

# ACORN DAY CELEBRATION 2025



OAKHILL  
DAY SCHOOL

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7<sup>th</sup> Grade

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## Order of Events

### **Ceremony Welcome**

My Earth

Led by Jo Hill and Barb Ely

### **Welcome Address & Project Introduction**

Suzanne McCanles, Head of School

### **Presentation of Poetry**

**Written by 8th Grade Students**

Hope

Read by Millie Lin and Olivia Watts

### **A New Season**

Read by Mackenzie Plemmons and June Scott

### **Celebratory Planting**

Eighth Grade and Kindergarten Students

### **Earth Day Song**

Nature Starts a Song

Led by Jo Hill and Barb Ely

### **Dismissal**



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## Our Acorn Day Story

Acorn Day holds a special place in our hearts as a time to celebrate the beauty of Oakhill's natural spaces. At Oakhill, we firmly believe that the environment surrounding our campuses plays a pivotal role in enhancing our students' educational journey. These green spaces not only serve as picturesque backdrops but also serve as vital outdoor classrooms, fostering experiential learning and a deep connection with nature and our community.

This year, our Acorn Day Celebration fundraising efforts are dedicated to enhancing the new greenspace created by the removal of the white house at 71st and Cherry Lane, thanks to the Perkins family, providing a natural connection between this space and the Living Lab. Now named Elizabeth's Garden, this space was lovingly dedicated to Elizabeth Anderson, the late wife of Pete Anderson, Oakhill grandfather to Hannah ('22), Abigail ('26), and Libby ('31) Haar. Our goal is ambitious—we aim to raise \$15,000 to complete these much-needed improvements.

As we commemorate Acorn Day alongside Earth Day, we are reminded of the significance of preserving our planet's natural beauty. Your generous contribution will not only help beautify our campus and impact our students, but will also leave a lasting impact on the greater Gladstone Community and our surrounding neighborhood.

Every dollar raised will directly contribute to this campus transformation.

Moreover, Acorn Day marks the beginning of Oakhill's graduation season—a time to celebrate the achievements of our students in anticipation of the remarkable journeys that lie ahead for them. It is a joyous occasion that signifies growth, resilience, and boundless potential. Thank you for your support!

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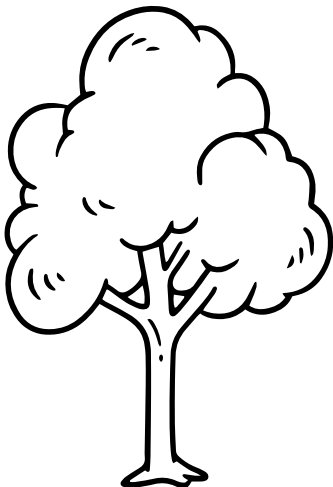
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Wilma Davis

**Robert Scott Forsen**

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**Family members of Oakhill  
faculty and staff who have  
passed away this school year  
Oakhill Care and Concern**

**Gage Phillips**

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**We honor loved ones' memories with gratitude,  
cherishing the legacy they leave behind.**



# 2025 EIGHTH GRADE & KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Liliana Marie Calvert  
Kaley Adkinson  
Sadie Brown

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Parker Mauery  
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Ellie Fletcher  
Stella Le

Mackenzie Ann Plemmons  
Abriana Love  
Sadie Rodriguez

Clark Michael Gibson  
Evan Jackson  
Landon Johnson

June Marcia Scott  
Liam Seaton  
Jensen Ziegler

David Chase Gregory  
Kyler Tran (walking with  
Alex Tomeldan)

Philip Thomas Shekleton  
Jordyn Teel  
Nolan Young

Hudson Jerry Hurst  
William Fuller  
Max Musfeldt

Alexander Gabriel Tomeldan  
Eduard Vollenweider

Brooklyn Lauren Kumar  
Graylynn Huff  
Lily Langemach

Olivia Joan Watts  
Marlowe Thomas-DeYoung  
Odd Youngstrom

# My Earth

I love the flowers that bloom in the spring.  
Oh, I love the colors that autumn will bring.  
Oh, I love the sound of a warm summer night.  
Oh, Mother Earth fills my heart with delight!  
My earth, my planet, my home.  
Oh, my earth, my planet, my home.  
I am there for you.

I will care for you; my earth, my planet, my home.  
I love the oceans, the mountains, the trees.  
Oh, I love the changing of seasons with ease.  
Oh, I love the creatures both great and small.  
Oh, how I love to feel close to them all!  
My earth, my planet, my home,  
Oh, my earth, my planet, my home.  
I am there for you.

I will care for you; my earth, my planet, my home.

