



OWL NEWS

May 18, 2017

Calendar of Events	
Date	Event
5/18	Volunteer Reception Refreshments, Conference Room, 8:45-9:30 AM Volunteer Reception Ceremony, Cafeteria, 9:30 AM
5/19	5th Grade Move-Up Day to TJMS and OMS History Bowl, Media Center, 3:00-4:00 PM Hootenanny (Spring Carnival), 5:30-8:00 PM OES Spirit Day
5/22	5th Grade vs Staff Kickball Game, 2:00 PM
5/23	Hugh C. Nolan Track Meet (Rain Date, May 30)
5/25	Grade 2 & 5th Grade Trout Scouts' Field Trip to Doubs Park, 9:30 AM 5th Grade Living Museum, cafeteria, 2:30 - 3:30 FCPL Summer Reading Visit
5/26	2 Hour Early Dismissal Instrumental Music Recruitment Show, Grades 3 and 4 Mid-Term
5/29	Schools and Offices Closed, Memorial Day
5/30	1st Grade Field Trip to Rosehill Manor PTA Meeting, 4:15 PM, Media Center
5/31	Grade 3 Field Trip, Maryland Science Center
6/1	Grade 5 Field Trip, Mt. Vernon, 9:15-4:15
6/2	Schoolwide Regatta, cafeteria, 9:30 AM OHS Graduation
6/5	Field Day
6/6	Field Day Rain Date PTA Board Meeting, Media Center, 4:15
6/9	Spirit Day- Beach Day (No bathing suits please!) Last Day of School for Students Fifth Grade Ceremony, Celebration and Clap Out
6/12	Last day for 10 month staff 4 day workweek begins

6/18	Father's Day
8/28	5 day workweek begins (office hours 8:45-4:15)
8/31	Open House, 3:00-4:00 PM K Orientation, 6:00-7:00 PM
9/28	Back to School Night for grades 1-5 and Mrs. Gibbon's PK, 6:00-7:00 PM

Memorial Day

In remembrance of Memorial Day we wanted to thank members of our school community and their family members that have or are currently serving in one of the armed forces. The sacrifices of these individuals and their families is appreciated; especially for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their life while defending our nation's freedom.

Flag Raising Ceremony and Clap Out

Weather permitting, we will meet briefly around the flagpole on the last day of school (Friday, June 9) for a flag raising ceremony at 9:15 so we can start the day together as a community. The front driveway will be blocked off around the flagpole as soon as arrival concludes at 9:15 to accommodate our 600+ students, staff and guests. Please do not park vehicles in this area so we can ensure a safe and orderly ceremony.

At 1:15 the entire school will line the halls for a fifth grade clap out as we wish each of these students the best in the next 'leg of their journey'! Parents are invited to join us for both of these exciting ways to begin and end the day together as an Oakdale family.

We are asking all fifth grade parents that are taking their child home after the clap out to meet your child in the cafeteria immediately following the clap out. At that time you will check-in with your child's homeroom teacher and sign your son/daughter out on a sign out sheet your homeroom teacher will provide. **If you are taking home a sibling home please alert the office prior to 1:00 the name of the sibling(s) and their classroom teacher so they can be called down to the cafeteria after the clap-out.** You will sign out your 5th grader's siblings on the same sign out sheet.

Carpooling is highly recommended if you are joining us on June 9. Overflow parking is available at Monocacy Valley Church. You are also welcome to park at Oakdale Middle School in the front lot only (PE classes will be using the side lot for instructional purposes). Please ensure you are not blocking bus or car rider lanes at OES or OMS so we are both able to dismiss without delay. We look forward to an exciting end to the school year!

Photographing Students

We will have a lot to celebrate these remaining weeks! If you are photographing your child at a school wide event it is important to be aware that some parents do not grant permission for their child to be photographed. Please be mindful not to include other students in your child's photograph. Thank you for your help in this matter!

PARCC Administration

We have completed census testing for PARCC in grades 3-5 and will soon be finished with makeup administrations. We are so very proud of our students for the pride they have demonstrated in their work as they persevered through assessment items. Thank you to our families and staff for all you have done to help our students shine!

2017-2018 Staffing Updates

We extend a warm welcome to the following certified staff members to the Oakdale family: Melissa Neverosky from Monocacy Elementary, Sarah McNally from Lewistown Elementary, Jennifer McCabe from Ballenger Creek Middle/Carroll Creek Montessori and Chris Hause from Green Valley Elementary!

Below includes anticipated staffing allocation for the coming school year for our certified staff:

Grade/Content	Staff
Grade 5	Mrs. Brandenburg, Mrs. Kinsey, Mrs. Richard and Mrs. Stumpfig
Grade 4	Ms. Bliven, Ms. McClanahan, Mr. McVay, Ms. Jones (who will return to us in August as Mrs. Haupt) and Ms. Neverosky
Grade 3	Ms. Crum, Ms. Hause, Mrs. Helgeson, Mrs. Sherman .5/Mrs. Spadaro .5
Grade 2	Mrs. Codichini, Mrs. Glover and Mr. Sahli
Grade 1	Mrs. Green, Mrs. Herrell, Mrs. Ritt and Mrs. White
Grade K	Mrs. Carignan, Mrs. Keefer, Ms. McNally and Mrs. Schmidt
Special Education PK	Mrs. Gibbons
Special Education K-5	Mrs. Oxenford, Ms. Scordino and Mrs. Uhlendorff
Speech Language Pathologist	Ms. McCabe 1.0, Mrs. Yowell .2 and Mrs. Zimmerman .3
PK	Mrs. Sherman
Literacy Specialist/Targeted Intervention	Mrs. Cassidy and Mrs. Torres
Math Specialist	Mrs. Hocherl
Music	Ms. Fitzwater and Mr. Smith .4
Art	Mrs. Venable and Mrs. O'Donnell .4
Physical Education	Mr. Wolfe and Mrs. Shriner .4
Media Specialist	Mrs. Thompson

Please note that staffing decisions are subject to change throughout the summer as some of our amazing staff members seek well deserved promotions, consider teaching opportunities closer to home and/or simply want to try a new experience to prepare for future opportunities. As hard as it is to say goodbye when this occurs, we are always so very proud of our staff when they have the opportunity to enrich their lives and teaching career. Teacher assignments will be included on the final report card sent home with students on the last day of school for our rising 1st-5th grade

students; please be mindful though that **changes can, and often do, occur over the summer** that could result in a change for your child's teacher assignment.

Field Day

Field Day is scheduled for Monday June 5 with a rain date planned for Tuesday, June 6. Let's hope there has been enough rain this month so that we'll have clear skies for future events that are weather dependent! Families are reminded that students will be outdoors for field day and it will be important for you to take necessary precautions, such as applying sunblock for instance, to prepare your son/daughter to participate in this event.

Art Appreciation Night

We would like to thank our community for such a wonderful Arts Appreciation Night! The artwork on display was beautiful and our Oakdale Singing Owls performed *'Looking at the World Through Music'* flawlessly. We were proud of our 'art gallery' and chorus! A special thank you is extended to Mrs. Fitzwater, Mrs. Venable, Mrs. O'Donnell and Mr. Smith for their time and talents that went into preparing such a successful event.

Yearbook

We are excited to share that our yearbooks will arrive in early June and they will be distributed the last week of school! We have ordered a small number of extra yearbooks which will be available at the school store on a first come, first serve basis when they are received in early June (cost \$26.00). We will make an announcement when yearbooks have arrived via Find Out First. We would like to remind our community that the yearbook is a service learning project, not a professional publication, led by a teacher that volunteered hundreds of hours to support students through the process of designing and creating a yearbook from start to finish. These students are proud of their product and so are we!

Personal Items Left Behind

We will hold any students' supplies or personal items in the office until June 23. After that date all items will be donated to a local charity.

Save the Date Reminder

Open House, August 31, 3:00-4:00 PM

Kindergarten Orientation (in lieu of Back to School Night), August 31, 6:00-7:00 PM

Back to School Night for grades 1-5 and special education PK, September 28, 6:00-7:00 PM

Kindergarten Orientation is intended for **parents** of kindergarten students to provide an opportunity to hear about kindergarten curriculum, routines, expectations and initiatives. We know this is an exciting time for families but also, at times, a little scary! It is our intent to help address any concerns you may have as your child begins their school career. *Doors will remain locked until 6:00 to ensure appropriate planning time for staff; the presentation will begin at 6:10.*

Open House will be a time for us to welcome **students and families** back to school giving you the opportunity to meet your teachers, explore your classroom/school and bring school supplies. We want to ensure every student has a positive transition to the new school year! *Doors will remain locked until 3:00 to ensure appropriate planning time for staff.*

Back to School Night is intended for **parents** of students in grades 1-5 and special education PK to provide an opportunity to hear about grade level curriculum, routines, expectations and initiatives. There will be two sessions to accommodate families with children in multiple grade levels. *Doors will remain locked until 3:00 to ensure appropriate planning time for staff.* Below is a schedule for the evening:

6:00-6:10 Arrival/Welcome
6:10-6:30 Classroom Session I
6:40-7:00 Classroom Session II

Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony and Celebration Reminder

It is hard to believe that we will be sending our well wishes to our current fifth grade students soon as they will transition to middle school in the fall! We look forward to celebrating their success in the coming months and in particular on the last day of school for students. For your planning purposes we wanted to share that due to limited seating, resources and the need to minimize disruption to school operations and maintain student safety, all siblings of fifth grade students in PreK through fourth grade will need to remain in their classroom for the duration of the school day; this includes the time allocated for the fifth grade ceremony and celebration. Fifth grade parents will receive information directly from their child's classroom teacher regarding upcoming events to celebrate and honor our fifth grade students in the coming weeks.

Hootenanny Parking Reminder

Carpooling is highly recommended for the upcoming Hootenanny on May 19 as this event draws a significant crowd and parking is limited! Overflow parking is available at Monocacy Valley Church. Oakdale Middle School (OMS) will be holding their eighth grade dance on May 19 so it is important that their drop-off loop in the back parking lot remains clear as OMS parents will be dropping off and picking up eighth grade students between 6:30-9:00 PM. **Cars left unattended in this designated area could be towed so please be sure you are only parking in the back parking lot and park within the white lines or in the front parking lot in designated parking spaces at the OMS campus.**

Kindergarten and Pre-K Registration Reminder

Tell your friends and neighbors to register now for kindergarten and priority based Pre-K with Mrs. Sherman!

School Spirit Dates Reminder

May 19- OES Spirit Day

June 9- Beach Day (No bathing suits please!)

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