



OWL NEWS

April 5, 2018

Message from Administration

We monitor attendance closely at OES because there is a strong correlation between school success and regular attendance. When students are absent they miss valuable instruction. We understand that children need to miss school at times for legitimate reasons, but we appreciate parents supporting us by ensuring that students are present whenever possible. As part of attendance, we monitor late arrivals and early dismissals. When students come in late, they miss directions and instructions. This causes interruptions to learning for others because the teacher must often stop to catch up the late student. Students who come in late or leave early on a regular basis, continually miss instruction in the same content area. This can impact academic progress. If there is an issue that is causing your child to miss school, please let us know so we can provide support. Thank you for all you do to help your children to be successful, including ensuring that they attend school on a regular basis.

International Night

Come celebrate diversity in our school, county and country on April 6 from 6:30-8:30. Go to <http://oakdaleelementary.my-pta.org> for details.

FCPS School Safety Presentations

We consider the safety of your children a top priority. There are many things we do at the central office and school level to ensure their safety. As a part of this effort, Oakdale Elementary Staff has been trained in a strategy called Avoid, Deny and Defend. Safety Presentations for parents on this topic are being provided at each high school. Below is the schedule of the presentations, including Oakdale High School. They are all from 6 PM -8 PM.

Monday, April 9: Frederick High

Thursday, April 12: Walkersville High

Monday, April 16: Gov. Thomas Johnson High

Tuesday, April 24: Middletown High and **Oakdale High**

Thursday, April 26: Urbana High

Tuesday, May 1: Brunswick High

Wednesday, May 2: Tuscarora High

Monday, May 7: Catocin High

Tuesday, May 15: Linganore High

FCPS All-County High School Jazz Festival

Come out on Saturday, April 7 to Linganore High for the Jazz Festival. Tickets are sold at the door (cash only). Adults are \$5 and students are \$3. It is free for Senior Citizens and FCPS Employees with ID. Proceeds support the arts in FCPS.

2 PM Walkersville Jazz Ensemble

2:30 PM Linganore Jazz Ensemble

3 PM Middletown Jazz Ensemble

3:30 PM Oakdale Jazz Ensemble

4 PM Featured All-County Jazz Ensemble

with Guest Conductor: Mr. Paul Carr

Last Day to Order Spirit Wear is March 28 - April 8

For a copy of the OES Spirit Wear Flyer please click the link below:

<https://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/Frederick/GetFile.aspx?DocId=8644>

You can order your OES Spirit Wear by clicking the link below:

<http://www.promoplace.com/ws/ws.dll/Showroom?DistID=9292&StoreID=52920>

Threatening Statements

Unfortunately, we continue to have threatening statements made by our students toward others. When this happens, we take it very seriously and there are required steps that we must follow. Often, we talk to students and they say they didn't mean it. They don't realize how serious this is. Please help us by reinforcing that they must never say threatening things to others. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Counselor's Corner

Finally, it's starting to feel like Spring is actually here!! With Term 4 right around the corner, here are some things that have been going on in the "Counselor's Corner"

· Guidance Lessons are almost all completed for Term 3:

- This term I visited Pre-K and Kindergarten classes and talked about Tattling vs. Telling with the help of Maurice Sendak's "Seven Little Monsters". We learned that Tattling occurs when you are trying to get someone IN to trouble, and Telling is when you are trying to keep someone safe or OUT of trouble.
- First grade created the "ABCs of Careers" with me – ideas generated ranged from Archeologists to Zoo Keepers, Quilt Makers to Bakers, but we also got some new favorites, including Drone Pilot, Kangaroo trainer, and Igloo Maker. And who knows – the jobs our kids hold someday may very well not even exist today!
- Second graders explored the world of work with the help of the PAWS in Jobland Program this time. We talked about typical things we do in a normal school day, such as math, writing, working in groups, presenting, even singing, and then explored eight different random jobs to see how many of those daily tasks will be used in the jobs we might have some day.
- In 3rd grade we are having fun thinking about what jobs we could have some day with the help of the book "How Santa Got His Job." Hmm... never really thought about that: was Santa always "Santa", or did he work through a few unsuccessful job attempts before that?...
- What exactly IS "success"? Fourth graders explored the "Keys to Success" by discussing report cards and how much valuable feedback we get from them – and NOT just from our grades.
 - Who really determines your grades on your report card? Teacher – or student?
 - What are successful work behaviors?
 - What are your school related academic goals?

One of the main "takeaways": those "Personal and Social Development" & "Demonstrates Effort" scores are a GREAT indicator of how successful we will be – whether it's the grades on our report cards now or in our future careers.

- In 5th grade we talked about our Reputations -
 - To understand how reputations – good and bad – affect everyone
 - How our character – Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship – truly IS a huge part of the reputations we create for ourselves
 - How gossip can harm friendships and potentially our reputations as well – especially if WE are the ones spreading the gossip...
- · Lunch groups for Term 3 are wrapping up and Term 4 groups will begin on Tuesday, April 11th. If you are interested in your child participating in a lunch group with me, please contact me using the contact information below.
- We are still participating in our local "Hope 4 Kids" weekend food program. With new families joining our community almost every day now, it is my sincere hope that we can give back to this amazing program that has given so much to us over the past few years. *Volunteers and monetary contributions to the program are gratefully accepted – please contact Karen Ohlrich at karenohlrich@gmail.com or by phone 435-260-1236 for more information.
- · If you have ANY questions, concerns, or comments, please contact me at 240-236-3309, or via email at chuck.gill@fcps.org. *You may also check out our school website (education.fcps.org/oes/) to request help from me: click on "Parents & Students" from the black menu bar near the top of our web page, then select "School Counselor" from the drop-down menu and follow the directions from there.

Thank you for all that you do to make our Oakdale Community great!

There are two ways of spreading light – to be the candle, or the mirror that reflects it.

Spirit Days Reminder

- May 18 - OES Spirit Day
- June 1- Beach Day (no bathing suits please)

Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
April 6	Band Yearbook International Night 6:30-8:30
April 9	ELO
April 10	School Closed for Students
April 11	Chorus
April 12	ELO
April 13	Band Yearbook
April 16	
April 17	
April 18	
April 19	PTA 4:15
April 20	Pack the Park- PTA Night at Frederick Keys Band Orchestra Concert for Students 2:20

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