



Oakbrook School News

January 5, 2024

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe winter break has nearly concluded. Please keep in mind that Monday, January 8 is a professional development day for teachers, so there will be NO SCHOOL for students. Regular school hours resume, **Tuesday, January 9**. We look forward to seeing you then.



New Food Menu System

During the break, Arbor Food Service has implemented new online menus. Here is a [link](#) to the description of the new ordering process. At the bottom of the linked document, you will find a link for a video on navigating the new system. If you click on the *My School Menus* logo at the bottom of the page, it will navigate to the menu site. The online menu site can also be accessed through our wd7.org site under *Food and Dining*.

Please note that the Gold choice is now listed below the Blue choice instead of along the side of the page. Families will also receive a hard copy of the menu which will be placed in student folders to go home.

Bernie's Book Bank Returns

Once again, Bernie's Book Bank is coming to Oakbrook to deliver free books to each student. This year's delivery will occur on **Wednesday, January 17**. Each student will select a surprise bag bundle of books for free. The books are for students to take home and keep. The Bank encourages families to share books with other family members and friends if they will not be used by your child

PTO Meeting - Tuesday, January 9

Our next Oakbrook/Westview Parent Teacher Organization meeting is coming **Tuesday, January 9th**. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm in Oakbrook school's library. Once again, crafts and activities will be available for families who would like to bring their children with them to the meeting.

Student Attendance

We continue to track daily student attendance averages. Our goal is **95%**. These are our trends for the last five months.

August 96%

September 93%

October 90%

November 91%

December 89%



Some students' absences are quickly accumulating. According to the the Illinois State Board of Education, a student is "Chronically Absent" if they missed 10% or more of the school year regardless of excuse.

Levels of Absences:

Satisfactory: Less than 9 absences a year

Warning Signs: 10 to 17 days

Chronic Absence: 18 or more days

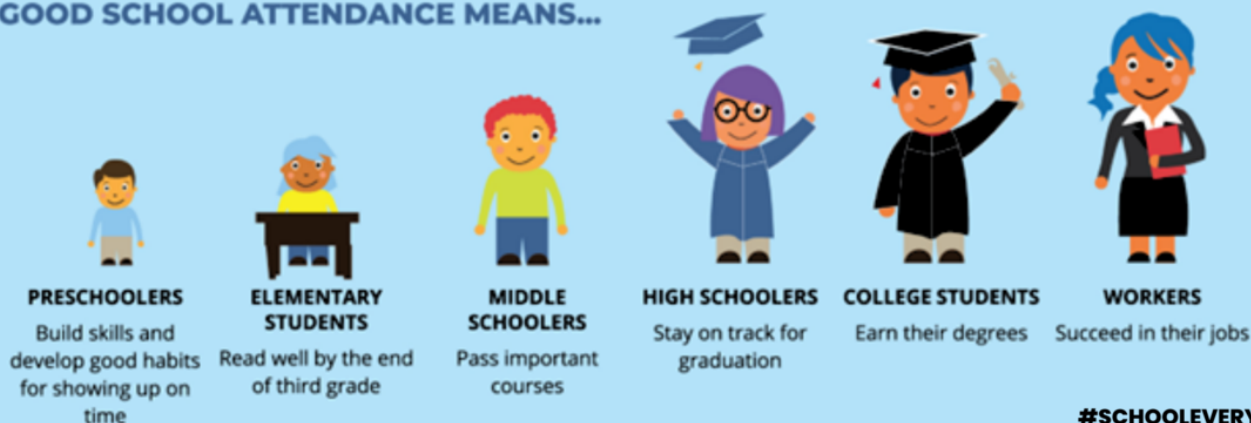
The Attendance Commission Annual Report. March 15, 2016, reports that "The incremental effect of daily school attendance facilitates the transition of a student from school to career as a functioning and productive member of society."

Do you know how many absences and tardies your children have accumulated so far? *After winter break, families of students with chronic or near chronic numbers of absences will be contacted by the school.*

And as a reminder, school starts at **8:55**.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



Family Photos for the Yearbook

Our Yearbook Coordinators are still collecting school event related photos for the Oakbrook Yearbook. Here is a link to the [OB Family Photo Folder](#). Please upload your photos through the link.

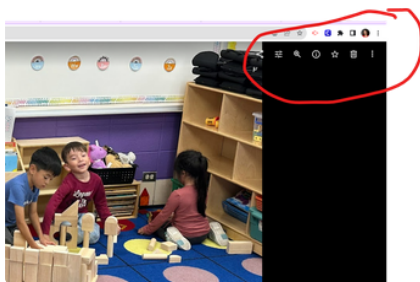
Our coordinators also request that photos be labeled by teacher.

HOW TO ADD A LABEL TO GOOGLE PHOTO

1. Click on the selected photo
2. Navigate to the information icon
3. Add the teacher name in the DESCRIPTION

Information will automatically save when you exit the photo.

Thank you for your assistance in contributing to a robust yearbook!

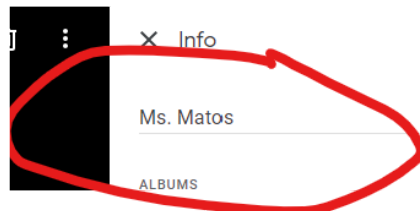


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Upcoming Dates

Jan 8 - Teacher Professional Development Day (No School for students)

Jan 9 - Students return to school

Jan 9 - OB/WV PTO Meeting @Oakbrook, 6:30pm

Jan 10 - Early Dismissal @2:55pm

Jan 10 - Green Team, Wellness Club, and Reading Club @8:10am

Jan 15 - Martin Luther King Birtdhay - NO SCHOOL

Jan 17 - Bernie's Book Bank

Jan 18 - Board of Educaation Meeting @7:00pm

Jan 19 - Kids Pro Show @6:00pm, Woodl Dale Junior High School

Useful Links

[District and School Handbooks](#)

[Breakfast and Lunch Menus](#)

[Oakbrook Parent Teacher Organization \(PTO\)](#)

[School Year Calendar](#)



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