



# Tiger Tracks



**Oakdale Elementary School Newsletter**

**Sep. 8, 2017**

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## **Oakdale School Improvement Goal**

All students will improve reading comprehension.

## **Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year!**

### **Oakdale Expectations**

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

School is up and running for the 2017-2018 year, and we are excited for the move to our new building in December. Dirt is being moved for the playground, parking lot, and soccer field as we speak. Drywall is being hung and taped on the second floor now that the first floor is finished. Walls are being painted and furniture has been purchased. Staff will be taking a field trip soon to visit the site and see the rooms in order to start planning for the second semester. The thrill of moving into the first new Westside elementary building to be built in over 40 years is bubbling over in the halls of the swing school. Thank you to the Oakdale Community for your support as we continue on this adventure.

Please be on the lookout for future newsletters and emails outlining more specific information regarding the move in December. In addition, we are also in the process of scheduling an open house for the new building sometime in December.

### **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.

Not only are we preparing for the move to the new building, but teachers are working hard to ensure that rigorous learning is taking place while all this planning is occurring. State standards and indicators are being taught and assessed. Social skills are being taught and reinforced. Life-long friendships are being forged. I am thrilled to be part of such a professional team of teachers at Oakdale.

As always, feel free to call, email, or stop by if you have any questions about anything related to Oakdale. I would be happy to answer any questions, or point you to the right person if I don't know the answer. Have a great school year!

Mr. Glen Jagels

### **Web Page**

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



## **Calendar Reminders**

### **New Address**

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

**Sep. 12 Comm. Club Mtg. 6:30p**

**Sep. 14 Don & Millies Night**

**Sep. 14 Nature Night 5:00p-7:00p**

**Sep. 19 Planet Sub Night**

**Sep. 22 Picture Day**

**Sep. 25 & 26 Outdoor Ed.**

**Sep. 28 Panera Night**

**Oct. 2 Board of Ed. Mtg. 6:30p**

# PBiS

## Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports

Again this year, Oakdale will be participating in Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBiS) through the State of Nebraska. Our goal is to improve academic and behavioral success for all children by creating a safe, positive learning environment. PBiS is an evidence-based process proven to increase student achievement and success while decreasing challenging student behaviors. Below you will find a list of some specific social skills that teachers will be teaching and reinforcing this month. Be on the lookout for more PBiS information in each monthly newsletter.

For the month of September, the skills that we will be focusing on are Listening, Working with Others, Disagreeing

## Fall Student Council

This year, student council representatives were chosen in a blind read, based on a persuasive writing rubric. This Fall's 3-6 grade Representatives are:

Phoebe N.	Dominik M.
Christian W.	Natalie S.
Dylan G.	Stella W.
Nadia A.	Alya A.
Oliver D.	Brenda H.
Maddison K.	Ruby W.
Jude O.	Mia R.
Anna Z.	Sammy M.

Congratulations!

STUDENT COUNCIL  
SERVE LEAD INSPIRE

Please double check the **dates** on the following schedule.

### Oakdale Safety Patrol Schedule

September 11 to September 22

Morning: 8:20-8:40 a.m.

Captain Josiah  
 Driveway 1. Charlie  
 2. Carson  
 Parking Lot 1. Nick  
 2. Barrett  
 Valet Sean

After School: 3:25-3:40 p.m.

Captain Bijan  
 Driveway 1. John  
 2. Kasandra  
 Parking Lot 1. Ved  
 2. Aidan  
 Door Grant

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



**Winter Weather conditions: Safety Patrol will be cancelled if the temperature or wind chill is below 10 degrees. Please check the KETV website (KETV.com) for weather information.**

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## Costume Drive



Oakdale is collecting gently used costumes with all accessories to help families during this festive fall season! If you're cleaning out your costumes at home and would like to donate, please put all parts of the costume in a ziplock bag and place it in the bin in the office marked "costumes." Thank you for your help! Collecting now until October 6th.

## HyVee Receipts

All Oakdale Families please start saving HyVee receipts dated September 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for the HyVee Cash for Students fundraising program. HyVee receipts will be tallied and HyVee will donate \$1.00 for every \$200. Last year, Oakdale raised about \$500.00! The receipts can be any HyVee receipt, so do not forget to say yes for a receipt at the gas pump. Please spread the word to neighbors and friends to save their HyVee receipts.

The classroom that turns in the most receipts by the end of October 31, 2017 will vote on some new recess "toys" or items for their classroom. Updates will be sent out twice a month via Oakdale communication with the current class standings.

Students must turn in receipts to respective classrooms to be counted towards the contests. Receipts can also be turned in at HyVee Customer Service 90th and Center; however, these receipts will not be counted in the classroom contest.



## Beginning of the Year Checklist

- Please make sure your student(s) name is on their lunch-box, backpack and jackets.
- Stop in the office and check in when you enter the building.
- Please wear a visitor's badge while you are at school.
- If you have paperwork at home, please return it to the office.
- Please complete the annual update on PowerSchool. It contains field trip permission and emergency contact information.
- Please check out [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com). It's a convenient way to manage your child's lunch balance. You will need your child's student ID number. Please call the office if you need this number.

## Counselor's Corner

Oakdale wants each student to look forward to their time at school. But, getting back into the school routine can be hard for some of our students after summer or holiday breaks. To help with this transition, here are some reliable strategies to help children improve their social-emotional self-control:

- If you notice some anxiety, try to **discuss it (later)** with your child when he/she is calm. **Hear out their concerns.** Parents are in a great position for their child to confide and safely let their guard down. Our first and second graders have been working on labeling emotions; when we actually **identify what feeling we are experiencing**, it helps our brains organize our feelings to reduce stress.
- Help your child **replace her/his worry or nervousness with positive thoughts.** Remind him/her of past positive experiences and help them to seek out the positive things to which they can look forward. Some kids find a "bridge" to get through the day if they have a **special activity they are anticipating later**, such as a play date after school with a friend. All of us can influence our mood and emotions with positive self-talk, and it is never too soon for parents to **model using positive self-talk** in front of our children.
- **Safeguard your child's sleep routine** so he/she is getting an optimal amount of rest. The morning routine can also be stressful for an entire house if everyone is crunched for time. **Set the morning alarm a few minutes earlier** to allow for a less hectic pace and fewer orders to be barked. Oakdale's kindergarten and first grade guidance lessons have been emphasizing how effective listening helps us in school, with friends, and at home.
- If you notice a pattern of anxiety or worry, feel free to reach out to the classroom teacher and counselor so we can help make the transition positive. **Oakdale's school psychologist/counselor is Mrs. McPadden (402-408-8880).**



## Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

### DID YOU KNOW?

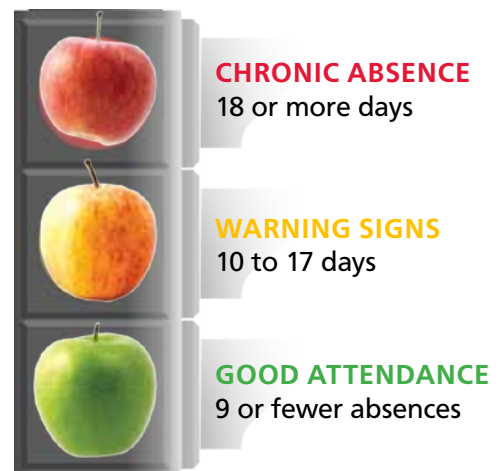
- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit [attendanceworks.org](http://attendanceworks.org) and [reachoutandread.org](http://reachoutandread.org)





EXCELLENCE IN YOUTH

THE EY TEAM IS PASSIONATE ABOUT DEVELOPING  
THE INTERESTS AND TALENTS  
OF ALL LEARNERS. ONE OF THE WAYS WE  
ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL  
IS BY POSTING ENRICHMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES ON OUR BLOG.  
CHECK US OUT AT [HTTP://EY.WESTSIDE66.ORG](http://ey.westside66.org)



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# Little Warrior

## CHEER CLINIC

Details: Little Warrior Cheerleaders will learn motions, jumps, & cheers during the clinic and then cheer during the 1st quarter of the Varsity Football game!

Who: Girls & Boys PreK (4-years-old) – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Clinic: Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00pm

\* Check-in from 5:15-5:30 pm by the main gym

Performance: Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

\* Check-in by the main gym from 6:30-6:45pm

\* Cheering on the track during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the Varsity Football Game

Cost: \$30 – includes clinic cost, t-shirt (if registered by Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>) and cheerleaders entrance fee to the football game

\*\$25 – multiple child registration discount

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm

\*\*If your child is registered before the deadline, they will receive the t-shirt size that is ordered. We will accept late registration the evening of the clinic but there is no guarantee for a t-shirt or the desired t-shirt size. Only a few extra t-shirts will be ordered.\*\*

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_ (Options: Youth XS-L, Adult S-XL)

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Purchases (please circle): Pink cheer bow -\$5 pink cheer poms - \$15  
Bows and poms are pink for the breast cancer awareness game.

Registration form and payment **MUST** be received by **Wednesday, September 27th** to ensure participation and t-shirt. Make checks payable to "WHS Cheer". Please include your child's name with payment (cash or check) & mail to:

Westside High School Cheerleading  
8701 Pacific Street, Omaha, NE 68114

Please do not hesitate to contact Joy Fuller with any questions:  
Fuller.joy@westside66.net

### Online Registration

<https://goo.gl/forms/jzzDzQMVEtmtn83eC3>



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# FAMILY Nature Night

Oakdale Elementary  
September 14, 2017  
5:00 - 7:00 pm

This is a FREE event for students and their families to learn about nature while having a fun evening together!  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

FREE FOOD!

FREE ACTIVITIES!

FREE FUN!



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