

# THE OTTER NEWS

## Oakville Elementary Parent Bulletin

### January 2019

### *Principal's Message*

Happy New Year! I hope over the holidays you had some wonderful quality time with your families. January is a time to think about fresh beginnings and positive change. I love the promise of the new year and all the possibilities that exist for our children here at Oakville Elementary!

I am happy to report that recently Oakville was identified as a Five Star School by MSDE based on the new review system developed by state leaders! This is the highest rating given on a 1-5 star scale. It is part of an accountability system required by the federal government under the Every Student Succeeds Act, or ESSA as it is known. Schools are graded in a more holistic way, factoring in not just test scores but multiple factors such as a well-rounded curriculum and whether students are chronically absent. We did very well on our students' academic growth. Our lowest score was in chronic absenteeism. I can't stress enough how important it is for our students to be here! Please note, on the back of this newsletter, a reference on when a sick child should stay home that may be useful as we head into winter.

As we begin back to school we will hit the ground running! We will be assessing the academic growth our students have made thus far and adjusting instruction based on the results. We will also continue to implement our schoolwide rules we call the "Oakville Otter **PAWS** for Success". This stands for doing our **P**ersonal Best, **A**cting Responsibly, **W**orking Hard, and **S**afety First. With your support, we have high hopes that our students will meet both the academic and behavioral goals we have set for them. I know 2019 will be a great year!

We wish all of our Oakville families and friends the best possible start to 2019!

Sincerely, *Kathryn M. Miluski*

### **'A' Week Schedule**

- 1/02-1/04
- 1/14-1/18
- 1/28-2/01

### **'B' Week Schedule**

- 1/07-1/11
- 1/21-1/25

### ***Mark Your Calendars (looking ahead)...***

- ✓ 1/02 School reopens from Winter Break
- ✓ 1/10 Classic Photography will take candid and group pictures for the yearbook
- ✓ 1/11 PTA General Meeting 6:00 pm
- ✓ 1/11 PTA Family Movie Night, "Smallfoot", 6-8 pm
- ✓ 1/21 M.L. King Jr. Day-School Closed
- ✓ 1/23 Winter Band, Choir and Strings Concert 2:30 pm dress rehearsal for the school and 6:30 pm performance
- ✓ 1/25 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period
- ✓ 1/25 2hr Early Dismissal
- ✓ 1/25 PreK Parent Involvement Activities with no school for PreK students
- ✓ 1/29 PTA Chick fil-A Spirit Night 5-7 pm
- ✓ 1/31 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical Performance rescheduled; 10:00 am dress rehearsal for the school and 2:45 pm performance for parents
- ✓ 2/01 Winter Dance 6-8 pm

