

The Hoot



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Important Dates

- December 19th – January 2nd – **NO SCHOOL**
- January 3rd – **WELCOME BACK**
- January 11th – **Early Release**
- January 12th – **SAC 5:30pm**
- January 16th – **NO SCHOOL**
- January 19th – **PTA 6:00pm**
- January 20th – **Teacher Planning Day—NO SCHOOL**
- January 25th – **Early Release**

DECEMBER!

Hello Parents and Guardians! We have been busy “*Unlocking the Treasures of Learning!*” during December here at Oak Hill. Our major focus for this year is Reading. This month’s Book of the Month was A Pirate’s Night Before Christmas by Philip Yates. This is a book that young mateys will find plenty of holiday joy in. This humorous, colorful, and thoroughly piratical version of the beloved The Night Before Christmas classic .

There have been many important messages sent home recently regarding volunteer applications, new promotion requirements in K-2 and the wonderful addition of Team Up to our school. Please check your child’s agenda and backpack each and every night to make sure that these important messages reach you. We have included this information again within this newsletter.

As a reminder a reading log should be kept by each student and we expect your support with having your child read each night at home before he/she goes to bed. We have extended the deadline for the second nine weeks from December 16th until January 19th. This will give students and families additional opportunities to read to their books! The book goals for this school year, as well as for the second nine weeks, are listed below;

- ◆ **Kindergarten and First Grade– 100 books (50 by Jan. 19th)**
- ◆ **Second Grades – 80 books (40 by Jan. 19th)**
- ◆ **Third Grade – 30 books (15 by Jan. 19th)**
- ◆ **Fourth and Fifth Grade – 25 books (14 by Jan. 19th)**



We were so excited to celebrate all those students that met their goal for the 1st Nine Weeks on December 14th! The Pirate Museum from St. Augustine came to our campus to present all the information they could about pirates. Additionally, our friendly pirate visited each class to pass out rewards! It was an awesome experience for all that were involved! This nine weeks we are hoping to have 100% of our students reach the goal. We also hope that you will help us and the students ***READ IT FORWARD*** by discussing and/or reading your favorite books at home as well.

Lastly, if at any time you feel a conference is needed, please call the school at **573-1030** to schedule a conference with your child’s teacher. Thank you in advance for all of your support. I look forward to working with you to help your child reach his/her potential.

Ms. Bright
Principal

REMINDERS

ARRIVAL

For the safety of your child, please do not drop off your child before 8:00am as we do not have supervision. **ALL CAR DROP OFFS IN THE MORNING MUST BE DONE AT THE FRONT OFFICE LOCATION. STUDENTS MAY NOT BE DROPPED OFF AT THE BUS LOADING ZONE!** All students arriving after 8:30am will be required to have a tardy slip from the Main Office before entering the classroom.

DISMISSAL

NEW DISMISSAL PROCEDURES ARE ENCLOSED! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Thank You

We want to thank all of our business partners for their continued support; **McDonald's, Walmart, Office Depot and KB Home!** Don't forget to give the cashier at Office Depot our school's ID number 70021827 when making a purchase as 5% of your purchase will be given to Oak Hill! If your business would like to partner with our school please contact us at 573-1030! We are always looking for creative ways to partner with the community including mentors, readers for students, building beautification and much, much more!



New Dismissal Procedures

In a consistent effort to improve all procedures here at Oak Hill Elementary, the faculty and staff have developed a new dismissal procedure. All stakeholders have been advised of these changes through discussions with both PTA and SAC at their monthly meetings. This change will affect the entire school including our parents and guardians. The following changes are to be enacted and enforced on January 9, 2012.

Your child must be designated as EITHER a walker OR a car rider. All car riders will be picked up by car at the front of the school. All walkers will line up by the CSS wing and be dismissed to walk home. They will not be allowed to walk to a waiting car across the street. If their dismissal changes, you will be **REQUIRED** to come in to the front office and show I.D. in order to pick up your child. This is to ensure consistency and safety for our children.

- If your child is changing from walker, car rider, or bus rider, you will need to write a letter and place it **IN** your child's agenda so that the teacher is aware that their dismissal situation will be changing. Without documentation the child will be sent home through the usual means.
- Car riders are to be picked up at the **FRONT** of the school **ONLY**. Car riders may **NOT** be picked up at the back of the school.
- Walkers are to be picked up at the designated area. The designated area is located outside of the CSS wing by the gate.
- **ALL** pick-up zones (walker, car-rider, and bus areas) will, as of 12/9, be **QUIET-ZONES**. This means that we will not allow talking while the students are waiting to be picked up. This is to ensure student safety. We would **GREATLY** appreciate your help in speaking with your child about this.

Finally, if you are **ON** campus **ANY** time **BEFORE** 3:00 p.m. you **MUST** have a visitor's pass from the front office. All car riders will be dismissed from the front **ONLY**. Parents and Guardians that choose to park in the back and walk to the front to get their children will be required to sign them out in the main office.

Your help with these matters is more than appreciated, and with your help we will be able to keep Oak Hill as safe and orderly as possible!!

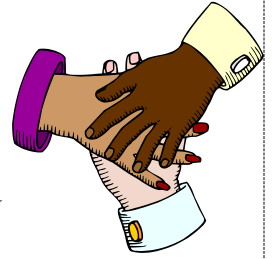
PTA and SAC - Get Involved!

We need to work hard this year to build a strong partnership between home and school. To do this, we need your support. One way for you to lend your support is to join and participate in the two organizations that help the school – **PTA (Parent Teacher Association)** and **SAC (School Advisory Council)**. The next meeting dates are listed below;

PTA – Thursday, **January 19th** at 6:00pm in the Cafeteria

SAC – Thursday, **January 12th** at 5:30pm in the Media Center

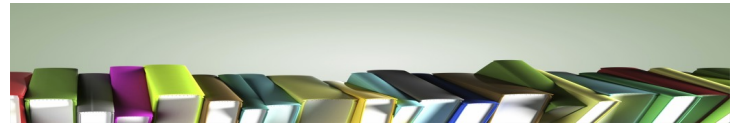
Please plan to attend these important meetings. I look forward to working with each and every family!



As you begin to plan fun family activities for the holiday season, please remember to visit the Jacksonville Public Library on 103rd Street. The Webb Wesconnett Branch is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am-9:00pm, Wednesday from 12:00pm-9:00pm, Friday and Saturday from 10:00am– 6:00pm and on Sunday from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. If you or your child do not have a library card you can get one while visiting with a picture ID and proof of address. This is a FREE and fun way to explore books with your child!

Family Reading

Good teachers know that it's important to take time to read aloud to their students every day. Sometimes we think oral reading is only for younger children, yet students of all ages, even middle school children, enjoy hearing a good story or poem. Let's face it, as adults, we love to hear a story that is read with excitement. In the United States, mothers often are the ones who are reading to their children. This is great; however, it is also important for others to read to children. Older children can read to younger children. Mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, grandmothers, grandfathers, and other adult friends can all read to your child!



Family Reading

- ♥ Use time spent waiting for appointments to read to your child.
- ♥ Relax, take your time; no need to rush through reading time.
- ♥ Ask your child questions about the story.
- ♥ Let your child ask you questions about the story.
- ♥ Talk about answers to the questions.
- ♥ Make up stories from a picture or just start a story and take turns adding to it. Write your stories down and read them together.
- ♥ Talk about the pictures.
- ♥ Relate story events to your child's personal experiences.
- ♥ Read with expression; change your voice for different characters. Let your child imitate you.
- ♥ Reread your child's favorite stories.
- ♥ Point to the words as you read along.
- ♥ Show your child how to start reading at the left and from top to bottom of the page.
- ♥ Read many different types of materials: books, magazines, comic books, menus, newspapers, etc.
- ♥ Have fun reading with your child!

Find more great resources at www.floridapirc.usf.edu

ROCKSTAR

VOLUNTEER!

Calling all volunteers! We welcome all volunteers at Oak Hill Elementary. Remember though, that to **VOLUNTEER, SIT IN A CLASSROOM, EAT LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD, OR CHAPERONE at Oak Hill Elementary you must have your online volunteer application on file as well as:**



- √ Wear your Oak Hill Volunteer Lanyard issued by your school
- √ Wear appropriate clothing
- √ Use appropriate language

Remember you may **NOT** volunteer in any capacity at any DCPS facility without verifying your eligibility with the main office. Please note that your volunteer status needs to be renewed every two years. How can I become a volunteer? Fill out the online Volunteer Application (see below).

- ⇒ Go to www.duvalschools.org
- ⇒ Click on **Community**
- ⇒ Click on **Volunteer Information**
- ⇒ Click on **Apply to be a Volunteer**
- ⇒ **Submit** (It will take a few weeks to get your letter in the mail)

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students were chosen to represent their class as **Student of the Month** for November based on their Patriotic character.

Kindergarten

Nixon	Ryan Hopkins
Fabella	Charles Sailor
Beckstrom	Anastasia Fraizer
Seckman	Anthony Savela
Walters	Malik Webb

2nd Grade

Platts	Dwayne Jones
Chapman	Samarra Taplin
Hutchins	Kaliyah Chance
Holl	Austin Smith
Entwistle	Marcus Wilson

4th Grade

Wilson	Gavin Wright
Curry	Terris Thomas
Nunnally	Hanna Swords
Baugh	AJ Delisle
Bankhead	Brandon Wilson

CSS

England	Michele Loudon
Bunker	Tommi Gahagen
Uadan	Joseph Soto
Santiago	Sophia Tygart
Gardner	Alesya Hernandez
Burke	Phoenix Gilbert

1st Grade

Garrett	Dominick Scott
Yates	John Goodbread
Fields	Tatyanna Thibeaux
Didier	Deion Bing
Noble	Jasiah Hogan

3rd Grade

Fulton/Oxendine	Michael Richardson
Repper/Jordan	McKenzie South
Smiley	Ronnie Perez
Louis	Shrial Santigao
Fitch	Haley Johnson

5th Grade

Monaco	Zarek Jones
Hinson	Marshard Maxwell
Hendon	Ve'Asia Shavers
Wood	Ricardo Prado

GET INVOLVED!

As a reminder there are several ways to help us here at Oak Hill!



We are currently collecting all twist cap tops of Coke products as they can be redeemed for points which can be used to purchase items for the school! Additionally, we are collecting the codes on the inside of all 12 pack and 24 pack boxes. There is a collection bin in the front office.



We are currently collecting all Box Tops for Education labels from participating products. Please send these in to your child's teacher as we redeem these for cash that can be used to purchase needed items within the school.



We are currently collecting all Campbell's Labels for Education from participating products. Please send these in to your child's teacher as we redeem these for points that can be used to purchase needed items within the school.



Please use our school ID number when purchasing items from Office Depot. The school's ID number is 70021827. We will receive 5% back on all your purchases.



Please register your MVP card, or send in the registration form to Ms. Hampton. We earn cash back on all purchases made!

Thank You For Your Support!