

# The Grizzly Times

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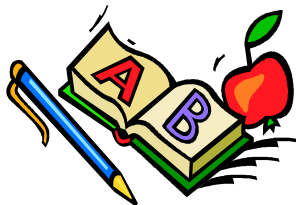
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## School Year 08-09

We are off to a great start at Oakbrook Elementary. Families continue to move into our areas and we continue to grow every day. Our numbers are over 1100 students. Size is not a problem when the children are here at school, but size is definitely felt in traffic areas in the mornings and the afternoons. Students and parents are working together to make sure we are following procedures that are safe for our children. I know that at the end of the day we are all ready to go home, but we have to slow down and exit the building with a routine schedule. 1100 students cannot all come out at the same time. Groups of students are dismissed in the following order:



Day care vans, extended day, walkers, car riders, busses. We appreciate everyone working together with this order. We found that this works best for the safety of everyone. Teachers and students are just learning their car rider numbers, bus numbers, and day care vans. We get "smarter" every day.

### Enjoy dinner on OES Nights

This business makes a donation to our school based on sales that night.

Wed., Sept. 10th  
Chick-Fil-A

## OPEN HOUSE

We invite you to come and sit down with your teachers to hear more about classroom procedures, homework, grading, PAWS, fine arts and much more.

Open House will be

THURSDAY, September 4th

We will offer 2 sessions -  
6:30—7:15 K-2 grades  
7:15—8:00 3-4 grades

We look forward to seeing you back at school to learn more about your child's classroom.



## Looking Ahead



### SEPTEMBER

1st	NO SCHOOL—Labor Day	
3rd	Squirrel Club	
4th	Open House: 6:30-7:15	K-2
	7:15-8:00	3-5
8th	School Board Meeting 7pm	
10th	EARLY DISMISSAL	
	11:00	
	Chick-Fil-A Night 5-8pm	
11th	Fall Picture Day	
12th	NNPTC "Day of Caring"	
17th	Ident-A-Kid ID Badge Day	
18th	House of Bounce Night	
	6 to 8 pm	
22nd	School Board Meeting 7pm	
24th	EARLY DISMISSAL	
	11:00	
26th	Spirit Day—Wear OES shirt	

Calling all Parents.....OES needs volunteers for our PTA Board and for several PTA Committees. If you are interested in helping OES with our PTA or by heading a committee we will be holding an informational meeting on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH** right after school in the media center. We would love to see you all there. We could really use your help!

2008—2009

Early Dismissal Days  
Students will be dismissed  
At 11:00 this year.

Letters will be sent home asking if your child will buy lunch, bring lunch or eat lunch at home. Also you will be asked how the child is to go home that day. Please let Day Care and Babysitters know about these special early dismissal days.

### WEDNESDAYS

September 10th  
September 24th  
October 15th  
October 29th  
November 12th  
December 10th  
January 14th  
January 28th  
February 25th  
March 18th

\*Fine Arts Rotation\*  
Rotation 3 begins  
Friday, September 5th  
Music, Art, or P.E.

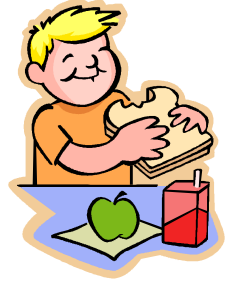
## SET A GOAL FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE!

With our Partnership with Chick-fil-A, Chick-fil-A is donating bicycles for perfect attendance. Each nine weeks we will have a drawing. We will draw names from students that have perfect attendance.

We will give away 2 bicycles for perfect attendance one for K-2 and one to 3-5..... School attendance is important!

Lunch-\$1.40 Breakfast-\$0.85  
 Lunch School Menu  
 for the week of September 2nd  
 includes milk choice  
 Offered Daily: bag lunch  
 \*\*Only the main food is listed\*\*  
 (see the Monthly Menu given to the students  
 for the complete listing)  
**MONDAY**  
 NO SCHOOL—LABOR DAY  
**TUESDAY**  
 Deli Turkey Sandwich on a Roll  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Oven fried chicken  
**THURSDAY**  
 Beef and Vegetable Egg Roll  
**FRIDAY**  
 Cheese Pizza Wedge

Did you know that you can pay for your child's lunch ON-LINE? [MyNutrikids.com](http://MyNutrikids.com) is a secure online pre-payment service that makes life easier. [MyNutrikids.com](http://MyNutrikids.com) provides parents with a secure, fast and convenient method for adding money to their school accounts. Parents can check on their child's current account balance, review transactions and see what your child has been buying for their meals while at school. No more worries about whether or not there is money on your child's account. For the students, [MyNutrikids.com](http://MyNutrikids.com) helps to speed up the serving line so the kids can get through the meal line faster and have more time to enjoy their meal. You can go to [www.mynutrikids.com](http://www.mynutrikids.com) and register today. When you do this you will need your child's student ID number. Please call the front office at 821-1165 to get this ID number so you can set up your child's account.



**Look Who's New to OES**

We welcome our new staff to Oakbrook Elementary. Every year new staff members bring different experiences and expertise to our school.

Sarah Hathcock	School Nurse
Michelle Hardin	Speech Therapist
Amy Klemme	Kindergarten
Tammy Sherrill	First Grade
Dana Soule	Second Grade
Haadhaq Lawrence	Fifth Grade
Mittie Asbury	PE
Judy McSween	Art
Blair Christie	OHISC
Amanda Etheridge	Title 1 Teacher
Nathalina Tolbert	Admin. Intern

**YEARBOOK**

Welcome back to another exciting year! This year will hold plenty of success, laughter, joy and memories that you and your family will want to treasure for years to come. With that in mind, we would like to announce that our yearbook for this school year will be all color! Every single page will be filled with colorful pages and a new format. Another wonderful addition is the ability to order your yearbook ONLINE! You can go to [www.JostensYearbooks.com](http://www.JostensYearbooks.com) and place your order today. If you order before October 31st you can get the introductory price of \$25. After this date the price of the book will increase. If you do not want to order your book online you can get an order form from the front office. We will be sending home flyers throughout the year. We know this will be an incredible yearbook and will be excited to see the final product.

**WORDS OF WISDOM**

*When you encounter a "brick wall" remember what Randy Pausch a professor at Carnegie Mellon University said in his now famous lecture "The Last Lecture".*

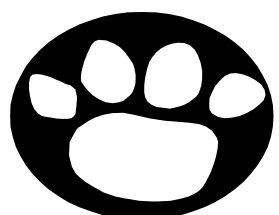
"The brick walls are there for a reason. The brick walls are not there to keep us out; the brick walls are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something. The brick walls are there to stop the people who don't want it badly enough!"

Randy Pausch, "The Last Lecture"

**A Good Start**

You can help your child get off to a good start this school year. Here are some good ideas to get your started:

- 1. Get to know your child's teacher.** As a parent, you know your child best. Share what you know with the teacher. Does your child have a special interest? A favorite book? Are there subjects in which your child needs special help? You don't have to wait until parent conference.
- 2. Talk with your child's teacher about problems, too.** What goes on at home affects how a child does in school. Separation, family illness, a new baby, or even a move can all affect a child's school work. You don't have to tell the teacher all your personal business, but make sure your child's teacher knows important facts.
- 3. Make sure your child gets enough sleep.** Tired children can't do their best work. So set a bedtime—and stick to it.
- 4. Learn what is expected of your child.** Will there be homework? How much?
- 5. Limit TV.** Studies show that the kids who do best in school watch the least television. But remember—when you first turn off the set, you'll have to help your child find other things to do. Read a book or magazine, take a walk, visit the library, or try playing a game.



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