



# OWL NEWS

November 2,  
2017

## Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 9 marks the day where our school and community will align for the common purpose of honoring our veterans and remembering their sacrifices to protect our freedoms. On behalf of Oakdale Elementary's staff and student body we would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to all of the men and women who have and continue to honorably serve this great nation. We will be hosting a school-wide assembly in the cafeteria at 9:30 am on November 9 to honor those parents, grandparents and other community members who have served in our armed forces. We invite veterans to join us at 9:10 am for light refreshments. You are encouraged to join us for this memorable event! Please also join us in wearing **red**, **white** and **blue** for the ceremony as a tribute to our veterans.

## County Cross Country Meet

This Saturday, November 4, we will have nine fourth and fifth grade students from our school competing in the County Cross Country Meet. The meet will be held at the Frederick Keys Stadium with the course walk beginning at 10 am. Our students will be competing in the mile run against other county schools. Good luck to all of our participants and a special thank you to Ron Wolfe, **Beth Shriner** and **Chuck Gill** for coaching! Emma Tate Carter, Maris James, Tristen Golden, Sarah Berger, Douglas Vinal, Kelsey Giles, Anna Alt, Mauricio Martinez and Alexander Rodriquez.

## Math Corner

We are so excited to be able to use the resource TenMarks again this year! All students in Grades 2-5 all have a TenMarks license. Our first graders may also be exploring this resource soon. Teachers can use TenMarks to create assignments, which may be used in class or as homework. TenMarks provides students with hints or videos if they need support. It can also provide students with personalized instruction. Students are able to access TenMarks at home by going to the [media center homepage](#), then clicking on the blue and white C, then TenMarks, and logging into their FCPS account as they do at school. Thank you!

Melissa Hoherl, OES Math Specialist



## Counselor's Corner

Hello to all of our Oakdale families and community members and happy November as we prepare for colder weather and the upcoming holiday seasons! Here are some things that are going on in the world of Oakdale School Counseling:

Guidance lessons are all completed for term 1.

- This term I visited kindergarten classes and shared a lesson about appreciating our differences entitled "It's Okay to Be Different" – hopefully you've been able to visit your child's classroom to see the posters we created (if you haven't, look for them during upcoming parent/teacher conferences!).
- First graders talked with me about the Character Counts pillar of trustworthiness and helped me build a Tower of Trust based on the trustworthy things they do in their daily lives at home, at school – everywhere! We also discussed how quickly our towers can collapse, however, when we don't tell the truth or keep our promises...important life lesson!
- In second grade we switched things up a bit last week and tied into our school rules (Respect Others, Respect Property, and Respect Others) by bringing back a favorite lesson called "We Can Show Respect". We went fishing in the classroom and read the classic Shane DeRolf book "The Crayon Box That Talked" –

you should have received a note from your child in their take home folders detailing the lesson. I look forward to sharing our “Garbage Thoughts and Words” lesson during second term.

- In third grade the week of October 10 we read the book Simon’s Hook and talked about five strategies to help avoid “Biting the Bait” – ask your student if they can name their favorites!
- In fourth AND fifth grade we discussed the important topic of substance abuse and reintroduced the national award-winning Kids Like Us program to our Oakdale community. (Letters regarding the program were sent home with students after the lesson).
- Lunch groups for every grade are continuing and will wrap up for first term before the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have any questions about our lunch groups, or if you would like to request that your child take part, please let me know (contact info below).
- We are a part of the local “Hope 4 Kids” weekend food program. Volunteers from three local churches (Fairview Chapel, Mt. Carmel UMC, and New Market UMC) provide a package of food each weekend of the school year to many of our students; the food is nutritious and the kids love it! If you are interested in this program, please let me know! Volunteers and monetary contributions to the program are also gratefully accepted – contact Karen Ohlrich at karenohlrich@gmail.com or by phone 435-260-1236 for more information.
- With the weather getting colder and the leaves falling, we are looking ahead to the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. If your family could use some help with food and/or gifts for the holidays, please contact me. All information you share with me will absolutely be held confidential!
- If you have ANY questions, concerns, or comments, please contact me at 240-236-3309, or via email at [chuck.gill@fcps.org](mailto: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. Take care everyone – I am thankful for the chance to work here at OES with you and your families!

“Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.”

-Melody Beattie

#### **Thanksgiving Lunch/Parental Involvement Day**

Please be our guest for Thanksgiving lunch on Thursday, November 16! A Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings will be served in the cafeteria and we would love for you to join your son/daughter for lunch. We will operate on a modified lunch schedule on November 16 in order to accommodate all of our guests as listed below. Tickets will be sold in the lobby beginning at 10:00 am on November 16 for adults to pay for their meals in advance in order to expedite your time in line if you are purchasing lunch! Please note that all students are required to purchase their meals in the cafeteria line using their pin number.



<b>Class</b>	<b>Modified Lunch Schedule</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Menu</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Roasted Turkey with Biscuit Pizza Crunchers Pizzeria Pizza Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Sweet Corn Green Beans Side Salad Assorted Fresh Fruit Peach Cobbler</p>
Ritt, Green	10:40-11:10	
White, Herrell	10:45-11:15	
Schmidt, McNally	11:10-11:40	
Keefer, Carrignan	11:15-11:45	
Brandenburg, Kinsey	11:40-12:10	
Richard, Stumpfig	11:45-12:15	
Sahli, Codichini	12:10-12:40	
Glover, Sengsourichanh	12:15-12:45	

Helgeson, Hause	12:40-1:10	
Spadaro/Sherman, Crum	12:45-1:15	
Bliven, McVay, McClanahan	1:10-1:40	
Haupt, Neverosky	1:20-1:50	

#### **Cafeteria Trays**

Beginning Monday, November 27, the cafeteria will begin using reusable hard plastic trays rather than styrofoam. The decision was made in an effort to be more eco-friendly!

#### **Skip Wizards Reminder**

See attached for a special opportunity for Oakdale students to jump with the Skip Wizards team!  
<https://drive.google.com/a/fcps.org/file/d/0B7-rpR-iWq1HSmF6azA4RGtxeVE/view?usp=sharing>

#### **Parent-Teacher Conferences Reminder**

<b><i>Afternoon conferences will be held November 17, 2017 for Elementary Only</i></b>	<b><i>Evening conferences will be held November 20, 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Afternoon conferences will be held November 21, 2017</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elementary and Middle students will attend school in the morning</li> <li>- Pre-K and Sp. Ed. Pre-K students will not attend</li> <li>- Lunch <b>will</b> be available for students</li> <li>- Dismissal will be 3 ½ hours earlier than usual</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elementary and Middle students will attend school in the afternoon arriving 4 hours later than usual</li> <li>- Pre-K and Sp. Ed. Pre-K students will not attend</li> <li>- Lunch <b>will not</b> be served</li> <li>- Dismissal is at regular time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elementary and Middle students will attend school in the morning</li> <li>- Pre-K and Sp. Ed. Pre-K students will not attend</li> <li>- Lunch <b>will</b> be available for students</li> <li>- Dismissal will be 3 ½ hours earlier than usual</li> </ul>

#### **Spirit Days**

- November 3 - Sports Jersey Day
- December 15 - Pajama Day (no slippers please)
- January 19 - Multiples Day (dress like a friend)
- February 16 - Crazy Hair Day
- March 16 - Hat Day
- April 27 - Go Green Day
- May 18 - OES Spirit Day
- June 1- Beach Day (no bathing suits please)

#### **Dates to Remember:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Thursday, 11/2	ELO
Friday, 11/3	Book Fair
Monday, 11/6	ELO Book Fair
Tuesday, 11/7	ELO Book Fair

Wednesday, 11/8	Chorus, 8:00-8:45 Chess Club, 4:00-5:00 Book Fair
Thursday, 11/9	ELO Veteran's Day Ceremony, 9:30 AM Book Fair
Monday, 11/13	ELO Character Counts Luncheon 3rd Grade Field Trip to ESSL (Helgeson & Spadaro/Sherman)
Tuesday, 11/14	ELO 3rd Grade Field Trip to ESSL (Crum & Hause)
Wednesday, 11/15	Chorus, 8:00-8:45 Chess Club, 4:00-5:00
Thursday, 11/16	Thanksgiving Lunch/Parental Involvement Day ELO 1st Grade Field Trip to ESSL

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