

## IMPORTANT DATES

January 20- Schools Closed MLK Day  
January 24- 3 Hr early dismissal, End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
February 4<sup>th</sup>- Schools Closed for Congressional Election

### Highlight on Fourth Grade!

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to great learning in 2020! In reading, we will be researching both sides of social issues so we can identify and write our opinions. We will be identifying important details and main ideas in order to understand the author's point of view. In health, we are learning how to be a good friend and identifying strategies for conflict resolution. These are skills the students will use throughout their lives. In math, we will be concluding our division unit and beginning unit 4: fractions. Even though a lot of new learning will take place, we will also be reviewing addition, subtraction, and multiplication since these skills will be used in upcoming units. In social studies, we are exploring geographical areas and cultures around the world.

The second quarter will be ending January 24, 2020. This is an excellent time to replenish your child's supplies especially; pencils, glue sticks, erasers, and dry erase markers. We always appreciate classroom donations such as tissues, anti-bacterial wipes, and hand sanitizer.

### Highlight from Special Areas!

#### This month's focus: Library

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you as well as your children. I am really enjoying my new role, and I look forward to a great rest of the school year.

One great way to help your child learn and grow is to encourage them to read. They can read anything – comic books, magazines, graphic novels, chapter books – as long as they are reading! Reading every night for 20 minutes builds fluency, reading comprehension, and vocabulary. For younger children, 10 minutes may be more appropriate.

For some tips on encouraging reading at home visit [learningally.org](http://learningally.org)

Thank you for making me feel so welcome at Oakleigh. I am so proud to be your child's librarian!

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Oakleigh Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you had an enjoyable holiday break and were able to spend time celebrating with family and friends. We welcomed students back on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. While they were sad that their break was over, they were excited to be back at school and see classmates and teachers.

I would like to thank our PTA for their incredible support for our staff and students during the month of December. The days leading up to Winter Break are extremely busy and the PTA supports our teachers with treats and a buffet lunch to make life a bit easier. The lunch was amazing and greatly appreciated. They also sponsored our Holiday craft night where students made a variety of crafts and ornaments. These items are treasured by children and parents year after year when they are hung on the tree. Please be sure to check the PTA Facebook page for upcoming events for our students.

Winter is upon us. We have already had our first snow day! Please be sure to review early dismissal procedures with your child to be sure they know what to do in the event of an early dismissal. Also, if you have a new phone number, please be sure to call the office so we can update your records in the event of an emergency.

The end of the marking period will be here on January 24<sup>th</sup>. If your child has missing assignments, please be sure to have them check with their teacher to see if there is an opportunity to turn in missing work.

The new year is a time for resolutions. Please continue to help us with school attendance by having your child at school each day on time. The doors open at 8:25 and students are considered late after 8:40.

Again, Happy New year!

Mrs. Metheny



# JANUARY CALENDAR

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Virtue of the Month: Generosity   <b>GENEROSITY</b> <small>"True giving is to those who can never repay you."</small>		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
	21	22	23	
27	28	29	30	31

The virtue of the month for January is **Generosity**. **Generosity** is a quality that's a lot like unselfishness. Someone showing **generosity** is happy to give time, money, food, or kindness to people in need. Being **generous** does not always involve money; for **example**, a simple smile for a stranger is an act of **generosity**.

### **Generosity Affirmation:**

The best way to find yourself, is the lose yourself in the service of others.