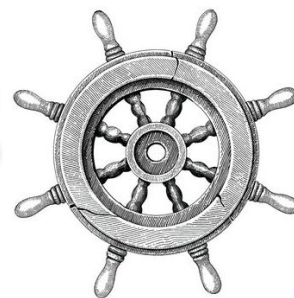


Oakview News

April 2024



Important April Dates

- Apr. 1st:** No School (Easter Break)
- Apr. 8th:** Early Dismissal at 1:05
PEP Meeting at 7:00 pm
- Apr. 19th:** No School
- Apr. 22nd:** Earth Day
- Apr. 22nd-26th:** ELA PSSA Window
- Apr. 29th - May 3rd:** Math/Science
PSSA Window



Important May Dates

- May 6th:** PEP Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- May 10th:** No School for Students
- May 17th:** 4th/5th Grade Career Day
- May 24th:** Best Day Ever Field Day
- May 27th:** Memorial Day - No School
- May 28th:** Best Day Ever Rain Date
- May 31st:** Last day of school - Early
Dismissal at 11:40 am

Principal's Message

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter break. We have officially rounded third base and are heading down the home stretch of the school year! It's hard to believe the first three quarters of the school year have come and gone already.

April is shaping up to be a busy time for our students. As a reminder, Monday, April 8th is a 2 hour early dismissal for our students due to the total eclipse. On Friday, April 5th, students will be sent home with certified eclipse viewing glasses which they can use when they get home on the 8th. The eclipse will occur from approximately 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm with totality set for 3:16 in our area. Fingers crossed for a clear day!

In addition, our 3rd-5th graders will be taking their PSSAs at the end of the month. To help support your child, please make sure they are getting a good night's sleep during the testing window. Be positive and give them strong encouragement to do their best! I know they will do awesome!

Thank you,

Josh Stonebraker
Oakview Principal

SAVE THE DATE

PSSA Testing Windows

ELA: Week of April 22-26, 2024
Math/Science: Week of April 29 - May 3, 2024
Make Ups: Week of May 6-10, 2024

The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) in English/Language Arts, Math, and science will be administered to all third through fifth grade students. The fourth grade students will also be taking the Science assessment. **If possible, please avoid scheduling any educational trips or appointments during the testing windows above.**

March Mystery Mates

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by their homeroom teacher for March's Mystery Mate Award. These were students who demonstrated the Sailor Code (Be Here/Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe, and Be Positive) throughout the entire month.

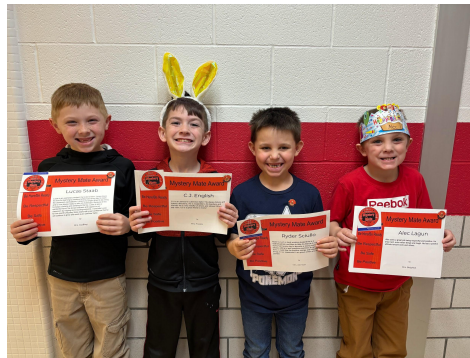
- Josie Breeden, Kindergarten
- Parker Bump, Kindergarten
- Kohen Frye, Kindergarten
- Koltin Seelbaugh, Kindergarten
- C.J. English, 1st Grade
- Alec Lagun, 1st Grade
- Ryder Sciuлло, 1st Grade
- Lucas Staab, 1st Grade
- Mya DeChicko, 2nd Grade
- Braxton Hoffman, 2nd Grade
- Karson King, 2nd Grade

- Mikey Aites, 3rd Grade
- Sophia Becki, 3rd Grade
- Avery Durham, 3rd Grade
- Caleb Cole, 4th Grade
- Joanna Collins, 4th Grade
- Easton McNeish, 4th Grade
- Lincoln Stiver, 4th Grade
- Theodore Aites, 5th Grade
- Ava Byler, 5th Grade
- Easton Gibson, 5th Grade



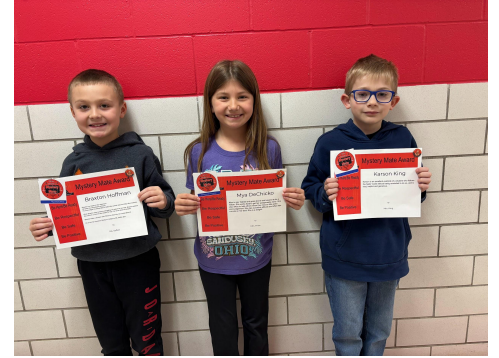
Kindergarten

Kohen Frye, Josie Breeden, Parker Bump,
Koltin Seelbaugh



1st Grade

Lucas Staab, C.J. English, Ryder Sciuлло,
Alec Lagun



2nd Grade

Braxton Hoffman, Mya DeChicko,
Karson King



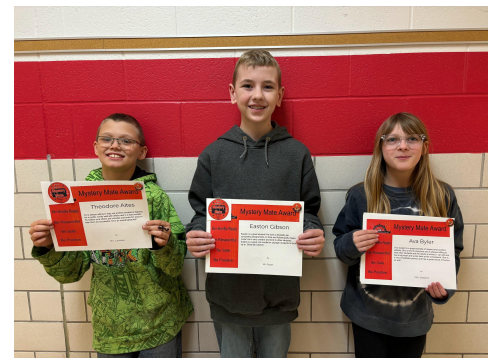
3rd Grade

Avery Durham, Sophia Becki, Mikey Aites



4th Grade

Joanna Collins, Lincoln Stiver,
Easton McNeish, Caleb Cole



5th Grade

Theodore Aites, Easton Gibson, Ava Byler

Dress Code Reminder

As we head into spring, please review the important dress code reminders below from the Student & Parent Handbook.

DRESS CODE AND UNPERMITTED ATTIRE

Tops/Bottoms

- Tank tops or cut-off shirts without tailored cuffs on the sleeves (unless worn over other acceptable tops), half shirts, see-through mesh shirts, halter tops, tube tops or any shirt that reveals skin between the bottom of the armpit and the waist.
- Tops with offensive pictures and/or sayings, "double meaning" shirts.
- Shirts that are backless and/or have cut out backs.
- Shorts, dresses, or skirts which are shorter than fingertip length, cut-off jean shorts.
- Pants with excessive holes or rips, holes that are frayed or pose a safety hazard and pants with any holes above fingertip length (which reveal skin and/or undergarments)
- Spandex shorts/pants, leggings and yoga type pants must be covered by a top that is a minimum of fingertip length in both front and back.

Additional Apparel

- Tattered clothing, clothing with revealing holes or rips
- Revealed undergarments of any kind
- Pajamas, loungewear of any kind
- Excessively dirty or foul smelling clothing
- Clothing or accessories displaying advertisements for, or logos of alcoholic products, tobacco products, drug related products and clothing depicting inappropriate references of a sexual nature or gang symbols/color are not permitted
- Articles of clothing or accessories which are inflammatory or depict objectionable materials, slogans, or pictures are not permitted. Chains (excluding jewelry) are not permitted.
- No hats, coats, bandannas and head apparel of any type or sunglasses are permitted from 8:00 – 3:15 p.m. Hats are to be removed upon entrance to the building.
- Backpacks can be used to transport books to school. Students are not permitted to carry or wear backpacks and hats during the school day. These items must remain in the classrooms.
- Footwear - Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
- Anything considered distracting or disruptive to the educational process is not permitted.



Thank You Sponsors!

We would like to say thank you to everyone who sponsored/donated for Oakview's PBIS programs and/or our upcoming Best Day Ever Field Day. These programs and events would not be possible without your generous donations and support. Thank you again!

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April is the Month of the Military Child which celebrates and recognizes military-connected students. The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission has designated **April 17th**, as **Purple Up! Day** in recognition of military families and students. On this day, participants wear purple as a sign of support for our military-connected families.

Green Eggs & Ham Success!

Oakview had a tremendous turn out for our Green Eggs and Ham breakfast last month. It really takes a village to make this all come together! A special thank you to our cafeteria and custodial staff for their efforts to help pull this together.



Upcoming PEP Waldameer Fundraiser

Waldameer
Water World
ERIE, PA

PEP will be selling discounted Waldameer tickets as their next fundraiser. Tickets can be purchased on May 6th from 6:00-7:00 pm, May 7th from 3:15-4:30 pm, or students can return payment and their completed form by May 9th to the office. Please be on the lookout for more information soon!



Based on our recent annual winter survey, Oakview PEP (Parents as Educational Partners), wanted to provide families with more information about the organization.

What is PEP? PEP is very similar to what is also known as PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) or PTA (Parent Teacher Association). These organizations are nationally recognized, and therefore have their own sets of by-laws, regulations, membership requirements, EIN's, etc. As a PEP, we are independent from those organizations as well as the school, functioning as our own, less-formal group, but with full support from the school. We fundraise with permission from the school board, and all monies remain within Oakview.

What does PEP do? Here are some of the things we do each school year:

- Provided charitable contributions to benefit functions for families in need within the district
- Provided t-shirts for incoming kindergarten students, host spirit wear sales
- Sponsor and support Family Fun Nights, Field Day inflatables
- Support teachers through donations and volunteers for classroom items and activities
- Hosted popular fundraisers including: spirit wear sales, O'Neill's Coffee, Waldameer tickets, and coin drive
- Coordinated with the cafeteria and prepared special treats for students taking PSSA tests as well as teachers
- Purchased additional field trips or assemblies for each grade
- Hosted an end of the year 5th grade send off

How do I know what's going on? We have a Facebook page (check out the QR code at the top), PEP flyers and information is occasionally sent home in your child's folder or is included in the monthly newsletter, and our announcements are also available on Parent Square.

When & Where does PEP meet? We meet at 7 p.m. of the first Monday of the month, unless it is a holiday, in the Oakview library. We do not have formal child care, but children are welcome. Any parent, grandparent, guardians, etc. are welcome to attend. Meeting minutes and agendas are available on our Facebook page before the meeting to help reduce paper/printing consumption for the school.

Do I have to attend meetings to be involved? Not at all! You can communicate with us via a board member, Facebook, or by emailing oakviewelementarypep@gmail.com. We're happy to include your thoughts at our meetings or have your name down for however you'd like to help. We are trying to expand what we offer and grow; we welcome input and new help in any way.

Can I help in the school or go on field trips? Due to school policies, parents are typically not invited into the building unless they possess all the proper clearances and support staff is unavailable. PEP works diligently with the school to notify parents of any opportunities there may be to serve the school, although they are few.

Can I just donate items that are needed? Yes! A few times a year we will post an Amazon Wishlist for items such as prizes, classroom supplies, teacher appreciation items, or whatever the school lets us know that the students need.

Who is on the board? We are a very small group who was worked together for several years now, but we want to get to know new families, current families, and anyone in the greater community that seeks to help us connect with our children and the school. Board members are elected every two years. Our next election will be May of 2025.

Current Board Officers:

President: Katelyn Struthers

Treasurer: Krista Armstrong

Vice President: Kayla Armstrong

Secretary: Katie McAfoose