



Oakbrook Elementary School

Where there are Opportunities for Everyone to Succeed



Grizzly Times

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UPCOMING DATES

04/30 - Wear Red, White and Blue day

Parent Opinion Survey Due (click letter on page 2 for link to survey)

Last Day to complete Rising 6th graders Fine Arts Survey

05/01 - School Principal's Day

05/03 - 05/07: Teacher Appreciation Week

05/06 - School Nurse's Day

05/10 - SIC Meeting Please email Cat Watson cwatson@dorchester2.k12.sc.us for the link to attend!

Board of Trustees Meeting Live Stream at ddtwo.org/live

05/19 - Interim Reports Go Home / Emailed to VA

05/24 - Board of Trustees Meeting Live Stream at ddtwo.org/live

05/27 - Story Time with Mrs. Watson 6:00pm
RSVP via flyer or cwatson@dorchester2.k12.sc.us to be added to the TEAMS meeting

05/31 - Memorial Day - **NO SCHOOL**

06/14 - Board of Trustees Meeting Live Stream at ddtwo.org/live

06/16 - Report Cards Sent Home / Mailed to VA

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!

Principal's Ponderings

On the first full week of May, thousands of communities across the country gather to celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Week, to focus on the invaluable contributions of educators. During this week, we get to shower our teachers and school staff with gratitude, words of encouragement, and gifts and experiences to acknowledge the amazing job they do.

Even during a global health emergency, teachers continue to educate, encourage, and inspire students. They are finding new ways to connect with learners, and we're amazed by their creativity and persistence in spite of the many challenges they face.

They've gone above and beyond to make students feel comfortable during this hard time.

Teachers are always a big part of a student's life. For many teachers, the greatest reward or their job is seeing students thrive and succeed. They just want to know that they've helped. Thus, one of the most important things students can do for their teachers is say, "Thank you!"

We love our OES Teachers and Staff!

Kimberly Golden
Assistant Principal Intern



End of the Year Testing Days

May 11th - 3rd grade reading

May 13th - 3rd grade writing

June 1st - 5th grade writing

June 3rd - 4th and 5th grade reading

June 7th - 3rd grade math

June 9th - 4th and 5th grade math

June 11th - 4th grade science

Our school day begins at 7:15am and testing will begin PROMPTLY at 7:30am. Tardy students will not be able to join the testing environment and will be required to participate in make-up testing. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will receive a letter with details.



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!

Story Time with Mrs. Watson

What's better than a good book and food?

Thursday, May 27th, 2021 at 6pm have your kids participate on Teams for Story Time with Mrs. Watson! Then right after from 6:30-7:30 parents and guardians are invited to join a free interactive class focusing on reading nutrition fact labels, reading and using unit prices, learning the differences between fresh, frozen, and canned produce, and identifying whole grains! Kids that participate will get a free book! Parents/Guardians that participate will get a \$10 gift card for groceries!

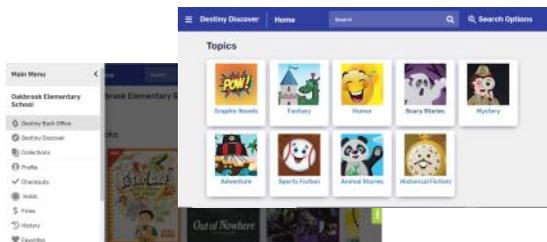
McGrady's Musings



Destiny Discover

This year, checking out library books has certainly looked different! School-based students have been using Destiny Discover, our online library catalog app, to place holds on books since they cannot physically visit the library. As we enter the 4th quarter, I wanted to share some menu items in the app that could be helpful when talking with your child about what they are reading as well as any books they may need to return by the end of the year.

To view the Main Menu once you open the app, select the triple lines in the top left corner of the website.



Checkouts – a list of what your child currently has checked out

Holds – books currently requested but not checked out to your child (School-based students can request up to 5 books for library staff to select from in order to deliver a book each week.)

Fines – outstanding fines owed for lost or damaged books

History – books previously checked out as well as the check out date for reference

If you have any questions about anything on your child's library account, please do not hesitate to contact me. ☺

– Mrs. McGrady, School Librarian

Counselor's Corner

TAKE CARE



OF YOURSELF

Learn practical ways to practice self-care as a caregiver. Mrs. Lawson has prepared a video recording of the TEAMS lesson offered this evening. Self-care is more than just a bubble bath! Learn how to refill your cup so you are better equipped to pour into those you care for! If you are interested in this video, email Mrs. Lawson at

calawson@dorchester2.k12.sc.us to request a link for viewing!

Team Spotlight

Our Team Spotlight this week falls on our awesome Cafeteria Crew. Led by Magnificent Michael Delisa, these fantastic folks work hard to make sure our students receive lunch and breakfast to keep those brains learning and those bodies moving. Despite many restrictions this year on how food can be prepared and served, they are dedicated to making sure no kid goes hungry! Many thanks to the best Cafeteria Crew there is!

Nurse's Notes

Is your child having a hard time waking up in the morning for school? Is he/she falling asleep in class? Struggling to stay awake in the evening but can't sleep at night? You are not alone! Here are some helpful tips to help regulate sleep patterns:

1. **Create a routine and be consistent.** Over time this will teach the body to recognize when it's bedtime. To help with this, set a time for your child(ren) to start winding down for the evening and also a time for them to actually be in bed for the night.
2. **Spend time outdoors.** Studies show that fresh air improves sleep quality. Sunshine plays a role in regulating our sleep/wake cycle via vitamin D and melatonin.
4. **Encourage exercise/play** so their bodies will actually be tired when it's time to go to sleep.
5. **Ensure your child has access to water and eats balanced meals** because our body uses food as energy. Processed, unhealthy foods can lead to feeling sluggish and tired.
6. **Limit electronic use** and, if possible, remove electronics from bedroom/sleeping space to reduce the temptation for them to use these devices during the hours they should be sleeping.
8. **Is it too noisy** in the house at night? Try a noise-cancelling machine.

Lisa McDonald, RN

School Nurse

Survey due by April 30th!



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Dear Parents,

Section 5-18-900 of the Education Accountability Act requires that annual school report cards include "evaluations of the school by parents, teachers and students." Parent perceptions as collected in the Parent Opinion Survey appear on our school report card and provide the school staff with insight to issues within our school. Additionally, results from the Parent Opinion Survey are used by the Education Oversight Committee to meet the requirements of Section 59-28-190 of the Parental Involvement in Their Children's Education Act.

Although the Parent Opinion Survey has been administered for many years, only parents of students in the highest grade in elementary and middle schools and parents of 11th graders in high schools previously were afforded the opportunity to respond to the paper survey. This year, the survey has been moved to an online platform and is accessible via computer and mobile device. All parents of students in grades K-12 may now participate.

Please complete the Parent Opinion Survey by: Friday, April 30, 2021

To access the Parent Opinion Survey, click on this link: <https://ed.sc.gov/surveys/parent-survey/>

Once at the survey, choose either the English or Spanish version of the survey to complete. Families should complete only one survey for each of their children enrolled in public school.

Next, enter the seven-digit ID of our school. The ID for our school is 1802017

Before opening the survey, the name of the school will appear and you will be asked to confirm that you are completing the survey for the correct school.

Each school where your children are enrolled will provide you with their school ID.

You will receive a letter from the State Superintendent of Education with additional information. Please read that letter before completing the survey.

The survey is anonymous but, if you feel uncomfortable in responding to any question, you may skip that question. The survey will note that a question has been left unanswered but you can click "Continue" to proceed without answering the question.

Your time and effort in completing this survey is greatly appreciated.

Kimberly Boutin

Principal

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Many thanks to our Business Partners for this school year - Heaven's Best Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning; Papa John's Pizza; Dr. Robert Beebe, Chick-Fil-A, Swasty Orthodontics, Publix, Hardees and Ashley Cagle of Trademark Properties!
We rely on our business partners so much and appreciate all they do for us!