



November 16, 2018

From the Administration

Dear Parents,

This coming week is one of the best of the year, Thanksgiving. Even though it officially kicks off the Christmas season and we tend to do a lot of shopping during this week, we have the opportunity to appreciate the important things of life. I express my thanks to you for trusting us with your children. The teachers here are wonderful and fantastic. They work hard every day helping the students. I thank them for their dedication to this great profession and their love of your children. I see this love expressed in many ways every day. We also have many other people who work hard for your students; our custodians, the kitchen staff, the preparation teachers who teach the students great skills in the arts, computers, music, coding, physical education, and library skills. We have many teacher assistants who are devoted to helping the students learn skills. Our office staff is incredible. Each day they greet each child with a smile. We have the best. Our playground people come hot or cold, snow or rain, they are here every day. All 504 of our students are awesome! I love them! I have never worked with a PTA who is so focused on helping each student. In addition, parents, you are wonderful and so supportive of our teachers, the school and your children. I/we thank you! We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and thank you to everyone for the great people that you are.

Sincerely,

Mike





Our PTA and 3rd-6th graders put on a fabulous musical. The musical will be in March and they will be featuring Seussical the Musical Jr. There is a website for updated information, please visit <u>www.oakhillsmusical.oute</u> <u>rim.com</u> for additional information. We are looking forward to this awesome production.



M - BBQ Rib Patty
T - Little Smokies
W - NO SCHOOL
Th - NO SCHOOL
F - NO SCHOOL
M - Meatballs
T - Tacos
W - Pizza
Th - Orange Chicken
F - Cheese Ravioli





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PTA News

This past Monday we had a wonderful assembly honoring our Veterans. The students sang a song of Thanks. Thank you to all who attended. I also wanted to thank Suni Mason for organizing this wonderful event. Also, we had a flag ceremony by Scout Troop 580, Thank You Scouts!

This past week the PTA was able to grant \$2000 to the school to use specifically for field trips. Thank you to all who have given so generously to make this possible.

Thank you,

Terra Lechtenberg, PTA President

Looking Ahead...

November 21-23rd – Thanksgiving Break November 30th – MUSICAL TRYOUTS December 7th – Popcorn Friday December 12-13th – Christmas Concert at 7pm December 20th – EARLY OUT December 21st - January 1st – WINTER BREAK January 4th – Popcorn Friday January 9th – PTA Meeting @ 11:30 January 10th – End of Term January 11th – NO SCHOOL – Professional Day

THANK YOU, PTA!

Thank you to our amazing PTA and all those who support our school. We have a very active PTA and they continually provide our school and students with all of our needs. The PTA has provided our students with a bus for one field trip per grade for many years. This year is no exception! We grateful for your are SO generous donations to our field trip and continued learning support.





Mrs. Thompson's 2nd Graders giving the PTA a thumbs up.





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Pets in the Classroom...

Please meet the newest members of our Pets in the Classroom. These are Miss Merrill's Kindergarten fish: 3 guppies, 3 cat fish, 3 shrimp and 1 sword fish.



Counselor's Corner

We will be finishing up our last week on habit #3 "Put first Things First." The students have been doing a great job identifying the most important things in their day, and learning how to prioritize so that important things are done first and play last. When we prioritize our day, one strategy is to write down all the things that need to be done so it can be seen clearly. Then order the tasks from first to last, in the order of most importance. This can also be done with pictures for younger children. It can be a fun and engaging way to make sure all responsibilities are being completed in the day, so that fun time can be enjoyed without the stress of unfinished tasks.

With Thanksgiving coming next week, my wish is for all to MAKE time for family and friends and those people close to you. Human connection and healthy relationships are one of the most important mental health components we all need. One thing we can all do to connect more with others is show kindness, one small act of kindness can make a world of difference in the life of another. I challenge us all to add the task of showing kindness to our daily schedule, simple acts include: smiles, texts, hugs, service, phone calls, letters of appreciation, and positive affirmations. "If we all do one random act of kindness daily, we just might set the world in the right direction."

Shannon Struebing