

# The Grizzly Times

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## VETERANS DAY—NOVEMBER 11, 2008 HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

"Our nation is strong because of brave men and women who have sacrificed through the years to protect the ideals that are the foundation of America. We honor our veterans who made contributions not just to the defense of our Nation, but to the character of our country. From securing our homeland to advancing the cause of freedom, our veterans have helped make the world a safer place."

President George W. Bush

Veterans Day began in 1921 when an unknown soldier was buried at Arlington Cemetery. Signifying dignity and reverence, ceremonies also occurred in England and France. This day became known as Armistice Day. In 1954 President Eisenhower proclaimed November 11th as Veterans Day to honor all those who have served America in all wars.

To honor our veterans Oakbrook Elementary students are writing cards/ letters which will be taken to the VA Medical Center in Charleston.

"The greatest glory of a free-born people is to transmit that freedom to their children."  
Anonymous

On Tuesday, November 11th at 8:00am Oakbrook Elementary will celebrate Veterans Day with a Patriotic Sing-a-Long, the ROTC Color Guard, and a guest speaker. All veterans and active duty military are invited.

Show your pride—wear Red, White, and Blue.

Janice Messex  
Veterans Day Chair



## Looking Ahead

### NOVEMBER

4th	Election Day-NO SCHOOL
5th	2nd Grade Testing Begins Squirrel Club
6th	2nd Grade Testing
7th	2nd Grade Testing
10th	School Board Meeting 7pm
11th	2nd Grade Testing Veterans Day Celebration
12th	2nd Grade Testing Chick-Fil-A Night 5-8pm EARLY DISMISSAL 11am
13th	2nd Grade Testing
18th	Terrific Kid
21st	Spirit Day—Wear OES Shirt

Thank You to the wonderful students at Ashley Ridge High School that participate in the INVEST EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAM. These wonderful students took the time to staple our certificates and ribbons together for our honor roll celebration. This was a HUGE help to Mrs. Martin. Mrs. O'Dea treated the kids to a pizza party to show them how much we appreciated their hard work.

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN FEDERAL CARDS AND RETURN THEM TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**

### **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

*Our first nine weeks has come to an end and we want to thank some of our wonderful Business Partners who have helped us out with our Honor Roll celebration. They provided us with coupons, ribbons or other wonderful incentives to offer our students that have made honor roll or perfect attendance. It takes a lot of time and effort on their parts to make a program like this work. We truly appreciate all that they do to help Oakbrook Elementary.*

**Larry Long:** provided us with red ribbons for the honor roll/perfect attendance celebration. We truly appreciate all that Mr. Long does for OES. He always goes above and beyond for us year after year.

**House of Bounce, Jump Indoors and Celebration Town:** provided coupons for those students who excelled this nine weeks with great coupons to "jump" into the next nine weeks.

**Fazoli's, Papa Johns, Gilligans and Publix:** provided us with lots and lots of great certificates to shower the students with. The kids will enjoy free kids meals from Gilligans, free pizza from Papa Johns and all sorts of great things from Publix.

**Dorchester Lanes:** provided OES coupons for free bowling to those students who made honor roll this nine weeks.



## ITBS/COGAT SECOND GRADE TESTING

All of our 2nd grade students will be taking ITBS/COGAT on November 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12th. It is very important that your child be at school and on time during testing.

### **Help prepare your child by:**

- ♦ *Making sure that your child gets a good night sleep;*
- ♦ *Discussing the importance of doing his/her best;*
- ♦ *Getting him/her up early to avoid rushing;*
- ♦ *Having your child eat a good breakfast.*

**\*Fine Arts Rotation\***  
Rotation 2 begins  
Monday, November 3rd  
Music, Art, or P.E.

**Lunch-\$1.40 Breakfast-\$0.85**  
**Lunch School Menu**  
**for the week of November 3rd**  
 includes milk choice  
**Offered Daily: bag lunch**  
**\*\*Only the main food is listed\*\***  
**MONDAY**  
 Breaded Chicken Sandwich  
**TUESDAY**  
**NO SCHOOL—ELECTION DAY**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Beef Nugget with Sauce  
**THURSDAY**  
 Fish Nuggets  
**FRIDAY**  
 Pizza



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  
 November 12th  
 December 10th  
 January 14th  
 January 28th

### FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

Please come visit our Parent Resource Center! The center contains a variety of books, educational games, puzzles and toys for all ages (infants – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) plus parenting books and information. The center is available for any parent, guardian, or grandparent of O.E.S. students to check out items in the morning from 7:15 – 8:00 A.M. and 1:30 – 2:30 P.M. daily. If your child needs practice with their ABC's, colors, counting, telling time, rhyming words, phonics, or other math and literacy skills, the center has many fun items to help them with these skills.


Parents may check out two items at a time and return them within one to two weeks allowing the availability of resources to others who wish to check them out. Please return large items or items with many small parts to the Parent Resource Center, rather than sending them on the bus with your child.

Please come by and visit the Parent Resource Center, located next to the P.E. area in the Primary Building after obtaining a visitor sticker from the main office.

Thanks to the parents who have already been using the center. If I can be of any assistance to you, please let me know.

Shirley McTeer  
 OES Parent and Family Literacy Coordinator

## Oakie Readers Club



Come join us for an hour of stories, songs, movement, fun parent-child activities, and snack.

**\*ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT\***

**Who:** 2, 3, and 4 year olds

**When:** Friday November 7, 2008

**Where:** OES Family Literacy Room  
 (Primary Building next to the PE area)


**Time:** 10:00 - 11:00

**Space is limited, so call the school or stop by the office to sign up as soon as possible (821-1165).**

### VERY IMPORTANT MORNING DROP OFF

Just a reminder that safety is our first priority. Please be sure to follow procedures below when driving your children to school.

1. Car rider line—parents pull up to the curb and teachers/safety patrol open doors for your children to get out.
2. Parents **PARK in parking spaces** in parking lot and walk your child across the crosswalk.



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- Congratulations to the OES “Terrific Kids” for October**
- ★ K4 Jackson Reid
  - ★ K4 Jayden Porter
  - ★ KA Justin Colwell
  - ★ KB Tony Gallicchio
  - ★ KC Grant Smith
  - ★ KD Walter Banks
  - ★ KE Jaylene Neville
  - ★ KF Hannah Seay
  - ★ KG Robert John Lennon
  - ★ 1A Camille Larson
  - ★ 1B Gabriel Sammons
  - ★ 1C Sebastian Sinclair
  - ★ 1D Donovan Batts
  - ★ 1E Zykeria Taylor
  - ★ 1F Alexandria Elliott
  - ★ 1G Ian Westlake
  - ★ 1H Oliva Krueger
  - ★ 1J Ali Sareini
  - ★ 1K Christina Damanis
  - ★ 2A Rayshawn Bailey
  - ★ 2B Connor Lumb
  - ★ 2C Kaelyn Hansen
  - ★ 2D Lauren Lohrenz
  - ★ 2E Maddie Binkerd
  - ★ 2F Kayla Wigfall
  - ★ 2G Dennis Wright
  - ★ 2H Owen Kelley
  - ★ 2I Laura Parrish
  - ★ 3A Alanis Gifford
  - ★ 3B Jordan Lee
  - ★ 3C Zoe Hayes
  - ★ 3D Isaiah Singleton
  - ★ 3E Marilyn Diaz
  - ★ 3F Grace Martin
  - ★ 3G Lauren Hunt
  - ★ 3H Tyler Kelly
  - ★ 3I Hannah Hansen
  - ★ 4A Laney LeSchack
  - ★ 4B Aidan Blankenship
  - ★ 4C Craig Tanton
  - ★ 4D Abby Harper
  - ★ 4E Brandon Dasinger
  - ★ 4F Robert Burgess
  - ★ 4G Clayton Nestor
  - ★ 5A Drew Johnson
  - ★ 5B Alexis Kelly
  - ★ 5C Jennifer Dahlia
  - ★ 5D J.J. Laird
  - ★ 5E Amanda Dujnic
  - ★ 5F Easton Brown
  - ★ 5G Azlynn Frank
  - ★ OHI Noah Schoenfelder
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- “Terrific Kids” is a program run by the Oakbrook Kiwanis Club to recognize one student from each class each month. Students and parents are invited to the award ceremony. It is recorded and shown on our school morning show later that week. The children’s pictures are taken by grade level and displayed on the bulletin board by Computer Lab. They also receive a packet of coupons from business sponsors.