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Oakbrook PTA & School Newsletter

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## A Message from Your Principal

Each month that I write to you, I am amazed at how quickly time is flying by. Even though this is a leap year, February has come and gone. Our early calendar gives us about three more months of school, and your children will be in another grade. March is going to be amazing as the children prepare for our Giants Fundraiser that takes place in April. I hope that many of you will purchase tickets to attend. The deadline to purchase tickets is March 14. We could all meet at the Concord BART Station and then go over together as a great big family. Our second trimester conferences are March 19 and 20. Please be on the lookout for your conference letter. The conferences take us right into Spring Break and then when we return, we have about two months left of school. On a personal note, I want to thank you for all for the well wishes you extended while I was out. I was so happy to get back to my Oakbrook Family.

**Pamela Moore, Principal**

## 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.

## 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.***

## Ways To Overcome Test Anxiety

Like it or not, today's kids are going to have to take many tests. Some children seem to be naturally good test takers. But others freeze up. You can help your child do better on tests by sharing the following tips:

**Answer easy questions first.** In every test, there are bound to be some answers that your child knows right away.

**Get a picture in your mind.** Help your child "see" herself answering the questions calmly and confidently.

**Breathe deeply.** Teach your child to take a few deep breaths before starting any test. Have her repeat a positive phrase, such as, "I studied hard. I am prepared for this test."

**Focus on one question at a time.**

## PTA President's Message

Our next PTA association meeting will be on March 6 at 6:30 p.m. At this meeting we will be discussing funding for the Sixth grade end of the year activities. We are in need of one or two parents to help with this year's Science Fair. If you are interested please email [elaine@oakbrookpta.org](mailto:elaine@oakbrookpta.org).

**Elaine Kabisch, PTA President**

## Giants Game Spring Fundraiser

Oakbrook Elementary and the San Francisco Giants would like to invite you to our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Baseball Fundraiser. Ticket cost is \$21.00 per ticket. Game day is Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 orders are due along with payment on or before March 14, 2008. Tickets will be distributed approximately 2 weeks before game day.

## Dr. Seuss Week

The week of March 3<sup>rd</sup> we are celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Monday: Wear Crazy Socks Day

Tuesday: Wear Shirt Inside Out Day

Wednesday: Wear Slippers Day

Thursday: Wear a Necktie Day

Friday: Wear Crazy Hat or Cat-in-the-Hat Hat

## Oakbrook Character Trait

Listed below are students who were "Caught in the Act" demonstrating Oakbrook's character trait for February: **Responsibility.** Our character trait for the month of March is **Cooperation.**

Matthew Vela	Manuel Blanco	Kayla Martindale
A.J. Singh	Trace Daley	Mari Hernandez
Rebecca Adams	Nicholas Walker	Julius Shepherd
Amber Hunter	Zach Lovell	Gabriel Delgadillo
James Nickerson	Jovani Panduro	Kassy Villasenor
Julia Snow	Javier Gomes	Althea Kahookele-Tachera
Olivia Howard	Faith Dumpit	Tony Munoz
Keith Lorenzo	Holly DeVaul	Gabrielle Tribelli
Mira Rasheed	Christian Cruz	Kei-Kei Johnson
Daryl Morales	Carlos Zarate	Robert Steers
Matthew Vela	James Chatman	Cristina Daley
Alyssa Clark	Joseph Mackie	Itzhel Arcienga
Matthew Green	Jose Bernal	Andrea Hernandez
Trevor Martin	Rebecca Duenas	Andrew Youngstrom
Angelina Mendez		

## Spring Break

Remember, there is no school March 21<sup>st</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup> due to spring break. Students return to school March 31<sup>st</sup>.