

## IMPORTANT DATES

December 3<sup>rd</sup>- Movie Night 6:30 pm  
December 5<sup>th</sup>- Math Night  
December 10<sup>th</sup> -PTA Meeting 4pm  
December 11<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day Retakes  
December 11<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Craft Night  
December 17<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert  
December 21-January 1<sup>st</sup> – Winter Break

### Highlight on First Grade!

Happy December! First grade is excited for the upcoming month full of learning and holidays! This month during reading, we will be reading folktales. The students will explore folktales as stories that have been passed down over time that often contain a lesson or central message. Throughout the unit, the class will create, and add to, an anchor chart that lists the lessons learned in folktales. We will practice retelling stories by including key details and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson. You can help at home by continuing to practice sight word identification and reading nightly with your child. During math, we are continuing to practice addition and subtraction story problems. The students will learn different problem-solving strategies to help them build their accuracy and efficiency. You can practice addition and subtraction math facts. This will help build their math fact fluency. Also, while at home, be sure to ask your child how he/she has solved the problem. Encourage them to verbalize strategies use and to show their work. Please continue to check take home folders, homework notebooks, and Class Dojo. We appreciate your support!

### Highlight from Special Areas!

#### This month's focus: Music

December is always an exciting time in Vocal and Instrumental Music classes here at Oakleigh. In Mr. Moon's vocal music class, students in all grades are singing exciting seasonal music that warms the heart with joy and sends kindness through the air. In addition, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes are preparing for the **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 17 at 6pm here at Oakleigh.** This concert features the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Band, Orchestra and Chorus. In preparation for this, Mr. Mitchell has been working hard with his 5<sup>th</sup> grade band and orchestra players who are doing a great job despite only playing their instruments for a few months. The concert in December will most definitely show off all this hard work. We hope to see you there!

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Oakleigh Families,

Happy Holidays! I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. It is hard to believe November has come to an end. Thank you to our many families who were able to visit during American Education week. The students love having their parents in the classroom and we appreciate that you are here to support your child in their educational journey. Report cards went home on November 21<sup>st</sup> and conference day was November 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher on this day, teachers are available at other times to meet. Please contact your child's teacher to schedule a meeting.

December is a busy month. We have activities planned with the PTA and our math committee will be hosting math night. Spirit week will be the last week before break. More information will be sent home as this comes closer. We hope you will be able to join us for these events so we can continue to build a strong school community.











This month students will have the opportunity to visit the BCPS Mobile Innovation Lab. The BCPS Mobile Innovation Lab is a converted school bus serving as a maker space and innovation station for the district's schools, centers, and programs. Housed within the Mobile Innovation Lab are the tools, materials, and instructional supports for students and stakeholders to truly innovate. We are excited to announce that The Mobile Innovation Lab's residency program is coming to Oakleigh December 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>!

Attendance continues to be a focus for Oakleigh. Our attendance rate for November was 94.64%. While this is wonderful, we would like to keep our attendance rate above 95%. Consistent school attendance is a predictor of academic success. Also, please make sure your child is here on time each day. Students are considered late after 8:40. Breakfast is served in the classrooms and we want all our students to start their day off with breakfast and their class meeting.

As always thank you for all you do to make Oakleigh a wonderful school! We are looking forward to a fantastic December.

Mrs. Metheny

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Virtue of the Month: Respect  				
2	3 <b>PTA Movie Night</b> <b>Frozen 2</b> <b>6:30-9:30 PM</b>	4	5  <b>Math Night</b> <b>5:30-7 PM</b>	6
9	10  <b>PTA Meeting</b> <b>4PM</b>	11  <b>PTA Holiday Craft</b> <b>Night</b> <b>6:00-7:30 PM</b>	12	13
16 <b>Twin Day</b>  	17 <b>Oakleigh Spirit</b> <b>Day</b>    *5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert 6:30- 8 PM	18 <b>Team Sports</b> <b>Day</b>  	19 <b>Decades Day</b>  	20 <b>Pajama Day</b> <b>*No robes or</b> <b>slippers</b> <b>allowed</b>  
23	24	25	26	27
 <b>Winter Break</b> 				
30	31	1	2	3
			<b>School</b> <b>Reopens</b>	

The Virtue of the Month for December is Respect. Respect is also part of our school-wide code of conduct and is demonstrated in everything we do. Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves and others. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are respectful, we treat others as we want to be treated.

Affirmation:

I am respectful. I treat others and myself as we deserve to be treated. I show courtesy to everyone.