

## IMPORTANT DATES

November 7<sup>th</sup> – Reading Night at Oakleigh 5:30-7:00  
November 8<sup>th</sup> – First marking period ends; School closes 3 hours early – dismissal begins at 12:10pm  
November 14<sup>th</sup>: Parent Workshop on Conscious Discipline 6:00-7:30  
November 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>: American Education week  
November 21<sup>st</sup>: Report Cards distributed  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>: School Closed for elementary conferences day  
November 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>: School closed for Thanksgiving break

### Highlight on Third Grade!

Thank you for the many parents and guardians who were able to attend their student's lunch bunch this month. Third grade had a wonderful turn out and will plan to schedule another in the future!

Third graders are preparing to create an original fable which they will present during American Education week. Be sure to attend our visitation time on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am for our Fable Fair!

### Highlight From Special Areas! This month's focus: Art

For the past few months students in K and 1 have been completing projects based on the book written and illustrated by Diane Abler and the book Harold and The Purple Crayon. Students in 2-5 have been learning about and creating projects inspired by artists Keith Haring, Greek Art, Paul Klee, Japanese Art, Piet Mondrian and more.

# OAKLEIGH OWL NEWS

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Oakleigh Families,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first quarter. October has been a busy month. Trunk-or-Treat was a huge success! Many families came out to join in the fun. Our PTA worked incredibly hard to put on this event. If you have not joined the PTA, please consider doing so. The cost is only \$12 and they do so much for our students. Information is available on their Facebook page.

Thank you to all parents who joined us for lunch-bunch with you child. We had an amazing turn out and the students truly enjoyed having family members eat lunch with them in the classroom. We even had some parents who stayed for recess! We hope to have this event again in the second half of the school year.

We have many exciting activities taking place in November. Reading Night will November 7<sup>th</sup>, bring a blanket and cozy up with a good book! We will have games and "read alouds" by teachers. Our PTA will be selling snacks and there will be a book exchange. Please join in the fun!

We will also be hosting a parent workshop on Conscious Discipline on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Conscious Discipline is a practice that BCPS has in grades pre-k through third to build a sense of community in classrooms and to teach strategies for managing emotions and resolving conflicts in a positive manner. We have seen great success with this in these grades. We have a guest speaker, who is an expert in this, that has spent time at Oakleigh during the month of October to get to know our students. We will provide resources for parents and students along with a light dinner. Please look for the flyer. We hope you will be able to join us.

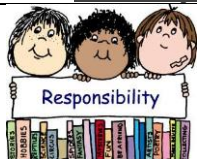
America Education week will begin on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom during instruction. Information about visitation will be sent home next week. We hope you will be able to join us.

We would like to congratulate our students for their attendance in October. We have remained very close to 95% attendance each week! One of the greatest indicators of academic success for students is their school attendance. Please continue to support us by having students at Oakleigh each day on time!

As always thank you for all you do to make Oakleigh a wonderful school!  
Mrs. Metheny

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29



Virtue of the Month:  
Responsibility



Reading Night 6:00-7:30 PM



3 hour early Dismissal  
End of 1st Quarter



School Closed



**American Education Week**

**Elem Conference Day**



Happy Thanksgiving  
School Closed



School Closed

Our Virtue of the Month for the month of November is Responsibility. This virtue aligns directly with our new code of conduct where students show that they can SOAR. Responsibility can be shown throughout all areas of the school building and in the community. Being responsible means that others can depend on you. You are willing to be accountable for your actions. When things go wrong and you make a mistake, you make amends instead of excuses. You can practice responsibility when you make a mistake, you don't get defensive. You learn from it and fix it.

Responsibility Affirmation:

I am responsible. I give my best to all that I do and keep my agreements. I learn from my mistakes.  
I am willing to make amends.