



Tiger Tracks



Oakdale Elementary School Newsletter

Oct. 6, 2017

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Oakdale School Improvement Goal

All students will improve reading comprehension.

Oakdale Expectations

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Anticipating the Move!

This week, Oakdale staff were able to visit the construction site for the first time to view their rooms and common spaces. It was an exciting visit to see paint on the walls, cabinets waiting to be hung and installed, and how the building is beginning to take shape on the inside. Oakdale staff will continue to visit the site in the future to see the progress as the construction crews finalize the building.

Around the middle of October, the building will have heat and air turned on to help cure the cement inside and allow carpet and tile to be installed. Around Halloween, we will begin to see some landscaping around the building. As we move into November, furniture will be delivered to the building to be placed in the classrooms and flexible learning spaces. Most of the windows have now been installed and glass is continuing to be delivered for the inside windows. Please hold December 14th on your calendars as we finalize plans for our Open House to show off the new building.

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.

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

New Address

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

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

Oct. 16-19 Book Fair

Oct. 17-18 Conferences 4:00p-8:00p

Oct. 20 No School

Oct. 23 No School

Oct. 27 Halloween Parade/Parties 2:45p

Nov. 2 Picture Retake Day

Nov. 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends

PBiS

Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports

Oakdale is using Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports (PBIS) to reinforce our orderly, positive, and well-managed learning environment. Our PBIS team has parent representatives with primary and intermediate aged-students, but we welcome input from everyone; when you are up at school for your child's parent teacher conference on October 17th or 18th, please stop by the front office to provide input and suggestions. Here are some activities our students will experience this month to improve social, emotional and academic outcomes:

- School-wide, quarterly celebration with a visit from the Omaha Lancers
- Drawings from the High Five box for special activities/privileges
- High Fives to acknowledge daily positive behavior choices

For the month of October, the skills that we will be focusing on are: Saying You're Sorry, Accepting "No", Accepting Criticism, Accepting Compliments and Staying on Task.



Pints to Gallons

This year, Oakdale raised \$1,235.21 for Food Bank of the Heartland! The classroom that raised the most was Mrs. Bruning's 2nd grade! They brought in \$179.01!

Great job everyone!

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

Oakdale Safety Patrol Schedule			
October 9 to October 20			
Morning: 8:20-8:40 a.m.		After School: 3:25-3:40 p.m.	
Captain	Stella	Captain	Christopher
Driveway	1. Madalyn 2. Prashant	Driveway	1. Sawyer 2. Alya
Parking Lot	1. Julia 2. Logan	Parking Lot	1. Payton N. 2. Georgia
Valet	Payton H.	Door	Marina

○ 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.

If you are unable to report to your post, please contact Mrs. Kratky as soon as possible.

Alternates should also report at the same time(s).

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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.



October Counselor's Corner

Our Oakdale 6th graders have been celebrating **College Week** this week (October 2-6), and it has been a great time to reflect on our students' individual talents and ambitions. To be successful in elementary school, secondary school and beyond, our students need not only **competitive academic skills** but also need **well developed, social-emotional skills**. The more social competence a child has, the more likely she/he is to tackle post-secondary training and secure the pathway to their desired vocation. Knowing this, Oakdale has been shaping and reinforcing pro-social behaviors across every grade level.

Our **kindergartners** and **first graders** have been developing skills for **listening, sustaining attention, and showing self-control** -- the irreplaceable foundations for readiness to learn. Westside has made available to a variety of calming and breathing apps, such as the Stop, Breathe, and Think app that provides child-friendly guidance through a variety of calm, breathing exercises. This can be a useful tool in any setting.

Our **second and third graders** have been refining their social-emotional skills for **solving problems** calmly, by stretching their **insights into emotions** and **"I Messages."** These skills are easy to "talk about" but harder to build into a habit response in the heat of conflict. Thus, Oakdale has been role playing during guidance and "filming" (on an iPad) at recess so we are using our skills across settings.

Fourth graders have spent weeks delving into the **impact of bullying** and **how to respond to it**. When fourth grade parents are at conferences, stop by the counselor's office and ask to view the anti-bullying video made "on location" at Oakdale. We have celebrities in the house!

Hardworking **fifth graders** have been positioned to tackle the more complex aspects of social-competence by acting out scenes requiring **assertive or "smooth" communication styles** and practicing how to cope when others are more provocative or passive. Each student created and filmed in class real to life scenes requiring assertive responses -- life skills that will pay dividends.

Each of these foundational lessons equip our Oakdale students to better **relate to their peers**, to **handle their emotions with more insight**, and to **resolve problems**. Here are reflections from a few of our 6th graders who were reflecting on how their own talents can fold into their future ambitions:

- "I want to be a veterinarian. I know lots about animals, so I think I'll achieve it one day." --Kasandra, with a talent as a **Future Thinker**.
- "I will use 'presence' when I am presenting or pitching a business idea." -- Amir, with a talent for **Presence**.
- "If I or a peer ever need an extra boost, I will always remember that confidence is my number one strength." -- Savannah, with a talent for **Confidence**.
- "I may want to compete with other companies so my company can survive." -- Preston, with a talent for **Competing**.
- "When I'm having fun and lightening the mood, or when in acting or drama club in high school or college, or when writing or presenting, I think 'presence' could help." -- Samantha, with a talent for **Presence**.

If there is any way you would like Oakdale to support your child's ability to relate to others and cope with the circumstances around them and the feelings harbored within, please stop by and introduce yourself to me at conferences.

- Mrs. McPadden, Ed.S. (402-408-8880), mcpadden.mary@westside66.net

On Friday, October 27th, Oakdale will be celebrating Halloween. If your child needs assistance with their costume, parents are welcome to come help starting at 2:35 p.m. At 2:45 p.m., we will hold a parade outside in front of the building. We will walk on the sidewalks from the breezeway to the early childhood entrance. This will be a great location for parents to view all the costumes. After the parade, classroom parties will begin and last until about 3:20 p.m. when teachers will get their students ready to depart for the day.



Please remember that costumes need to be “family friendly” as the preschool students will also be able to view the parade. If a costume includes weapons, or blood or gore, we ask that those accessories be left at home. If a student comes with weapons or blood and gore



Children's Hospital and Medical Center
 is offering FREE Parent Information Seminars for
 Westside families.

October's Topic is "Bullying"
 Date: October 24, 2017
 Time: 6:00-7:00
 Location: Rockbrook Elementary
 2514 South 108th St
 Omaha, NE 68124

Hello!		Guten Tag!	
Bonjour!		Goeden dag!	
Buongiorno!		God dag!	
Buenas dias!		Kalimera!	
Bom dia!		Konichiwa!	
Buna ziua!		Ni hao!	
Dzien dobry!		Jambo!	
Dobri djen!		Bore da!	

The ELL Website is a new resource for families to use. It includes staff information, picture lunch menus, and helpful websites. The google site is listed below:

<https://sites.google.com/westside66.net/ell/about>



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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The Westside Community Council will once again sponsor the Battle of the Books for the 2017-2018 school year. This event is open to all 4th through 6th grade students in the District.

Battle of the Books is a team competition where students work with their teammates to answer questions about the books from the list below. All questions are of the form "In which book...?" Students answer with the book's title and author.

Teams consist of three to five students, but at most four students may compete in any round of the competition. Each team is guaranteed at least 2 rounds of competition. Since this is a team event, individual students do not have to read all the books on the list in order to participate.

Registration will run from November 3rd through November 21st. Please see your November school newsletter for registration information. The battle will be held March 24, 2018 at Westside Middle School.



List of Books for Westside's 2017-2018 Battle of the Books

1. *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George
2. *Redwall* by Brian Jacques
3. *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* by Kelly Jones
4. *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman
5. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
6. *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine
7. *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
8. *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio
9. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
10. *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
11. *Love, Ruby Lavender* by Deborah Wiles
12. *The Castle in the Attic* by Elizabeth Winthrop

All of these books will be available to borrow from your school library. The books are also all available to borrow from the Omaha Public Library. Visit <https://goo.gl/1P9L0H> for direct links to the books in OPL's card catalog.

If you would like to purchase books, check out The Bookworm, Half Price Books, Amazon.com, or Half.com. Mention Battle of the Books at The Bookworm for an extra 20% off!

Our website is currently under construction, but everything you could want to know about Westside's Battle of the Books competition will soon be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/westsidebotb>. Please contact us at westsidebattleofthebooks@gmail.com with any questions.



WESTSIDE'S
CLOTHING AND COAT
CLOSETS
NEED OUR HELP NOW!

WHEN:
OCTOBER 16TH-NOVEMBER 3RD

URGENT NEEDS:

- **NEW** SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR FOR BOYS AND GIRLS (FOR AGE 5-HIGH SCHOOL)
- BOYS SWEATPANTS (5T-14)
- GIRLS LEGGINGS (5T-14)
- T-SHIRTS (5T-14)
- SWEATSHIRTS (ALL SIZES)
- FLEECEES (ALL SIZES)
- HOODIES (ALL SIZES)
- WARM WINTER COATS (NEW *OR* GENTLY USED AND **CLEAN**) (5T TO 14)
- WARM GLOVES/MITTENS (5T TO HIGH SCHOOL)
- WARM HATS (5T-HIGH SCHOOL)

(ALL OF THE ABOVE CAN BE NEW OR GENTLY USED AND CLEAN!)

***PLEASE DROP OFF IN DESIGNATED BINS AT
YOUR SCHOOL!***

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