



# OWL NEWS

May 21 , 2015

## **Message from Mrs. Clifford and Mrs. Stein**

The end of the school year is an exciting time for students, families and staff. We would like to remind families that birthday, party and celebration treats are **required** to be planned in collaboration with classroom teachers at least 48 hours in advance. Many of our students have life threatening allergies to food and/or other medical conditions impacted by food consumption.

When treats are brought into the building, office staff will ask parents if the treats were prearranged and the classroom list will be checked to determine if any allergies/medical conditions are present. Office staff will begin placing a label on the approved treats before they are taken down to the cafeteria. This will help duty staff know when treats are safe to distribute.

Please plan to arrive a few minutes early when bringing in treats as this process may cause a delay in your arrival in the cafeteria. If at all possible, please bring treats in earlier in the day so office staff can check them at convenient times. We always prefer non-edible treats be sent to school as an option. Student safety is our priority and it is necessary to have several layers of protection in place to proactively address individual medical needs. Your cooperation with the procedures that have been established is appreciated.

## **Destination Imagination Update**

The Oakdale Owls (Kayla Brightman, Bella Carter, Emma Chang, Jacob Demory, and Evie Gould along with Team Leader- Karen Yoho) are in Tennessee competing in the Global Finals competition this week! If you are curious about what it's like down in TN, click on <http://ditv.globalfinals.org/> for live streaming TV.

We will be organizing dining out fundraisers to reimburse funds required to send our students and teacher Team Leader to the Global Finals competition. Lodging and expenses were in excess of \$4,000 which was an unexpected cost that we hope to recuperate. Our first fundraiser will take place at Bob Evans from May 28-31. Oakdale Elementary will earn 15% of all sales for these four days for anyone from our group that brings the flyer linked below to the restaurant. Be sure to spread the word to friends and relatives! [Click Here for Bob Evans Fundraising Flyer](#)

## **Box Tops**

Keep clipping those Box Tops! We received a check earlier this month from Box Tops in the amount of \$1,662! We were able to purchase PE equipment (12 scooters, 9 basketballs and 9 soccer balls), one Chromebook and one iPad with this check. Please let your neighbors, friends and family know that you would be happy to receive their Box Tops if they do not have a child currently enrolled in school. Every Box Top adds up and goes a long way in helping purchase materials of instruction for our students!

## **GoFundMe**

We would like to thank everyone who has donated to our gofundme campaign to purchase additional technology for our students! Thanks to your support we now have enough money to order our first iPad and protective case! Additionally, we will be picking up five donated Dell laptops and five donated Dell flat panel monitors from HRSA as a result of our GoFundMe campaign. We are so thankful for our community's generosity and can't wait to put these devices directly into the hands of our students!

Be sure to **visit** and **share** our GoFundMe campaign:  
<http://www.gofundme.com/OES21stCenturyTool>

### **Supplies and Personal Items Left Behind**

We will hold any student's supplies or personal items in the office until June 26. After that date all items will be donated to a local charity.

### **Report Cards**

Fourth term report cards will be distributed on the last day of school. If your child has an unpaid lunch charge, missing text or library book, fees will need to be paid in order to receive the report card. You may call the cafeteria and speak with Mrs. Adkins about lunch charges. Mrs. Thompson will monitor lost library books.

### **Attendance**

As of May 1st, Oakdale Elementary has achieved the second highest overall attendance percentage rating in the county! We are at an 'excellent' standing at 96.04% Let's finish strong and maintain an exemplary rating through the end of the year!

### **Health Room**

Students are not permitted to take their medications home at the end of the school year (FCPS Regulation 400-23). An adult must pick up all medications by the end of the school day on June 18, 2015.

Medication remaining in the health room will be destroyed on June 18th by 2:30 p.m.

### **Owl News Correction**

It was mistakenly reported in the May 7 edition of the Owl News that Mr. Crum supported our spring Chorus concert. That name should have read Mr. Marc Smith! We thank Mr. Smith and Mrs. Fitzwater for their commitment to our students!

### **Volunteer Appreciation Reception Reminder:**

When: Thursday June 11  
8:45-9:15 coffee and refreshments in the rec room  
9:30-10 assembly in the cafeteria  
Please RSVP before June 5 to [julie.vogl@fcps.org](mailto:julie.vogl@fcps.org)

### **TenMarks Summer Math Program Reminder**

Prevent the 'summer slide' by having your child access TenMarks for an hour each week. The 3-month program starts at the end of May. To get started, pre-register at:  
<http://summer.tenmarks.com> .

### **Oakdale Elementary School Book Donations Reminder**

Please consider donating gently used books to Mrs. Cassidy for our end of year give away.

## **Kindergarten/PK Registration Reminder**

Keep registrations coming! Tell your friends and neighbors to please register early, don't wait until summer!

## **End of Year Dates**

As the end of year approaches calendars tend to fill up quickly! Below are important dates for your planning purposes:

May 25	Schools Closed - Memorial Day
June 1	Character Counts Lunch
June 2	PreK Field Day
June 3	Term 4 Ends
June 3	5th Grade Move Up Day at OMS
June 4	PreK Field Day (Rain Date)
June 5	Theme Day - Beach Day
June 5	Club Day
June 8	Field Day
June 11	Volunteer Reception
June 11	Celebrate Success for 1st Grade (Picnic)
June 11	Celebrate Success for 3rd Grade (Picnic)
June 12	Field Day (Rain Date)
June 15	Kite Day
June 16	Kite Day (Rain Date)
June 18	2-hour early dismissal
June 18	Last Day of School for Students
June 18	5th Grade Celebration
June 18	Report Cards Distributed

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