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**Oakbrook Newsletter**

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**Sept. 2011**

### A Message from the Principal

Thank you for such a successful Back to School Night. We saw many of you there, and we really appreciated your support. Thank you again for all the supplies you have been sending, and how you have been offering help in many ways. We are very grateful to be working in partnership with you.

Our California Standards Test scores came in, and we saw some good improvement. Math scores were very, very impressive school-wide, and while Language Arts was less impressive, we know what work we will do to raise achievement scores in this area. Any issues that you see at home during homework will be good information if you could let us know. There is more detailed information with me if you are interested.

Some ideas to watch for in backpacks: teachers are starting after-school and before-school Intervention groups.. Watch for permission slips or ask your teacher about it. We are planning a Winter and Spring Intersession in each first week of the longer vacations, so think about that as the Fall sinks into making winter plans. Your teacher will be letting you know about that in the next month.

We will be looking at our School Level Plan in School Site Council and English Learner Advisory Council soon, so if you would like to be on that council, please let your teacher or the office know.

We are continuing our research based training with West Ed, attended Building Effective School Together (BEST) training with several other schools over the summer, and are working with vocabulary during intense training for K and 1 teachers called ELLA: English Learner Language Acquisition which we found very effective for all students in procedure, and we are hoping for a school-wide training on a Saturday as well as the information as soon as possible by our excited K and 1 teachers. 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will attend a Math Strategies class across the district each month, and that will bring more techniques to our math program as well as they share their new knowledge. We have started a year full of new ideas, and new ways to assess what students know in order to inform our teachers immediately and make any necessary changes. We are excited to be on the 2011-12 journey. Thank you again for all you have done already. We are happy to be working with you as we work with students on mastering their standards for this grade and look ahead to a successful future.

### PTA President's Message

PTA Membership is an important part of Oakbrook. Right now, we have only ninety members signed up for our General Association. We ask that if you haven't already signed up – that you please do so. The cost of membership is \$10.00 per member. Members can be parents, neighbors, grandparents or anyone who is interested in supporting Oakbrook. The class with the most memberships by September 15<sup>th</sup> will win a Mini Hot Air Balloon/Bubbles Science Kit. Please help support Oakbrook and join the PTA today!

Sincerely,  
Lynne M. Reese  
PTA President

### Mad Science

The Mad Science Workshop will begin in on September 20<sup>th</sup> and will be held for five consecutive Tuesdays. More information will be coming home next week.

### Fall Fundraiser

Our Fall Fundraiser Catalog sales begin on Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>. There are many gift items to choose from and we believe you will love the new catalog. More information will be coming home on Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> following the kick-off assembly. Ask your student(s) "Who let the pigs out?!"

### Fallpalooza

Our annual Fall Carnival is coming soon and we need volunteers to help work the booths and/or join the Fallpalooza committee. All volunteers will receive a free wristband for one of their students. If you are interested in helping, please email [Jennifer@Oakbrookpta.org](mailto:Jennifer@Oakbrookpta.org). We appreciate your help!

### Picture Day!

Picture day is Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Information and order forms will be going home with students this week.