We have been intentional with our students about the importance of respect to others. This includes other students and all adults. We feel this is such an essential attribute that we all need as we grow in wisdom. In a school of 475 students, we realize that we all come from different backgrounds and have shared in a variety of experiences growing up. That’s exactly what makes us each unique. It’s also what can make understanding the importance of respect unique for each person. At Oakland, we continue to work our hardest to provide an environment where students feel cared for and are learning academically, socially, and emotionally. This includes learning the essentials like respect for others.

This month our Golden Ticket Target is effort. To be successful in anything takes effort, including how we treat others. I often tell students and staff that we will sometimes forget what we have learned, but never forget how we felt. As parents, we have to show effort every day too. I applaud all of you for getting your children to school each day. I know it’s not easy. It takes effort. We have our three children at home, and if we get everyone to where they need to be in the morning, it’s considered a win. So, how can we join our students this month in adding to the already unconditional effort we share to raise children? Let’s work on it together. I always feel like we are more successful as a group. This holds true as collective groups of teachers. Every time we host an event, plan out school activities, or even the day to day happenings at Oakland, moments are shared between staff and students. These day to day moments are filled with priceless love and time that is never seen again.

Make great moments at home and at school. Share in their successes and shortcomings that happen day-to-day. We all fall short, even in our personal lives. So, share these moments with our kids and allow them to hear the effort you made afterward to make things right or the lesson you learned moving forward.

So here is our shared efforts we will take as parents and caregivers of our children this month:

- The effort to monitor technology our children use or watch. Is it something they should be watching or playing? How long do they get a day? (*I admit I have fallen short on this*)
- The effort to have a meal together at a table with no other distractions. (Ex: T.V. - again my family’s biggest downfall)
- An effort to model respect for others to your children. No arguing with adults. This morning, I used the quote with my own 9 and 5 year old, “Delayed obedience is still disobedience.”

Will any of this be easy? No. But, with a little effort, we will make growth as parents and children who will one day share these same efforts with others. Have a wonderful March Oakland Families.

Mr. LaFrance
During the month of March, Oakland students will be learning about effort. Effort has to deal with how much work is being put into something. Effort is essential to success and achievement. Effort takes physical and mental energy, and may not always be easy. It is important that we teach our children the importance of trying and putting forth their best effort. We will be watching for students to demonstrate good effort in the month of March.

Here are some helpful tips to practice good effort at home: (adapted from thelearningcommunity.us)

- **Praise your child’s effort to complete a task, rather their success:** All children are different and have diverse capabilities. It is important to keep this in mind and focus on how hard they tried to complete the task rather than whether the task was completed or not.

- **Let your child attempt to complete tasks on their own:** If you provide your child with too much help, they may not have the ability to complete these tasks on their own in the future.

- **Provide your child with a sense of control:** For a child to feel in control, they need to be able to take credit for their success.

### Scholastic Book Fair & Lunch with a LOVED One

The book fair will be held on April 6-8th: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the Oakland LMC! Shopping hours run from 9-4PM on Monday and Tuesday and will run from 9-6PM on Wednesday. Any special adult is welcome to bring their own lunch and chow down with their favorite student in the Oakland cafeteria. After lunch is over, plan to do some shopping at the book fair!

Please stop by to shop with your child’s class or enjoy lunch with them and then don’t forget to shop during recess! Lunch/Recess times are listed below.

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PTO News

Please join us for our next PTO meeting on Thursday, March 5th at 6:30pm in the Library Media center.

Dine to Donate

Please join us at Buffalo Wild Wings on March 16th for Dine to Donate.

Kindergarten Registration

Oakland kindergarten pre-registration will be Thursday, April 11th. Please call the office (309-662-4302) to set up an appointment. Your child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2020 to register for the 2020-2021 school year. If you know any families with children who will be eligible for kindergarten, we would appreciate if you would pass along this information.

Café News

We are celebrating School Breakfast Week March 2nd-6th. If parents would like to eat breakfast with their children, please let us know which day so that we have enough food prepared. We will have prizes!

Million Word Readers

As the end of the school year starts to near, students in 3-5th grade are working hard to become million word readers. Students that accomplish this goal will be invited to the Million Word Lock-In at Oakland in May! Please encourage your child to READ, READ, READ!

Mark Your Calendar

April 6-8: Spring Book Fair
April 9: Kindergarten Registration
April 10: No School- School Improvement Day
April 20-24: MAP Testing
One School, One Book

Just in case you’d like to take a look back at all the reading or if you still need to finish reading the last chapter of Masterpiece, don’t forget to check out the LMC webpage. There are many videos on the website that feature teachers reading and several trivia videos to enjoy!

Student Council

School spirit week will be March 16-20

Monday, March 16- Crazy Hat or Hair Day
Tuesday, March 17- Mismatch Day
Wednesday, March 18- Pajama Day
Thursday, March 19- Career Day
Friday, March 20- Oakland Spiritwear Day

Nurse’s Corner

From Nurse Colleen

- Students who have a fever of 100 degrees or above, diarrhea, a contagious rash or illness, or vomiting should stay home.
- They should be free of the illness or condition for 24 hours before returning to school.
  - When you call your student in sick, please be as specific as possible. Please report all illnesses like chicken pox, strep, and fevers to the school office.
  - Any medications (even Tylenol, Tums, cough drops, and throat lozenges) a child takes during the day at school must be ordered by a physician. Forms are available online or at school. Parents may come to school at any time to administer medication without a doctor’s order.

- Encourage your children to wash their hands often.
- Cover coughs and sneezes. Use a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes, then dispose of the tissue. When a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Kindergarteners and 2nd graders please turn in your Dental exams, due by May 15, 2020.
- 5th grade parents, this would be a great time to make your appointments for your school physical and vaccinations for junior high.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me: Nurse Colleen @ 309-662-4302 or spaniolc@district87.org.
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# March School Lunch Menu

**Nutrition Tip:** March is National Nutrition Month! To celebrate by getting more creative in the kitchen and trying a new recipe or cuisine you haven’t had before.

## References:
- Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics

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### March 2020

#### Elementary Menu

**Monday, March 2:**
- Cheeseburger
  - Vegetable
  - Fries
  - Milk

**Tuesday, March 3:**
- Lasagna
  - Salad
  - Bread
  - Milk

**Wednesday, March 4:**
- Hot Dog on Bun
  - Baked Beans
  - Fruit
  - Milk

**Thursday, March 5:**
- Chicken Nuggets
  - Mac & Cheese
  - Vegetable
  - Milk

**Friday, March 6:**
- Cheese Stuffed Breadstick
  - Minestrone Cup
  - Cheese
  - Fruit
  - Milk

**Monday, March 9:**
- Rib Eye on Bun
  - Ranch Dressing
  - Fruit
  - Milk

**Tuesday, March 10:**
- Orange Chicken w/ Rice
  - Edamame
  - Fortune Cookie
  - Fruit
  - Milk

**Wednesday, March 11:**
- Nachos
  - Salsa
  - Starchy Vegetable
  - Cheese Cup
  - Milk

**Thursday, March 12:**
- Chicken Tenders
  - Mashed Potatoes
  - Vegetable
  - Milk

**Friday, March 13:**
- French Toast Sticks
  - Tomato Soup
  - F'Veg Salad
  - Syrup Pancake Cup
  - Fruit
  - Milk

**Monday, March 16:**
- Breaded Drumsticks
  - Potato Smiles
  - Fries
  - Fruit
  - Milk

**Tuesday, March 17:**
- Soft Shell Taco
  - Taco Fiesta Beans
  - Shredded Cheddar
  - Salsa
  - Fruit
  - Milk

**Wednesday, March 18:**
- Chicken Tenders
  - Mashed Potatoes
  - Vegetable
  - Milk

**Thursday, March 19:**
- Beaded Chicken on Bun
  - Sun Chips Mix
  - Parmesan Flavored California Pizza
  - Fruit
  - Milk

**Friday, March 20:**
- Non Attendance Day

**Monday, March 23:**
- Rib Eye on Bun
  - Biscuit
  - Vegetable
  - Fruit
  - Milk

**Tuesday, March 24:**
- Non Attendance Day

**Wednesday, March 25:**
- Non Attendance Day

**Thursday, March 26:**
- Non Attendance Day

**Friday, March 27:**
- Non Attendance Day

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