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Bloomington Public Schools District 87

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Message from Mr. LaFrance

Welcome and Welcome Back Oakland Families,

We are so excited about the start of our 2019-2020 school year. The year has started out very well and we are looking forward to another amazing year at Oakland. In this letter, I want to take the opportunity to highlight all the amazing things going on at Oakland this month and thank you for such a great start. Our partnership in raising all children at Oakland is essential for a successful school year at home and at school.

Last week we talked about H.O.O.T. as a whole school. H.O.O.T stands for How Oakland Operates Together. We believe in order for our students and school to be a place that is Respectful, Responsible, Safe, we all need to be involved. It is truly a community approach.

As a school, we want to make sure that our communication to you about events is right where you need it to be. We will utilize monthly newsletters like this, classroom newsletters, and various forms of social media to make connections. I'm old school and always enjoy face-to-face conversation whenever. If you ever need to contact our teachers or the office please use the last name then first initial @district87.org (e.g. lafranced@district87.org) We also have available a Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram that will highlight events and pictures from our school. Sign up today!

Whether you have been here multiple years or this is your first year, we are grateful for the opportunity we have as teachers to fill into your children's lives and help prepare them for their futures. Please know that anytime you need anything, we welcome you to contact our teachers or any of our staff. We want to make Oakland School a wonderful experience for you and your children.

It's that time again! Time for backpacks, pencils, and notebooks. Going back to school creates a new rhythm for you and your entire family. In all the chaos and adjustment, it can be difficult to create intentional moments for you and your family to connect in meaningful ways. Take a moment (with a snack close by) to create your personalized 2019 Back to School Plan!

As individuals, decide on one area you'd like to grow in during this school year. Maybe it's getting homework done, limiting technology during the week, making a team, or waking up 15 minutes earlier.

Write down your individual goal. _____.

Now talk about a family goal. Maybe spending time together before the bus, picking a night you eat together without using technology, or leaving Saturday mornings open breakfast together.

Write down your family goal. _____.

We are looking forward to a great year. Good luck with the goal setting. See you soon!

In Partnership,

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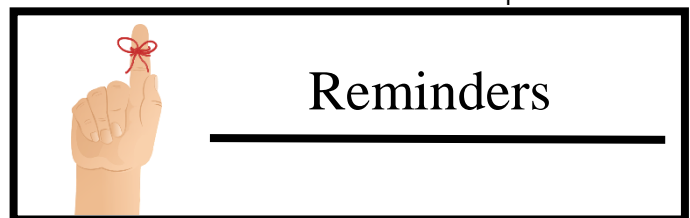
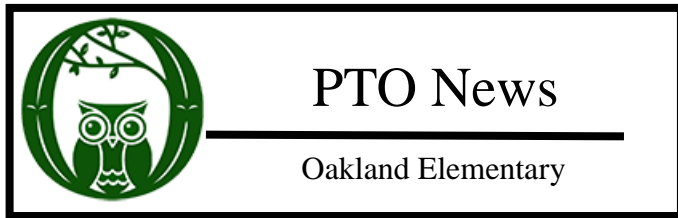
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PTO News

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Please join us at our next PTO meeting on October 3 at 6:30 PM in the LMC. Free childcare for children ages 3+.

Looking to volunteer? We have lots of opportunities! Please contact oaklandpto@gmail.com

Reminders for the New School Year

- Please review pick up and drop off procedures to keep all children safe. We are dedicated to the safety of all students and we need all families to help in this area. Please refer to the Oakland School Guidebook for this information.
- H.O.O.T. (How Oakland Operates Together) Behavioral Expectations have been reviewed school-wide. Please refer to the Oakland School Guidebook for more information.
- When sending a lunch from home, please do not use glass containers.
- We have several students with severe peanut allergies at our school. For their safety, **we ask no peanut products be brought in lunches or snacks.**
- Students are not permitted in the building before 8:45am unless they plan to eat breakfast at school. Breakfast is served beginning at 8:30am.
- Invitations to parties cannot be distributed at school.



Attendance



Student Council

Attendance

- All student absences should be reported to the office by 10:00am on the day of the student's absence. The phone number for the school is (309) 662-4302. State law requires schools and parents to attempt to contact each other when a child is absent. Please assist us by calling first. You can also report a student absence by sending an email to OaklandAttendance@district87.org

Student Council

Mrs. Heinonen and Ms. Schrift are looking forward to working with Oakland's Student Council again this year! Student Council is a student-led, service-oriented group that works to make our Oakland and Bloomington communities better! Students in fourth and fifth are eligible to apply to Student Council. Applications will be sent home after Labor Day. For planning purposes, please note that our meeting day will be on Mondays this year; we will continue to meet one day a month from 3:15-4:15. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Heinonen (heinonene@district87.org) or Ms. Schrift (schriftt@district87.org).

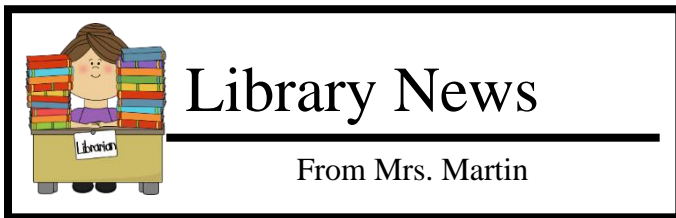


Picture Day

Wednesday, September 25th

Picture Day

Fall pictures will be on Wednesday, September 25th in the morning. Order forms will be sent home prior to picture day. Please make sure they are returned to your child's classroom teacher on or before September 25th. Remember to wear your smiles that day!



Library News

Book Checkout-

Students will check books out each week when they come to the LMC. Books are due one week from the date of checkout, but many students will choose a new book each week. Students may also renew books for an additional week during library time if they have not finished.

Book checkout will begin in early September. Classes will visit the LMC on the following days:

- Kindergarten:
 - Hornbacker- Friday
 - Nord- Monday
 - Kirk- Tuesday
 - Meadors- Monday
- First Grade:
 - Merna- Monday
 - Heinonen- Friday
 - Kalitzky- Tuesday
 - Schrift- Wednesday
- Second Grade:
 - Johnson- Tuesday
 - Malisia- Wednesday
 - Morton- Thursday
 - Wolfe- Friday
- Third Grade:
 - Dossett- Wednesday
 - Foley- Friday
 - Alfeo- Monday
- Fourth Grade:
 - Cook- Thursday
 - Michaels- Friday
 - Conroy- Tuesday
- Fifth Grade:
 - Stanek- Thursday
 - Oberts- Wednesday
 - Hiles- Monday

Personal Information-

Adults know how important it is to keep personal information private, but this is something children need to be taught. This month, students in grades 2-5 will review two personal pieces of information that should be kept private.

Username and password: This private information is how your child will access many online resources, including assessments

Lexile score: So just what is a Lexile score? Students in grades 2-5 take a reading test in the computer lab at least four times a year to determine overall reading comprehension skills, which is represented as a Lexile score. Many of the books in the LMC are labeled with a Lexile score as a way to support appropriately challenging book selections. To find out more about how a book Lexile is determined and to search for books in your child's Lexile go to www.lexile.com.

Thank you for reinforcing the importance of keeping this personal information private.

Volunteers-

Would you like to volunteer in the Library Media Center? We are currently in need of parent volunteers. If you have an hour or two a week you can spare contact Mrs. Martin at martins@district87.org. Volunteering is a great way to see firsthand all the wonderful things students do at Oakland School.

Book Celebration-

It's not too late to celebrate! If you not yet registered your child to have a book donated to the Library Media Center on their birthday or special day, you still can. A registration form is available in the office, school website, or on page 8 of this newsletter. (Please note, all students receive a free book on their birthday. This is separate from the Birthday Book Celebration.)

Exercise Your Super Powers-

Please remember to turn in your Exercise Your Super Powers Library Books that were checked out this summer!

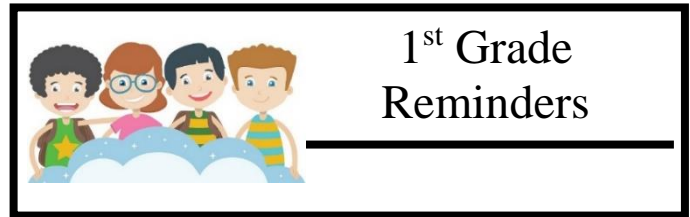
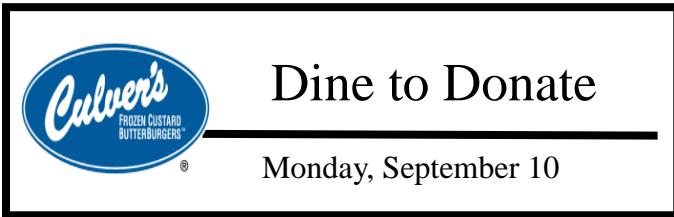


Nurse's Corner

- New Medication Authorization forms and Diet Modification forms need to be completed by parent/guardians and doctor every year.
 - Please make sure to bring your student's inhalers to school.
 - If your student has a food allergy make sure to complete a food allergy form.
- Vision and hearing screenings will be performed on all students beginning on September 17th.
- Kindergartener eye exams are due by October 15th.
- Students who have a fever of 100 degrees or above, diarrhea, a contagious rash or illness, or vomiting should not attend school. They should be free of the illness or condition for 24 hours before returning to school.
- If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me at 309-662-4302 or spaniolc@district87.org

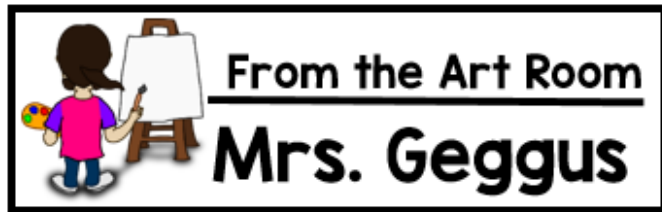
Mark Your Calendars

- September 5 – Fifth Grade Parent Orientation Night
- September 10 – PTO Event – Dine to Donate – Culver's
- September 20 – First grade field trip – Sheridan Parade
- September 27 – First grade field trip – Rader Farms
- October 2 – Walk to School Day
- October 3 – PTO Meeting
- October 11 – NO SCHOOL (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- October 14 – NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)
- October 18 – End of first grading period
- October 29 – PTO Event – Portillo's Fundraiser



Dine to Donate

The first Dine to Donate will be at Culver's Hershey location all day on September 10!



From the Art Room of Mrs. Geggus

Check out the awesome art our Oakland Owls are creating! Follow us on Instagram @Oakland_artists



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First Grade Reminders

The first grade field trip to Rader Farms is on Friday, September 27th from 9:15-2:00.

Students will need to bring a sack lunch and drink for the day. \$7 for field trip money is due on Monday, September 16th.



My Birthday – January 20

Pantagraph Flying Horse Contest

Your student may submit a picture OR a few brief statements on what each topic means to them. Winners will be published in the Pantagraph and students will receive a certificate in the mail. Students must include their name, address, age, and school on the back of their work. Completed submissions must be turned into the Oakland office by the due date below.

Topic Entries and Due Dates

My Friends – September 9

When I Grow Up – September 16

Games I Like to Play – September 23

What Makes Me Happy – September 30

If I had \$100 – October 7

Fall/Halloween – October 14

My Favorite Book – October 21

Heroes – October 28

Music – November 4

What I'm Thankful For – November 11

Best Job – November 18

Food/Cooking – November 25

Christmas/Holidays – December 9

Open Topic – December 16

Winter – January 13

Valentine's Day – January 27

Pets/Favorite Animals – February 3

America – February 10

My Family – February 17

Things with Wheels – February 24

St. Patrick's Day – March 2

Spring – March 9

Sports – March 16

Open Topic – March 23

Taking Care of the Earth – April 6

Things that Fly – April 13

Water – April 20

Moms – April 27

Dads – May 4

Places I'd Like to Visit – May 11

Summer – May 18



Hoot Hoot Hurray Cafe

New to Know



Cafeteria News

Meet the Lunch Room Staff!

Left to right:

Robin, Erick, Kim, Jessie, Courtney, Julie, Manjula, Amanda, Tami, Nancy, Michelle, Sally, Jessica

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September 2019

Elementary Menu

LUNCH



Online Menu: <https://district87.nutrition.com/>
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Nutrition Tip: With September being Whole Grains month try increasing your whole grain intake by snacking on ready-to-eat whole grain cereals, whole grain crackers or popcorn.

Reference: USDA MyPlate



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HOLIDAY 2	Lasagna Tossed Salad Garlic Knot Fruit Milk 3	Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Fruit Milk 4	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Fruit Milk 5	Cheese Stuffed Breadstick Marinara Cup Brownie Other Vegetable Fruit Milk 6
Rib BQ on Bun Broccoli w/ Cheese Fruit Milk 9	Orange Chicken w/ Rice Edamame Fortune Cookie Fruit Milk 10	Nachos Salsa Starchy Vegetable Cheese Cup Fruit Milk 11	Chicken Tenders Sweet Taters Animal Crackers Fruit Milk 12	French Toast Sticks Tri-tators F&V Slush Syrup Pancake Cup Fruit Milk 13
Breaded Drumstick Potato Smiles Biscuit Fruit Milk 16	Soft Shell Taco Taco Fiesta Beans Shredded Cheddar Salsa Fruit Milk 17	Mini Corn Dogs Green Beans Fruit Milk 18	Breaded Chicken on Bun Sun Chips Mix Parmesan Flavored California Blend Fruit Milk 19	Cheese Pizza Romaine Lettuce Cup Snickerdoodles Fruit Milk 20
Cheeseburger Potato Wedges Fruit Milk 23	Lasagna Tossed Salad Garlic Knot Fruit Milk 24	Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Fruit Milk 25	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Fruit Milk 26	Cheese Stuffed Breadstick Marinara Cup Brownie Other Vegetable Fruit Milk 27
Rib BQ on Bun Broccoli w/ Cheese Fruit Milk 30				

September 2019 Elementary Lunch Menu