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Oakbrook Newsletter

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A Message from the Principal

October will be a busy month! We started with Fallapalooza, which was an enjoyable celebration of Fall, and are moving right in with the rain to our October Benchmark, which is benchmark number one. After working with the new formatives, our own reading series assessments, and teacher observations and interventions we are looking forward to the data in order to drive instruction. Your students will be getting their results next week.

Starting October 10th, FSUSD we will be “Walked” by West Ed, fondly called in the district The Sweeps. This is when West Ed looks at the district classrooms as a whole for use of defined research-based teaching strategies which we have been working on and trained in. The data will be reported as District data, but we will be able to get some data about our school from our expert that visits us on October 12th. We believe that this attention to strategies district wide is part of why the District as a whole made so many gains in CST scores. We, here at Oakbrook, “walk” ourselves to look at those strategies. We have rich conversations about what our next steps are and what we excel in within this framework. We are also looking at our yearly review of our school level plan in order to make whatever changes are necessary to increase student achievement. Our school level plan is the overarching plan where instruction and finances meet. If you would like to be a part of that, School Site Council will be meeting soon to review and create this all important document.

We have started interventions after and before school for students, and those interventions will shift over time to support our various ability levels and topics. We will also be offering intersessions as the year goes on. These interventions are critical in that they are able to target instruction to students in a smaller venue.

As always, if you would like to join us here on campus, please feel free. The more adults we can use to support students and lower class size for maximum student comprehension and practice of their grade level standards, the better. We have room for parents who would like to read with students, be in the classrooms, attend committees, help after school in interventions or work at home. We greatly appreciate all you are already doing, and it is making a difference for our student’s achievements! We are very grateful for your support.

THANK YOU

PTA President’s Message

The PTA Board would like to thank you for all of the support you have brought to Oakbrook so far this year. We realize that the beginning of the year is an expensive time for families. To clarify, the PTA does not make any profit from the T-Shirt Sales, the Yearbook Sales, or the Fallapalooza Fall Carnival. We rely strictly on your Membership dues, the Catalog and Sweets Sales to set the tone for the year. I have done my best to space out such events knowing myself how it is to have two children attending Oakbrook as well. We appreciate your understanding and continued support. Without this support, we would not be able to provide assemblies, field trips and other programs to the students of Oakbrook. Thank you.

Lynne M. Reese
PTA President

Sweets Sale: Sweets Sales begin next Monday, October 10th. Kids who sell 20 or more items will also qualify for the pig races. If your students sells 20 items during the Sweets Sale and also did during the catalog sales, he or she will win a Limo Lunch with Ms. Turner. The sale ends on the 24th. We appreciate your support.

Peace, Love & Swap: This unique event is a chance for mothers, and other caregivers to trade in their gently used baby items and maternity clothes for different items of need. Halloween Costumes will also be traded at this event. The cost is \$5.00 to participate and will be held at Straw Hat Pizza (251 Pittman Rd., Fairfield) on Saturday, October 15th from 11-3.

Trunk or Treat: It is that time again. Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, October 28th. Information will be coming home with your students this week. If you would like to decorate your trunk and pass out candy, please fill out the forms and return with your student or email Autumn@Oakbrookpta.org. The more cars, the more fun it is. We will also take any candy donations you wish to donate. Send individually wrapped candies with your students.