



Oakbrook Elementary School

Where there are Opportunities for Everyone to Succeed



Grizzly Times

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Wednesday, April 14, 2021

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UPCOMING DATES

04/15 - Virtual Terrific Kid Ceremony - 6:00 pm. An invitation was sent today to the families of our April Terrific Kids! Congratulations!

04/16 - **Purple Up Day!** Wear purple in support of our military kiddos!

04/19 - School Improvement Council Meeting and Title One Planning Meeting 2 (email Cat Watson for a link to the meeting on Zoom at cwatson@dorchester2.k12.sc.us)

04/20 - 04/22: Pre-Registration will be open **ONLINE** for 4K, Kindergarten and First grade students **NEW** to Oakbrook Elementary. Register at www.ddtwo.org. You will need your most current electric or water bill, your child(ren)'s original birth certificate and their immunization record(s). If you have any questions, please refer to the district website or call the school office at 843-821-1165.

04/20 - Spring Pictures for Kindergarten, 2nd and 5th grades and **VA students (2pm - 4pm)**. A flyer was sent home with school based students in Wednesday folders today.

Bears that **BINGO** 6-6:30 pm on Teams (email Cat Watson cwatson@dorchester2.k12.sc.us or return flyer to participate)

04/21 - Spring Pictures for 1st, 3rd and 4th grades. A flyer was sent home in Wednesday folders today.

04/23 - Camo Day

04/27 - Story Time with Mrs. Watson 6-6:30 (email Cat Watson cwatson@dorchester2.k12.sc.us or return flyer to participate)

04/30 - Red, White and Blue day

Principal's Ponderings

OES has been named a Capturing Kids Hearts National Showcase School for 2020-2021!

This award signifies the importance of relationships and community among our staff, students and families. Thank you for your continued dedication to making education a priority through communication and hard work. As we move into the last quarter, continue to check in with your student about what assignments need to be completed, what standards he/she is working on in class and communicate regularly with the teacher.

Kim Boutin

PROPER PROCEDURE

Please remember that masks and photo ID are required for entry to all DD2 buildings. If you do not have your mask or ID, you will be asked to retrieve these items prior to interaction with school personnel. Thanks for your assistance with this!



Pre-registration is almost here! Dorchester District 2 will open ONLINE registration for students in 4K, Kindergarten and First Grade who are **NEW** to our school beginning April 20, 2021 through April 22, 2021. Registration will be accessible at the District webpage at ddtwo.org. Parents will need to provide proof of residence (the most recent light bill or water bill), the student's ORIGINAL birth certificate and their current immunization record. For more information, visit the District website or call the school at 843-821-1165.



Join us! **FREE! Dorchester County Strengthening Families Program**

Parents and children are invited to participate in a series of interactive, fun, family nights.

SIGN UP TODAY IF YOU HAVE AT LEAST ONE CHILD AGES 6-11.

Bring along their siblings as well!

LEARN HOW TO:

- Listen more and yell less.
- Prevent behavior problems.
- Improve your relationship with your kids.
- Build stronger relationships in family.
- Better manage stress.

When and Where

- Enroll in the session that best fits your schedule. Sessions will be held in Spring, Summer and Fall months.
- All sessions will be held virtually from your home 2 evenings per week.

Registration and Deadline

- Call TODAY to register with Allison Lehner 843-737-2198
- Click on the QR code to fill out the interest form



Incentives

- FREE DINNER with each session!
- FREE GIFT CARDS, raffle prizes and other incentives for every family!
- FREE Tablet to attend virtual sessions

Strengthening Families Graduation

Families that complete the program will participate in a graduation ceremony and receive a certificate of completion.



Yay for Yearbooks!

Our yearbook staff has been hard at work getting this year's yearbook ready for our students! This year, yearbooks are available for purchase for \$25 and can be ordered at www.jostensyearbooks.com

Mahaffey's Motivation

How to Help Your Kids Handle Disappointment

Daily we work with children in our homes and schools to help them cope with life events. This task is a never-ending role as a parent, grandparent or individual who has friends that they care for. Over the break, some of my time was spent outdoors viewing beautiful flowers that were blooming, enjoying my grandchildren, reading and just relaxing. The unexpected events of the coronavirus have definitely taken a toll on everyone. I hope that you will find the link below helpful. It is always enlightening to read articles that help with the day-to-day challenges that we are all encountering.

<https://childmind.org/article/how-to-help-your-kids-handle-disappointment/>

Rachel Mahaffey
Assistant Principal

Counselor's Corner

CAMP Hands of Hope

Weekend Family Bereavement Camp
May 14 – May 15, 2021

VIRTUAL (Requires Reliable Internet Connection)

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL OPEN TUESDAY, APRIL 13th
SPACES WILL FILL UP FAST!

- Open to any child or youth (ages 5 - 18) who has experienced the loss of a loved one within the past 3 years
 - At least 1 parent or guardian must attend
- Must complete an application for EACH youth & adult planning to attend
- Grief Journals, activity supplies, and a t-shirt will be provided for each participant and delivered by mail prior to camp
- Camp will be a mix of self-directed activities and LIVE online sessions lead by professionals
- Must be able to complete a family activity on Friday evening, and attend live sessions on Saturday 5/15
 - \$20 application fee per family (to be paid once approved for camp)
 - Application fee waivers are available (will apply for once approved for camp)
 - Space is limited

To register, visit www.camhandsofhope.org – applications will be available on Tuesday, April 13, but visit our website anytime to learn more about our camps!

Contact us with questions:
camhandsofhope@hpcfoundation.org

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OES School Counselor 4K-2

Team Spotlight

Our Team Spotlight this week is brought to us by Beth Warren and we are very thankful for her kind words!

Dynamic Donna is our Systems Operator and she has been at OES for 26 years! Not only is Donna in charge of new student registration, attendance, students withdrawing, and running all of our report cards; she is also the jack of all trades! She can fix your shoe and/or eyeglasses, be at the ready with mints, chocolate, WD-40, string, and literally, anything you could possibly need. And anything she cooks/bakes is delicious! Donna is dynamic, dear, devoted, and delightful!

Brainy Betty is the first face you are greeted with when you enter the doors of OES. Her job duties are innumerable but a few include: greeting parents and students, answering the phone and all the questions that may come with each call, as well as starting and ending our day with a cheerful voice on the announcements. She is willing to help anyone with what they need and can multi-task like no one else. She can be completing 5 different tasks all while telling you a funny story to brighten your day. Betty is balanced, bold, and a blessing!

Helpful Heather has stepped into the financial secretary position this year and has been harmonious! She takes care of all things finance with a smile and calm, cool demeanor. If a staff member is out, she is sure to find them a sub and send them a leave form before the day is over. She sends reminders- much needed- to keep us all on track. She orders any materials needed with a smile and enables us with the tools we use every day. Heather is happy, honest, and humble!

Terrific Tanya has worn a few hats throughout her time at OES and currently she is Mrs. Boutin's secretary. Tanya works closely with our business partners, organizes Terrific Kid, and schedules meetings and keeps calendars organized. She is instrumental in ensuring every student gets lunch each day and tracks attendance for students. If you are calling the school for information on scheduling a meeting, you will most likely speak with her! Tanya is thoughtful, tenacious, and talented!

Nurse's Notes

ALLERGIES By the Numbers



More than **50 MILLION** Americans suffer from allergies each year.

One estimate of the annual cost of allergies to the health care system and businesses in the United States: **\$18 BILLION.**

Rank of allergies among other leading chronic diseases in the United States: **6TH.**

Odds that a child with one allergic parent will develop allergies:

30 TO 50 PERCENT.

Percentage of U.S. children who have allergies:

40 PERCENT.

Percentage of indoor pollutants in U.S. homes versus outdoor pollution:

2 TO 5 TIMES HIGHER.

Odds that a child with two allergic parents will develop allergies:

60 TO 80 PERCENT.

Average amount of time that Americans spend indoors:

90 PERCENT.



Percentage of U.S. adults who have allergies:

30 PERCENT.

Number of emergency room visits for asthma each year: **2 MILLION.**

Lisa McDonald, RN

School Nurse