



Tiger Tracks



Oakdale Elementary School Newsletter

Jan. 13, 2017

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Oakdale School Improvement Goal

All students will improve reading comprehension.

Happy New Year Oakdale Families!

I can't believe we are already in 2017! We have officially been in the Swing School for a semester and things are running smoothly. Although it is still a renovated middle school, they did a nice job of making it more accommodating for us elementary folks.

Oakdale Expectations

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Construction is still plugging away at the Oakdale site. All the footings are poured and the walls are going up in the classroom area. Construction has slowed a little with the colder weather, but when I visit the site every other week, I continue to see great progress. I am excited for spring to see things pick up again. I will continue to send photos every so often about the progress to keep you in the loop.

I think we have been spoiled a little with the weather so far this winter. Not much snow and the temperatures have been mild. We are still waiting for the other shoe to drop. Remember, we go outside every day as long as the air temperature and wind chill are above zero. Our blacktop and sidewalks will be cleared so students can play on them if they don't have boots. Snow boots are required to walk in the snowy areas and snow pants are required to play and roll in the snow.

Finally, conferences will be here before we know it! Our spring dates are set for February 13th and 14th from 4-9 p.m. We will have no school on February 16th, 17th, and 20th.

Teachers will be reaching out soon to set up and confirm conference times. Due to conferences, our Valentine's Day Parties will be on Friday, February 10th beginning at 2:45 p.m. This might throw a few people for a loop, so get your shopping done early.

Wednesday Dismissal

Don't forget, students will be dismissed **every Wednesday at 3:00**. Please be prompt as teachers are scheduled to leave the building each week to participate in professional learning communities.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Try to stay warm!

Mr. Jagels

Report cards will be emailed by the end of next week. If you do not receive your child's report card, please call the office to update your email.

Web Page

Check out Oakdale's web page on the Westside website at www.westside66.org. Select Oakdale and you will find the announcements, newsletter and our calendar. Please check it out!



Calendar Reminders

Jan. 16 MLK Jr. Day-No School

Feb. 7 CC Mtg. 6:30p

Jan. 16 Board of Ed. Mtg. 6:30p

Feb. 9 Don & Mille's Night

Jan. 17 Planet Sub Night

Feb. 10 Valentine's Day Parties 2:45p

Jan. 30 5/6 Music Program, WMS 6:00p

Feb. 13-14 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Feb. 1 K-4 Health Screenings

Feb. 16, 17, 20 No School

New Address

You can find us at our temporary address, 3534 So. 108th St., 68144

Blend of Friends is coming to Oakdale!

As part of the Westside Community Schools multicultural curriculum, all 3rd grade students participate in the Blend of Friends, a program designed to heighten multicultural awareness and foster understanding. On Jan. 24 at 2:30pm, 3rd graders will attend the Blend of Friends puppet show. The presentation will last 30 minutes and be held in the library. Please ask your children to tell you about the performance.

On Thursday, January 19, there will be an informational meeting for students in grades 3-6 who are interested in running for student council this semester.

The meeting will be in Mrs. Swanson's room at 3:30. Students need to be present at the meeting to be eligible to run for student council.

This is a great time to check with your student's teacher to see if they need things like kleenex and sanitizing wipes in the classroom! We've had a lot of unwelcome germs hanging out at Oakdale, and everywhere else, that we would like to get rid of!

Please double check the [dates](#) on the following two schedules.

Oakdale Safety Patrol Schedule

January 9 - January 20

<u>Morning: 8:20-8:45 a.m.</u>		<u>After School: 3:25-3:45 p.m.</u>	
Captain	Amisha S	Captain	Kane W
Driveway	1. Bijan I 2. Josiah M	Driveway	1. Stella K 2. John V
Parking Lot	1. Callie M 2. Nick A	Parking Lot	1. Lauren H 2. Elaina K
Alternate	Porter T	Alternate	Ellerie K

○ Wednesday afternoon patrol reports from 2:55-3:10 p.m.
○ Winter Weather conditions: Safety Patrol will be cancelled if the temperature or wind chill is below zero. Please check the KMTV website (KMTV.com) for weather information.
○ If you are unable to report to your post, please contact Miss Chambers as soon as possible.
○ Alternates should also report at the same time(s).

Oakdale Safety Patrol Schedule

January 23 - February 3

<u>Morning: 8:20-8:45 a.m.</u>		<u>After School: 3:25-3:45 p.m.</u>	
Captain	Stella K	Captain	Elise T
Driveway	1. Kalani D 2. Nathaniel S	Driveway	1. Whitney F 2. Kyler N
Parking Lot	1. Addison S 2. Kade H	Parking Lot	1. Sammy M 2. Ava R
Alternate	Maddie C	Alternate	Niko L

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Winter Recess
Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe



*Wear hats, gloves, boots and snow pants on snowy days. Students will not be permitted to play in the snow without proper clothing.

*Students may use snow to build forts and snowmen, but throwing snow is not allowed.

*Remember to be safe. Students should not play on ice.

*Slide on the hill within the soccer field fence. Students are only allowed halfway up the hill for safety and supervision purposes.

*Snow pants will be at the discretion of the classroom teacher.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten Enrollment for District Residents: January 5-February 15

Do you live in the District and have a child who will be ready for Kindergarten this fall?

Do you know of other Westside residents with children who will be ready to start school in August?

Kindergarten enrollment for 2017-18 begins January 10. Parents of eligible students should go to westside66.org to begin the enrollment process as early as possible.

Students entering kindergarten for 2017-18 must be five years old by July 31, 2017. Parents may opt to hold their children out of kindergarten for an additional year. However, Nebraska state law mandates that a child who reaches six years of age prior to January 1 of the then-current school year must be enrolled in school.

Those with questions can call the Westside Welcome Center at 402-343-2603.

Requirements for Early Admission to Kindergarten

In accordance with Nebraska Statute 79-214, the Westside Community Schools allows for admission of children as early entrance kindergarteners through a locally designed testing program. Children of District residents who wish to be tested for early entrance must turn five between August 1 and October 15, 2017. For further information regarding early entrance to kindergarten, please call 402-390-2108.

Kindergarten Enrollment for Non-District Residents

If you live outside the District and have a child eligible for kindergarten who has a sibling currently attending a Westside elementary school through the Open or Option Enrollment program, you must submit an Option Enrollment Application. Option Enrollment Applications must be received by Westside's Office of Student Services no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 15, 2017. The application form is available at the ABC Building (909 S. 76th Street) and at westside66.org. Under Option Enrollment statutes, first priority for admission is given to siblings who seek to attend in the District where an older sibling is already enrolled, provided an Option Enrollment form is submitted by March 15 and provided that there is space available in a requested building and grade level.

K-6 ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT IS ENRICHMENT?

Enrichment is defined as learning opportunities and activities that engage students in developing essential knowledge, skills, values, and relationships. Enrichment is also a vehicle for inspiring learning and encouraging academic and life success.



WHAT ARE ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES LIKE?

Enrichment activities are choice activities that challenge students to go beyond their academic pursuits and the normal requirements. It can take place in all different subject areas and they appeal to different learning styles. Enrichment activities encourage students to stretch their learning and grow as independent learners.

HOW CAN MY STUDENT PARTICIPATE IN ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES?

Westside Community Schools provides enrichment for all students. Many of these opportunities take place in the classroom, but they can also take place in small groups and at home. If you are looking at ways to continue school work or participate in enrichment activities at home, check out Westside's Excellence in Youth Blog @

<http://ey.westside66.org>

Oakdale Construction Update



Pre-K and K classrooms in background. 1st & 2nd grade rooms in foreground.



Working on the 2nd floor Pre-K.



Pre-K and K classrooms in background. 1st & 2nd grade rooms in foreground.



Sample of interior hallways.



Pre-K dedicated storm shelter.