

OAKLEIGH OWL NEWS

Volume 1, October 2019



IMPORTANT DATES

September 18th – October 25th –
Fall MAP testing window for 1st –
5th graders
October 9th – School closed for
students
October 17th -Ident-A-Kid
October 17th – Trunk-or-Treat 5:00-
7:00
October 18th – School closed for
students
October 23rd – Kindergarten Field
Trip
October 29th and 30th – Lifetouch
School Picture Day
November 7th – Reading Night at
Oakleigh 5:30-7:00
November 8th – First marking
period ends; School closes 3 hours
early – dismissal begins at 12:10pm

[Oakleigh Elementary Title 1
Parent Meeting!](#)

**When: Thursday, October
10, 2019**

**Where: Oakleigh Elementary
School**

**Why: To gain information
about Title I and what is
means to be a Title I School.**

Two Sessions available!

Session 1: 12:30-1:30 pm

Session 2: 3:30-4:30 pm

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I want to take a moment to welcome back all of our families. We are looking forward to a fantastic school year. It is hard to believe that we have been in school for a month! We have several new staff members to welcome to our Oakleigh Family as well as many new students. We are looking forward to students getting to know each other and our new staff.

We have many wonderful events planned for the school year with the hope of bringing families to the school more often. We will be starting in October with inviting families to have lunch with their children in the classrooms. We are in the process of scheduling this event and will send home more information soon.

This year we are focusing on building good habits for school attendance. Did you know that missing 10% of the school year can cause students to fall behind and struggle with reading difficulties? Students miss beginning of day routines as well as instruction when they are late to school, which can impact their sense of belonging and academic performance. Student attendance is expected to be 95%. Please help by getting students to school on time every day.

Parents – if you have not yet joined the PTA please consider doing so. The cost is only \$12 for a single membership. They PTA provides so much to make Oakleigh a great place and they need your support!






A few reminders about arrival and dismissal:

- In the morning, all students enter the building through the main doors.
- In the afternoon, student walkers are dismissed from the side entrance. Teachers walk students out and monitor students as they wait for siblings. Students who exit as walkers are expected to walk home and there is no supervision outside after 3:25.
- If your student is “Owl Pick-up” they are dismissed by the flagpole through the gym hallway.
- All kindergarten walkers are dismissed from the gym lobby.
- Please remember that dismissal begins at 3:10 and staff is off duty at 3:25. Students should be picked up by this time.

As always thank you for all you do to make Oakleigh a great school!

Mrs. Metheny

OCTOBER CALENDAR

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
 <p>SPRINKLE kindness LIKE confetti</p> <p>Virtue of the Month: Kindness!</p>	1	2	3	4
7	8		10	11
14	15	16	17 Trunk or Treat! 	 18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29 Picture Day 1 	30 Picture Day 2	31	

Our Virtue of the Month for the month of October is Kindness. This virtue aligns directly with Bullying Prevention Month, a countywide initiative, where we focus on bullying awareness, kindness and supporting others. Kindness is showing you care, showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help, and being thoughtful about people's needs. Offering kindness is included in our Oakleigh code of conduct and can be rewarded through class dojo points when a student is seen showing kindness.

Kindness Affirmation:

I am kind. I look for ways to help others. I show kindness to any person or animal I see. I do all I can to take care of the earth.