

THE OTTER NEWS

Oakville Elementary Parent Bulletin

October 2018

Principal's Message

September was a busy month and it looks as though October will be as well! We have been in school for six weeks and the students have settled into their routines. As the beginning of the year review and pre-assessments are behind us, teachers are moving forward with new curriculum. This month also, Ms. Curtis our counselor, will be organizing special activities for nationally recognized Unity Day and Red Ribbon Week, to promote students to be Bully Free and Drug Free.

Each day brings new learning to our students and one day builds upon the next when students are trying to master the content being taught. Because of this, attendance is extremely important. As classwork can be made up, it never can replace the direct teacher instruction that was missed. Last year Oakville Elementary averaged 60 students chronically absent each month! With an enrollment of 268 students this number is significant. We also have a large number of students signed out prior to the end of the day. Please note that this is a valuable time of day where teachers tend to review and plan for the next day with instruction ending at 3:40 pm.

Attendance is an area we will be focusing on this year for school improvement. Attached you will find a brochure about attendance created by St. Mary's County Public Schools. Please help your child, and us, with this initiative of improving school attendance.

Thank you as always for your support,

Kathryn Miluski

'A' Week Schedule

- 10/01-10/05
- 10/15-10/19
- 10/28-11/02

'B' Week Schedule

- 10/08-10/12
- 10/22-10/26

Mark Your Calendars (looking ahead)...

- ✓ 10/1 Ledo's Spirit Night 4-8 pm
- ✓ 10/05 PreK to Shlagel Farm/Pumpkin Patch
- ✓ 10/08 Columbus Day, school dismisses at 1:45 pm with no school for PreK
- ✓ 10/15 Flu Clinic
- ✓ 10/15-11/2 **Kids Helping Kids Food Drive**
- ✓ 10/16 Interim Reports Posted to HAC for grades 4& 5
- ✓ 10/17 First Grade to Greenwell State Park for their environmental field trip
- ✓ 10/17 Third Grade Report Card Night 6-7 pm
- ✓ 10/19 Two Hour Early Dismissal for staff collaborative planning
- ✓ 10/19 PTA Fall Harvest Dance, 6-8 pm
- ✓ 10/22-26 **National School Bus Safety Week**
- ✓ 10/24 Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- ✓ 10/24 Unity Day/Wear Orange Day
- ✓ 10/29-11/2 Red Ribbon Week Recognized:
 - Mon- Wear red
 - Tues- Wear favorite team jersey or colors
 - Wed- Wear book character costume
 - Thurs- Wear tropical colors
 - Fri- Wear the color blue for school spirit
- ✓ 10/31 Halloween

