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Oakbrook PTA & School Newsletter

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A Message from Your Principal

Spring is in the air, we are well rested from Spring Break, and we begin the final phase of the 2007-2008 school year. We have a good deal to accomplish over the next 12 weeks. First and foremost, we must diligently complete the task of teaching the standards to your children for the school year. We will need your help in providing adequate time and space for child to complete homework and class projects. Another way you will be able to assist is through conversation with your children about school. Much of their vocabulary is acquired through everyday conversation. As partners, we can accomplish so much. We must continue our academic character preparation of your children so that the next academic year will be as successful or better than this one. Lastly, we are near the time of our formal testing period. Your children will be taking the STAR tests in about four weeks. The children are ready and your support during this time will be invaluable. I look forward to these final weeks. As you know, the time will just fly by.

Pamela Moore, Principal

Academic Make-up Time

As part of our ongoing District Attendance Campaign, we are not only concerned about students being here every day, but we are concerned about them being here on time. We have begun our Academic Make-up Period for students who are late. These students will either make up work that has been missed or they will read in the lunchroom after they have eaten. ***Students who are late due to a doctor or dentist appointment will need to bring in an office slip from the doctor.***

Boost Your Child's Ability to Pay Attention

Children who have limited attention spans get distracted easily and don't finish what they start. Being able to concentrate can help your child focus on his/her schoolwork, persevere and learn more. Below are some tips to help increase concentration skills:

- **Limit TV and video games.** Vivid, fast moving images cause kids to shift their reference point every few seconds. Some experts believe this shortens attention spans.
- **Encourage your child to paint and do puzzles and crafts.**
- **Play board games**-simple ones at first. Then play games that require more thought, like checkers, chess or memory.
- **Give him/her time to be alone to "putter"** or pursue an interest. Don't interrupt or join your child's activities uninvited.

Oakbrook Character Trait

Listed below are students who were "Caught in the Act" demonstrating Oakbrook's character trait for March:

Cooperation. Our character trait for the month of April is **Honesty.**

Nemo Erakat	Kris Ferrin	Samantha Anderson
Emma Parrish	Alex Phillips	Elisabeth Morales
Amber Hunter	Jerald de Lara	Jacob Santa Catalina
Derrick Martin	Payton Mathis	Madison Youngstrom
Nadah Martinez	Keith Deemer	Melinda Rashidian
Melody Murray	Gabriel Delgado	

Giants Game Spring Fundraiser

There are limited tickets still available for Oakbrook Elementary and the San Francisco Giants baseball game. Ticket cost is \$21.00 per ticket. Game day is Saturday, April 26th. Price includes view-reserved seat and the honor of seeing Oakbrook Elementary students perform the National Anthem live at AT&T Park. Students who will be performing the National Anthem are required to purchase a ticket. Ticket availability is first come first served. Tickets will be distributed approximately 2 weeks before game day.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will begin the week of April 7th. In order to be ready for registration parents will need to provide the following three documents: original birth certificate (copy cannot be accepted), current immunization records, proof of residence (PGE, water bill, or cable bills only). All documents are required upon registration. Unfortunately, registration cannot be taken without all three documents in hand and registration packets are kept on campus.

PTA Executive Board Elections

Your PTA Executive Board for the 2008-2009 school year will be elected in May at the next PTA General Meeting. The nominating committee has done an excellent job of identifying interested candidates and the new board promises to bring some new faces to leadership roles. The nominees are:

President - Colette Green
First Vice President - Shannon Phillips
Recording Secretary - Melanie McLaughlin
Auditor - Anna Daley
Corresponding Secretary - Angel Giroux-Gerber
Historian - Tisha Sivesind
Hospitality - Jackie Lariviere
Treasurer - Lisa DiSalvo
Members-at-Large - Abir Mosotti and Lynn Bocca
Parliamentarian - Mimi Broderick