

The Grizzly Times

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Oakie Readers Club

Presents

BUGGIN' AROUND At GAHAGAN PARK

Come join us for an hour of information, story time, activities, movement, snack and fun as we spring into the summer months. This will be our last Parent and Child Together Time this year, so creep on over to the park and join us!

Where: GAHAGAN PARK

When: Friday May 1, 2009

(In case of rain or inclement weather the location will be at OES. A decision will be made on Thursday April 30th. Call the school for more information.)

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Who: 2, 3, and 4 year olds

*****BRING YOUR FAVORITE PICNIC BLANKET*****

The number of participants is limited. Please call the school to reserve your space.
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Looking Ahead

In *April*

- 27th School Board Meeting
- 29th **EARLY DISMISSAL - 11 a.m.**

In *May*

- 1st Oakie Reader's Club
- 6th Squirrel's Club
- 8th Grizzly Times
- 11th School Board Meeting
- 12th **PASS** Testing ELA 3rd, 4th & 5th
- 13th **PASS** Testing Math 3rd, 4th, & 5th
- 14th **PASS** Testing Science or Social Studies 3rd & 5th
- 14th **PASS** Testing Science, 4th
- 15th **PASS** Testing Social Studies, 4th
- 19th **PASS** Testing Field Test
- 22nd Grizzly Times
- 25th **Memorial Day - No School**
- 29th Spirit Day

Single Gender Classrooms

Oakbrook Elementary School is continuing to pursue an exciting educational opportunity for our children through Single Gender education. Our children learn the same content and standards, but learn it in different ways and at different paces. Research shows that Single Gender classrooms increase the student's ability to learn. Listed below are some facts from the research.

Typical Benefits for Girls

- o More interest in and enthusiasm for math and science
- o More academically inclined
- o Spend more time on task in the classroom
- o More open to discuss sensitive issues and concerns
- o More interest in classroom participation
- o More likely to study more advanced levels of mathematics and science
- o Develop leadership roles
- o Fewer gender distractions
- o Less likely to have stereotypical views of females in the workplace
- o Enjoys school more

Typical Benefits for Boys

- o Better chance of being on the college preparatory road
- o More development of reading and writing skills
- o Better chance of not dropping out of high school
- o More focused participation and increased confidence level
- o More open to discuss issues and concerns
- o Learn collaborative working strategies
- o Fewer gender distractions
- o Develops a positive attitude toward school
- o Males supporting males in the learning process

This week you should have received a commitment letter for single gender. Please complete this form and send back in to school.

Administrative Professionals Day.

Oakbrook Elementary School
Proudly Celebrated
our
Front Office Staff
April 22nd

We extend
Much Love
and
Great Thanks
for all you do!

Donna Stevenson
Kathy Hodge
Pam Tanton
Cindy Woods
Elizabeth Kramer

Interested in a Summer Computer Program? Keep your child's academic skills sharp this summer...

We are gathering information to see if parents would be interested in their child participating in a computer tutoring program this summer....

Who: All present first through fifth grade students

When: July 7 – August 6 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Where: OES computer labs

What: Compass lessons in reading and math and FASST MATH

Cost: \$50 for 10 sessions (1 hour each day)

_____ I think it is a great opportunity for my child and we would be interested.

_____ My summer schedule does not allow us to participate.

Times are tentative based on interest: Please check the time that would be best for you.

_____ Morning 9:00 – 10:00 am

_____ Afternoon 3:30 – 4:30 pm

_____ Either

Please return interest survey by Friday, May 1. Look for decision in the Grizzly Times on Friday, May 8.

OES 2nd Annual RUN FOR SUCCESS

A Great Family Activity

In an effort to bring the community and school together, OES will be hosting a 5K (3.1mile) fun run/walk on Saturday, May 2nd. The run will snake through the neighborhoods of Heather Woods and Eagle Run, and end back at OES. The cost to participate is \$15.00 and in return you will receive a running number as well as a t-shirt. Adults as well as children are invited to participate. Due to the number of participants, bikes are not permitted.

What will proceeds benefit?

The proceeds go towards the Bears on the Run fund as well as funding fitness activities around the school. In this group we will explore ways to stay healthy with good exercise routines and smart life choices.

What will happen at the run?

The run will start promptly at 9:00am at Oakbrook Elementary School. As soon as the run begins traffic will be stopped, so please arrive early! Signs as well as marshals will direct you along the route. A water station will be located at mile markers 1 and 2 as well as at the end of the race.

Questions contact:

Heather Gitler

821-1165

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Runner/Walker Registration

Adult and youth sizes are both available. Please indicate Youth or Adult S, M, L, XL.

1. Participant Name: _____ T-Shirt Size _____
 Contact Phone Number: _____ Age _____ Homeroom: _____

2. Participant Name: _____ T-Shirt Size _____
 Contact Phone Number: _____ Age _____ Homeroom: _____

3. Participant Name: _____ T-Shirt Size _____
 Contact Phone Number: _____ Age _____ Homeroom: _____

4. Participant Name: _____ T-Shirt Size _____
 Contact Phone Number: _____ Age _____ Homeroom: _____

Lunch-\$1.40 Breakfast-\$0.85
Lunch School Menu
for the weeks of April 20th- 24th and
April 27th - May 1st.
 includes milk choice
Offered Daily: bag lunch
****Only the main food is listed****

- MONDAY**
 Beef Nuggets
- TUESDAY**
 Chicken Ring Nuggets
- WEDNESDAY**
 BBQ Rib Patty
- THURSDAY**
 Pop Corn Chicken
- FRIDAY**
 Pepperoni Pizza

- MONDAY**
 Fish Nuggets
- TUESDAY**
 Chicken Tender Strips
- WEDNESDAY**
 Turkey Corn Dog
- THURSDAY**
 Chicken Ring Nuggets
- FRIDAY**
 Cheese Pizza

April
29th
Early
Dismissal
11:00 a.m.

We need Monitors for
PASS testing.
 If you can volunteer your time, any of the following days, we would greatly appreciate it.
 If you have not already returned a form, sent home with your student, you can contact the front office to have your name added to the list.
843/821-1165

PASS Testing Dates
May 12, 13, 14 & 15
May 19

Spring
Fine Arts Showcase
 Presented by
the Oakbrook Elementary PTA
Come and Enjoy!
We will be featuring work and performances
from the Music, Visual Arts, Dance, and PE department
3rd Graders & Oakbrook Singers
Tuesday, April 28th 7pm Cafeteria
3rd Graders report to their classroom
by 6:45pm.
Chorus members report to Mrs. Davis' room by 6:15pm.

- Congratulations!**
 April 2009
Terrific Kids
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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| ★ K4 am Yambrea Eldell | 2I Christa Soukup |
| ★ K4 pm Maddox Brown | 3A Britney Eads |
| ★ KA Jacob Vandell | 3B Ashlee Godwin |
| ★ KB Ethan Moran | 3C Angel Schaefer |
| ★ KC Breanna Treon | 3D Nicole Carter |
| ★ KD Hannah Raatz | 3E Chyna Singleton-Leach |
| ★ KE Gabriella Giacovelli | 3F Elizabeth Schwartz |
| ★ KF Kaitlyn Short | 3G Jonathan Edmonds |
| ★ KG Zoe Baker | 3H Hunter Hufham |
| ★ IA Camelya Baker | 3I Kaidan Davidson |
| ★ IB Jeremiah McCants | 4A Autumn Barnes |
| ★ IC Madyson Ladson | 4B D'Shon Hobbs-Smith |
| ★ ID Morgan O'Neal | 4C Gabe Garza |
| ★ IE Zoe Biswell | 4D Whitney Wilson |
| ★ IF Malakhi Stremlow | 4E Donovan Simmons |
| ★ IG Matthew Shaffer | 4F Cameron Chenault |
| ★ IH Brittney Griffin | 4G Jordan Ladson |
| ★ IJ Bidi Vaccaro | 5A Alex Schmall |
| ★ IK Quin Terra Smalls | 5B Sarahlyn Hill |
| ★ 2A Darnello Milligan | 5C Austin Mixson |
| ★ 2B Kaleel Green | 5D Taahdimicia Press |
| ★ 2C Lauryn Rivers | 5E Darien Parker |
| ★ 2D Dakota Cohen | 5F Justin Smith |
| ★ 2E Carrington Perdue | 5G Darien Bean |
| ★ 2F Zoe Gaspari | |
| ★ 2G Kyle Chinn | |
| ★ 2H Daisy Kelley | |