

February 2025

Together We Can **Oakdale Elementary**

A Note from the Principal

February might be shorter than other months, but there is quite a bit to keep us extremely busy here at Oakdale.

- Our third through fifth graders will begin preparing for and taking a variety of State assessments.
- Valentine's Day celebrations are just around the corner.
- Our final Parent-Teacher Conferences are this week.

As there will be many special events taking place, please be sure to check your child's bookbag for communications, as well as be on the look out for updates via email and text messages.

- Angela Dorzweiler, Principal



Mr. Cusick's fourth grade class spending one day at the farm. Living the experience of an outdoor classroom!

State Testing

We will be taking state testing March 24- April 18. If possible, avoid these dates when making appointments. Please make sure your child is ready to do their best by getting a good nights sleep and eating breakfast each day.

- Third Graders will take ELA and Math.
- Fourth Graders will take ELA and Math.
- Fifth Graders will take ELA, Math, and Science.

Each test will have two sessions and students will have as much time as they need to complete these tests.

Picture Day

Classroom Groups and Individual Pictures will be Thursday, February 20

- Preview the individual Pictures first and select your background prior to the purchase
- Visit the website and order your class picture online at the link below

Website:

<http://thepicturelady.preorderphotos.com>

Access code: W49QPS



Click here

Visible Learning at SPS

Did you know that understanding the Visible Learning strategies being used in your child's classroom can make a big difference in their growth as active, curious learners? At Oakdale Elementary, we're focusing on key learning dispositions like Perseverance, Self Managing, & Self Motivation to help students thrive.

You can play a big role in this! Try starting a conversation with your child about their learning. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- What have you done today that you're proud of?
- How did you approach something challenging today?
- What new learning are you excited about?

You can also ask, "Why are you learning this?" or "How will you know when you've learned it?" These small chats support your child's learning and strengthen your bond. Together, we can help them grow!

Music Program

The Kindergarten Music Program
Thursday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m.

- Dress nice
- Students meet in the music room at 5:45 p.m.

PT Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are

- Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 4-7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 6 from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

No School

There will be no school

- Thursday, Feb. 6
- Friday, Feb. 7
- Monday, Feb. 10
- Friday, Feb. 28

Lost & Found

Please have your student check the school's lost and found for coats, jackets, gloves or any other items that he/she may be missing.

Please write your child's name inside their coat, jacket, and backpack to help us track who it belongs to in case it is left behind.



A Note From the Nurse

As we turn the calendar to February, the number of respiratory illnesses will start to diminish. But it is not unusual for influenza illness cases to persist even into February and March. Whether its influenza, Strep throat, COVID or RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) or gastrointestinal illnesses causing nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, two powerful tools for preventing or limiting spread of these hardy germs remain HANDWASHING and COVER YOUR COUGH.

Frequent handwashing during cold and flu and gastrointestinal virus illness season is an important tool in the prevention tool box. PARENTS are always teachers, by what we do and say. Perform handwashing with soap and water AFTER using the toilet or changing a diaper, BEFORE AND AFTER food preparation or eating, and anytime you cough into your hands or use a kleenex. Hand sanitizer is a good tool but it's hard to beat soap and water. Use a squirt of soap and work the soap into a lather with some water. Scrub the back of the hands, the palms, between the fingers and the finger tips for twenty seconds. Sing the ABC's song. Rinse your hands then dry them with a towel.

Encourage your children to cover their coughs and sneezes. An uncovered sneeze can shower viruses and bacteria on work surfaces, where others may pick them up on their hands. All it takes is putting a finger in a mouth or rubbing an eye and the virus or bacteria can be introduced into the body, setting an individual up for infection. So have Kleenex available for coughs or sneezes AND when a Kleenex isn't readily available, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.

Being sick is no fun and while illness happens, handwashing and covering your cough are two powerful but simple tools to reduce illness in the community.

Janet Hanson, RN

Substitute School Nurse

Oakdale Elementary

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Oakdale Student of the Month



Congratulations to the following students who earned tickets and were nominated for December Student of the Month. These outstanding students showed great examples of our TEAM character trait!

T trustworthiness
E empathy
A attitude
M motivation



Pre-K (a.m.)

Axell Wood

Pre-K (p.m.)

Elena Johnson

Kindergarten - Bellerive

Ale Rodriguez

Kindergarten - Magana

Alayna Meyer

Kindergarten - Otto

Colden Hoover

First grade - Bond

Isaiah Thomas

First grade - Ramsey

Aries Franklin

First grade - Resley

Connor Sullivan

Second grade - Allen

Rhys Weigel

Second grade - Baird

Amethyst Passmore

Second grade - Noel

Regan Shelton

Third grade - Hawkins

Milo Green

Third grade - Paden

Wayne Scates

Fourth grade - Cusick

Joplyn Buster

Fourth grade - Plott

Lydia Armstrong

Fifth grade - Eyer

Garrett Pfeifer

Fifth grade - Guldner

Janyla French

Allison

Regan Shelton

Anguiano

Krystel Alarcon

Green

Lydia Armstrong

Pihl

Amaia Rodriguez-Hernandez

Wampler-

Analsabel Alvarado

PTO Reminders

Parents interested in joining our PTO and participate in helping to organize school fundraisers and help plan for Teacher Appreciation week and other student activities.

Please join us for a PTO meeting Monday, February 17 at 5:00 p.m.

(We meet in the Oakdale front Office)

Smencils

Oakdale PTO is bringing back the fun
Smencils & Mechanical Smencils.

They come in different fantastic
scents:

\$2 per each Mechanical Smencil

\$1 per each Sweat Heart Smencil



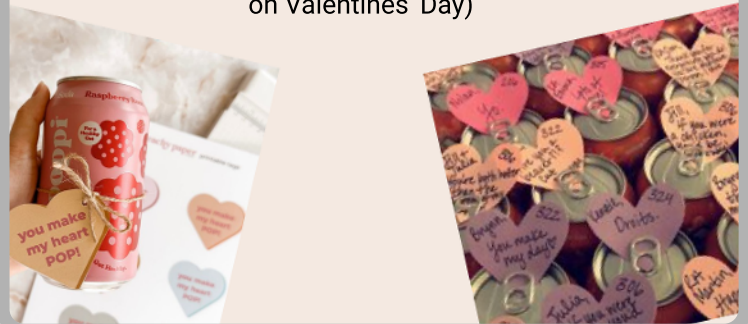
Valentines' Crush Cans

Valentine's Crush

Valentine's crush soda cans and tags will be
available at Parent Teacher Conferences to
purchase for your student.

\$1.00 for each Valentine.

(Valentines' Crush Cans will be delivered to your student
on Valentines' Day)



Huggers Fundraiser

Students who have not participated in the
School Store Huggers
Fundraiser can still participate
to win a prize.

1. Students take home a packet
2. Scan the code and follow instructions.
3. Submit the required email addresses
4. Write down the code
5. Student brings envelope code to school and takes home the prize!



Yearbook Pre-sales



PRESALE - \$20

Jan 22nd - March 13th
after Spring Break \$25

Yearbook Pre-sale

\$20.00

is available now - March 13

Yearbooks will be \$25 after Spring Break

Envelope Packet in the Office

Oakdale Breakfast

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Mon 3	Tue 4	Wed 5	Thu 6	Fri 7
Trix Muffin Mandarin Orange Cup Apple Juice	Sweet Cinnamon Waffle Peach Cup Orange Juice	Lemon Bread Fresh Strawberries Fruit Punch	No Breakfast	No Breakfast
Mon 10	Tue 11	Wed 12	Thu 13	Fri 14
No Breakfast	Cinnamon Roll Fresh Apple Slices Orange Juice	Blueberry Muffin Fresh Strawberries Fruit Punch	Cocoa Puffs Strawberry Banana Yogurt Banana Orange Juice	Chocolate Crescent Mandarin Orange Cup Apple Juice
Mon 17	Tue 18	Wed 19	Thu 20	Fri 21
Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar Strawberry Craisins Apple Juice	Honey Bun Cinnamon Applesauce Orange Juice	Banana Bread Pear Cup Fruit Punch	Strawberry Shredded Wheat String Cheese Fresh Apple Slices Orange Juice	Powered Donuts Orange Wedges Apple Juice
Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26	Thu 27	Fri 28
Blueberry Pop Tart Tropical Punch Raisins Apple Juice	Apple Frudel Pear Cup Orange Juice	Chocolate Muffin Orange Wedges Fruit Punch	Honey Cheerios Peach Yogurt Banana Orange Juice	No Breakfast

Oakdale Lunch

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Mon 3	Tue 4	Wed 5	Thu 6	Fri 7
Chicken Strips French Fries Cucumber Slices Fresh Strawberries BBQ Sauce Ketchup Ranch Dressing	Sausage Patty Cinnamon French Toast Potato Triangle Fresh Baby Carrots Banana Maple Syrup Ketchup Ranch Dressing	Pepperoni Stuffed Sandwich Garden Salad Blue Raspberry Sorbet Ranch Dressings	No Lunch	No Lunch
Mon 10	Tue 11	Wed 12	Thu 13	Fri 14
No Lunch	Crispito Tortilla Chips Refried Beans Salsa Mandarin Oranges Chocolate Chip Cookie	Mini Corn Dogs Waffle Fries Cucumber Slices Strawberry & Bananas Ketchup Mustard Ranch Dressing	Chicken Drumstick Biscuit Green Beans Fresh Baby Carrots Fresh Apple Slices Margarine Ranch Dressing	Macaroni & Cheese Lit'l Smokies Spinach Garden Salad Be Mine Frozen Juice Cup Be Mine Cake Ranch Dressings
Mon 17	Tue 18	Wed 19	Thu 20	Fri 21
Hamburger Baked Beans Celery Sticks Fresh Grapes Ketchup Mustard Pickles Ranch Dressing	Steak Fingers Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Gravy Diced Peaches Margarine	Frito Taco Pie Corn Grape Tomatoes Diced Mango Snickerdoodle Cookie Ranch Dressing	Sausage & Cheese Biscuit Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Dragon Punch Orange Wedges Ketchup	Cheese Pizza Fresh Broccoli Pineapple Chunks Ranch Dressing
Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26	Thu 27	Fri 28
Sloppy Joe Tater tots Coleslaw Frozen Lemon Berry Juice Cup Ketchup	Chicken Nuggets Cheesy Mashed Potatoes Cauliflower Orange Wiggles BBQ Sauce Ranch Dressing	Beef Fiestada Pizza Black Beans Orange Peppers Tropical Fruit Ranch Dressing	Pig in a Blanket Fresh Baby Carrots Fresh Strawberries Ketchup Mustard Ranch Dressing	No Lunch

February

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5 - Student of the Month Assembly at
1:10 p.m.

5 - Parent Teacher Conferences (4-7 p.m.)

6 - No School/Parent Teacher Conferences
(all day)

7 - No School

10 - No School

20 - Spring Pictures

21 - Site Council

25 - Grades 2 & 3 to the Community
Theater

28 - No School

Contact Us

Angela Dorzweiler - Principal

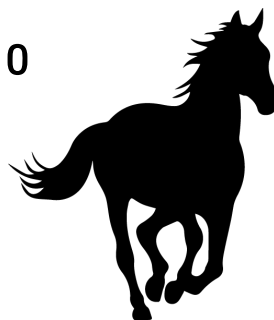
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School Website



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